



## City of North Port

### RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-37

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, NAMING THE NEW UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AS THE “RICHARD J. NEWKIRK UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX”; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, has planned and developed a new Utilities Administration Building as part of the City’s Capital Improvement Program, identified as CIP Project No. U18UAB; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard J. Newkirk (“Mr. Newkirk”) dedicated decades of service to the City’s utilities system, beginning with General Development Utilities in 1975, continuing with the City’s utilities department in 1992, and culminating in his service as Director of Utilities following his appointment as Interim Utilities Director in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Newkirk received numerous recognitions during his tenure, including Employee of the Year (1996), a Regional Excellence Award for Customer Service (2006), and a Leadership Award (2012); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has previously considered honoring Mr. Newkirk’s contributions and, during its March 23, 2021 meeting, discussed dedicating the new Utilities Administration Building in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that naming the new Utilities Administration Building the “Richard J. Newkirk Utilities Administration Complex” is an appropriate and fitting recognition of Mr. Newkirk’s longstanding service and lasting contributions to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:**

#### **SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS**

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

#### **SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION**

- 2.01 The City Commission hereby names the new Utilities Administration Building associated with CIP Project No. U18UAB as the “Richard J. Newkirk Utilities Administration Complex.”
- 2.02 City staff are authorized and directed to take all administrative actions necessary to implement this designation, including, but not limited to, updating City records and installing appropriate signage consistent with City standards and available funding.
- 2.03 All identified exhibits are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

**SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS**

- 3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this resolution will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY**

- 4.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution.

**SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 5.01 This resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on June 23, 2026.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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PETE EMRICH  
MAYOR

ATTEST

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HEATHER FAUST, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

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MICHAEL FUINO, B.C.S.  
CITY ATTORNEY