



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Phil Stokes, Mayor

Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

David Duval, Commissioner

Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Michael Golen, Interim City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner Barbara Langdon and Mayor Philip Stokes

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lane, Police Chief Garrison, Deputy Chief Herlihy, and Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Stokes requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Commissioner Langdon and Mayor Stokes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Valdy Olender: Spoke to police, various statutes and financial highlights.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. [25-2196](#) Announcement of Current Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Mayor Stokes announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read the announcements.

Ms. Faust read the announcements into the record.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Stokes announced the item and queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve the items in the consent agenda. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Commissioner Langdon and Mayor Stokes

- A. [25-2008](#)** Approve the Award of Funds From the Special Event Assistance Program to Kiwanis Club of North Port in Support of the Kiwanis Fishing Tournament to be Held on June 14, 2025, in an Amount up to, and Not to Exceed, \$500 to Cover the Costs of City Fees and Services.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- B. [25-2028](#)** Approve the Grant Application to the Recreational Trails Program in the Amount of \$450,000 for the Warm Mineral Springs Connector and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- C. [25-2030](#)** Approve the Grant Application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program in the Amount of \$15,000 for a MobiMat for Warm Mineral Springs Park and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- D. [25-2041](#)** Approve the Reappointment of Sean Burroughs as a Regular Member to Serve a Second Term on the Community Economic Development Advisory Board From May 10, 2025, Through May 11, 2028.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- E. [25-2133](#)** Approve the Appointment of Karen Ferin as a Regular Member to Serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board From April 22, 2025, Through April 23, 2028.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- F. [25-2141](#) Approve the First Amendment to Visionary Integration Professionals Acceptance Agreement for Maintenance and Operations Support Between the City of North Port, Florida, and Visionary Integration Professionals, LLC, in the Amount of \$399,090, Plus Contingency in the Amount of \$39,909, for a Total Project Cost of \$438,999.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- G. [25-2169](#) Approve the Termination of the Master Client Agreement and Maintenance & Operations Support Statement of Work Between the City of North Port, Florida, and Ayuda Group, LLC, in the Amount of \$399,090, Plus Contingency in the Amount of \$60,000, for a Total Project Cost of \$459,090 Approved by the City Commission on March 11, 2025.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- H. [25-2187](#) Approve the March 18, 2025, Commission Regular, April 2, 2025, Town Hall, April 3, 2025, Commission Regular and Commission Special, April 7, 2025, Commission Workshop, and April 8, 2025, Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- I. [25-2190](#) Approve the Appointment of Lyn M. Falk as a Regular Member to Serve on the Art Advisory Board From April 22, 2025, Through April 23, 2028.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- J. [RES. NO 2025-R-30](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida; A Replat of Lots 234 and 235 to Relocate Easements, Consisting of 0.4124 Acres for the Wellen Park Golf & Country Club, Phase 2-R, Located to the East of Tulum Loop and to the West of Sandpearl Road; Providing for Findings; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. [25-2179](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amending the 2024-2025 Board and Committee Assignments (Requested by Commissioner Langdon).

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commissioner Langdon spoke to the item with emphasis on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding future assignments, meeting benefits, networking, Florida League of Cities appointments, and training.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to amend the 2024-2025 Board and Committee Assignments to appoint Commissioner Langdon to Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership as primary and Mayor Stokes as alternate and to appoint Mayor Stokes to the MPO 2nd Seat as primary. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Commissioner Langdon and Mayor Stokes

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Francavilla: Expressed concern regarding brother's property being rezoned in new Unified Land Development Code (ULDC).

Mr. Fletcher spoke to staff providing assistance.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stokes called on Commissioners for communications.

A. [25-2197](#) Commissioner Duval's Communications

Commissioner Duval reported on events attended and important topics.

B. [25-2198](#) Commissioner Langdon's Communications

Commissioner Langdon reported on events attended and important topics.

C. [25-2199](#) Mayor Stokes' Communications

Mayor Stokes reported on events attended and important topics.

D. [25-2200](#) Vice Mayor Emrich's Communications

Vice Mayor Emrich did not have a report.

E. [25-2201](#) Commissioner Petrow's Communications

Commissioner Petrow did not have a report.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Mayor Stokes called on Charter Officers for reports.

A. [25-2144](#) City Attorney's Monthly Report

Mr. Golen did not have a report.

B. [25-2176](#)

City Manager Report

Mr. Fletcher did not have a report.

C. [25-2202](#)

City Clerk's Monthly Report

Ms. Faust did not have a report.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk