



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Emrich, Mayor
Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor
Jill Luke, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner
Alice White, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, November 3, 2022

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Deputy Fire Chief Nick Herlihy, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Human Resources Director Christine McDade, Economic Development Program Manager Mel Thomas, Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller, Parks and Recreation Aquatics Facilities Manager Patricia Sturgess, and Parks and Recreation Marketing and Engagement Coordinator Laura Ansel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner White.

1. 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 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Jianelli read the following eComment into the record:

Deborah Yasigian: expressed opposition to the proposed petition from West Village's for responsible government.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Willie Braswell: spoke to the process of building, concerns on falling trees, replaced tree Ordinance, and City's response on Hurricane Ian.

Tim Ritchie: spoke to March against Mosaic, newspaper article, various locations of mosaic, and opposed to a beneficiation plant.

Joan Morgan: expressed thanks to the City in response to Hurricane Ian, Wellen Park, and spoke to Commissioner Luke's term and accomplishments.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**A. [22-3584](#) Welcome New Employees**

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Ms. McDade introduced the item.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**A. [22-3239](#) Proclaim October 16, 2022, through October 22, 2022, as National Friends of Libraries Week, Presented to the Friends of Shannon Staub Public Library.**

Commission presented the Proclamation.

B. [22-3400](#) Proclaim the Month of October 2022 as People for Trees Month, Presented to People for Trees

Commission presented the Proclamation.

C. [22-3548](#) Proclaim the Month of October 2022 as Manufacturing Awareness Month, Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Division and Manufacturing Partners.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

D. [22-3562](#) Proclaim October 9, 2022, through October 15, 2022, as National Home-Based Business Week, Presented to the North Port Economic Development Division and Home-Based Business Partners.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

E. [22-3558](#) Proclaim the Month of October 2022 as National Community Planning Month, Presented to the North Port Planning and Zoning Division and Planning and Zoning Advisory Board.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

F. [22-3602](#) Proclaim the Month of October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness

Month, Presented to Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- G. [22-3618](#) Proclaim the Month of October 2022 as Florida Native Plant Month, Presented to Mangrove Chapter, Florida Native Plant Society

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- H. [22-3659](#) Proclaim November 16, 2022, as National Geographic Information System Day, Presented to the City of North Port City Manager's Department.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- I. [22-3567](#) Proclaim November 11, 2022, as Veterans Day, Presented to the VFW Post 8203 Veterans of Foreign War.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- J. [22-3583](#) Recognition of Aquatic Supervisor, Devon Poulos, for Graduating From the American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Trainer Academy.

Ms. Sturgess recognized Mr. Poulos.

- K. [22-3542](#) Recognize the Parks & Recreation Department for Receiving Three Sunational Awards From the Florida Festival and Events Association (FFEA).

Ms. Ansel recognized the Parks and Recreation Department.

- L. [22-3455](#) Recognize Ryan Murphy, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, for Attaining the Certified Public Manager Credential From the Florida Center for Public Management/Askew School of Public Administration at Florida State University.

Ms. Pfundheller recognized Mr. Murphy.

- M. [22-3556](#) Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Tony Kelly and Jamie Nlcastro for serving on the Art Advisory Board, Michele Calhoun and Joan Morgan for Serving on the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board, Richard Beaver, James Hersh, and Kara Parsotan for Serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Timothy Martin for Serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commission presented the Certificates of Appreciation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2022.