



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Special Meeting

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Saturday, November 19, 2022

9:30 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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### Assumption of Office

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Jill Luke, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Vice Mayor Alice White, Commissioner Pete Emrich and Mayor Barbara Langdon

#### ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Heather Faust, Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli, Fire Chief Scott Titus, and Police Chief Todd Garrison.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

*A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell, Vice Mayor White, Commissioner Emrich and Mayor Langdon

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Emrich recognized County Commissioner Ron Cutsinger and former Commissioner Linda Yates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Yates: expressed gratitude to the Board

#### 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS:

[22-3609](#)

Announcement of the November 8, 2022 General Election Results

Ms. Faust read the results of the North Port general election held on November 8, 2022 into the record as follows:

North Port District 4 - Pete Emrich was unopposed.

North Port District 5 - the whole number of votes cast was 27,609  
Philip Stokes received 14,054 votes  
Victor Dorbin received 13,555 votes

North Port Referendum Question 1 regarding financing the Price Boulevard widening project by authorizing the issuance of bonds in one or more series payable from one-cent sales tax proceeds in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed 80 million dollars, maturing by December 31, 2039, bearing interest not to exceed the maximum lawful rate:

Yes - received 19,625 votes  
No - received 10,203 votes

North Port Referendum Question 2 regarding amending the Charter to direct the City Manager to sign all contracts and allow the City Commission to authorize the City Manager to enter into certain contracts without prior Commission approval and to establish conditions for that authority, such as financial limits:

Yes - received 11,179 votes  
No - received 17,975 votes

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to accept the election results as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.***

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell, Vice Mayor White, Commissioner Emrich and Mayor Langdon

**3. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS:**

[22-3568](#)

**Presentation of Plaque and Commissioner Statement**

Mayor Emrich presented a plaque to Commissioner Luke for her service.

Commissioner Luke thanked the community and staff and expressed gratitude to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Langdon presented a plaque to Mayor Emrich for his service as Mayor.

Mayor Emrich thanked staff and expressed gratitude to the Commission.

**4. OATH OF OFFICE:**

[22-3611](#)

**Oath of Office for Newly Elected Commissioner and Commissioner Statement**

Ms. Faust administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Stokes.

Commissioner Stokes expressed gratitude for being elected and stated he looks forward to serving the community.

Ms. Faust administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Emrich.

Commissioner Emrich expressed gratitude to Staff and Commission.

**5. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR:**

[22-3569](#)

Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Mayor Emrich passed the gavel.

Mayor Emrich nominated Vice Mayor Langdon as Mayor and with no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

***A motion was made by Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to appoint Vice Mayor Langdon as Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:***

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell, Vice Mayor White, Commissioner Emrich and Mayor Langdon

Commissioner McDowell nominated Commissioner White as Vice Mayor, with no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, to appoint Commissioner White as Vice Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:***

***Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner White, Commissioner Stokes***

Mayor Langdon expressed gratitude to Commission, community and staff.

Vice Mayor White expressed gratitude to Commission.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

PUBIC COMMENT:

Linda Yates: expressed gratitude to Mayor Emrich and congratulated the newly elected officials

Justin Willis: spoke to being proud of the Commission and welcomed the newly elected officials

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Langdon adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.