



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

### *CITY COMMISSIONERS*

*Alice White, Mayor*

*Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor*

*Pete Emrich, Commissioner*

*Barbara Langdon, Commissioner*

*Debbie McDowell, Commissioner*

### *APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

*Jerome Fletcher, City Manager*

*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*

*Heather Faust, City Clerk*

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Monday, March 4, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

### Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Bodmer, Police Chief Garrison, Captain King, Fire Chief Titus, Police Officer Contorno, Homeless Case Manager Waltz, Social Services Manager Carrillo, and Meeting and Engagement Manager Ansel

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Laura Ansel.

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

#### A. [24-0374](#)

Presentation to Provide Commission with an Update on the Enforcement of Regulations Regarding Trespassing on Public Property and on the Homeless Outreach Team Efforts.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Captain King provided a presentation including overview, questions, individual homelessness definition, analysis, enforcement model, policing contacts, camp locations, engagement, and relocation concerns.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding shelters, enforcement, warrants, repeat offenders, 211 services, transitional housing, residents verse migrate, wait-list, shelter rejection, and hot bunks.

Ms. Carrillo spoke to Sarasota County Housing Authority HomeShare Program.

Captain King continued his presentation including trespass on public property, appeal process, storage and removal of personal property, trespass statistics, and initiatives.

Joe Polzak, Fournier, Connolly, Shamsey, Mladinich & Polzak, P.A., responded to Commission questions regarding House Bill regulating camping/lodging.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding enforcement, and county assistance, and trespassing.

There was no public comment.

**B. [24-0322](#) Presentation Regarding City Brand History and Rebranding Process**

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Mr. Bartolone spoke to the item.

Ms. Ansel provided a presentation including overview, history, goals, brand strategy, visual identity, timeline, key benefits, and staff recommendations.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding the branding disconnect, updated logos, city needs, target audience, Community of Unity, cost, value, current logo.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice White, Mayor

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