



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

### **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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Wednesday, July 24, 2024

5:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and provided required notifications regarding conducting a hybrid meeting.

Commissioner Emrich stated he will be attending the hybrid meeting via Communications Media Technology (CMT) due to experiencing a medical condition.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to accept the use of CMT for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:***

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon
- No:** 1 - Commissioner McDowell

### **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, Deputy City Attorney Golen, City Clerk Faust, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, Budget Administrator Herrmann

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Finance Director Kimberly Williams.

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor White requests a motion to approve the agenda.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

A. [24-0995](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2024 Certification of Taxable Value, Proposed Millage and Scheduled Dates for Public Hearings.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including maximum millage, rolled back rate analysis, general fund by department, general fund overview, general fund budget proposals by department, and history of millage rate.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding effective millage rate.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to direct the City Manager to submit the 2024 Certification of Taxable Value with the proposed millage rate of 3.7667. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to approve the dates of September 11, 2024 at 5:01 p.m. and September 25, 2024 at 5:01 p.m. for the Budget Hearings. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

City of North Port, Florida

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

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

