



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Agenda

City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Emrich, Mayor
Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor
Phil Stokes, Commissioner
David Duval, Commissioner
Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Michael Fuino, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

Amended to add Item Nos. 26-0345 and 26-0340.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Properly submitted comments will be accepted and included in the official record of the meeting pursuant to City Commission Policy No. 2020-04.

Public comment may be submitted in the following ways:

In Person Attendance: Submit a comment card to the City Clerk. Comment cards with completed information may be submitted until the Mayor closes Public Comment for the agenda item. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person.

Online: Submit a written eComment using the eComment link at cityofnorthport.legistar.com/Calendar. The link will be available online at 8:00 a.m. the day before the meeting until one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Your public comment is limited to 2,000 characters.

Voice Mail Message: Leave a voice mail message via telephone at 941-429-1032. Voice Mail messages will be accepted the day before the meeting from 8:00 a.m. until one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Please provide information as listed in the City's outgoing message. The message must not exceed two minutes, fifteen seconds.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

(The purpose of the Public Comments Section of the Agenda is for members of the public to speak to the City Commission/District Governing Body on any subject pertaining to City Business whether or not it is on the Agenda, with the exception of Quasi-Judicial Items.)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. [26-0135](#) Announcement of Current Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Attachments: [Vacancy List](#)

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

(All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Commission to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any City Commission member may, however, remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.)

- A. [25-2842](#) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of North Port, Florida, a Municipal Corporation, and Better Together Strengthening Families, Inc., a Florida Not-For-Profit Organization D/B/A Better Together to Reduce the Number of Children Entering Foster Care by Streamlining the Process of Caring for and Placing Minors Encountered During Law Enforcement Activities.

Attachments: [Memorandum of Understanding](#)
[Florida Division of Corporations](#)

- B. [25-2980](#) Approve the Canine Donation Agreement By and Between the City of North Port, Florida, and High Cotton Bloodhounds for a Bloodhound Puppy Valued at \$1,500.00 to be Utilized as a Search and Rescue Tool.

Attachments: [Canine Donation Agreement](#)
[Canine Bloodhound Donation Letter Exhibit A](#)
[Photo - AKC-Registered Bloodhound Puppy](#)

- C. [26-0211](#) Approve Sixteenth Amendment to Construction Manager at Risk Contract No. 2023-17.001 for Construction Services Contract Phase II, Work Assignment #2025-52FM, By and Between the City of North Port, Florida, and Wharton-Smith, Inc., for the Installation of Temporary Office Buildings at the Public Works Campus in the Amount of \$277,640.00

Attachments: [Amendment](#)
[Contract No. 2023-17.001](#)
[Florida Division of Corporations Document](#)

- D. [26-0269](#) Approve the Letter to Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) Providing Annual Water Demand Projections Report.

Attachments: [2026-2045 Annual Water Demand Projections](#)
[2025-2044 Commission approved Water Demand Projection](#)
[North Port Water Demand and Supply Projections Chart](#)
[PRMRWSA Master Water Supply Contract](#)
[Amendment 1 to PRMRWSA Master Water Supply Contract](#)
[Amendment 2 to PRMRWSA Master Water Supply Contract](#)
[Third Amended PRMRWSA Master Water Supply Contract](#)

- E. [26-0277](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for November 2025.

Attachments: [Cash Receipts Summary - November 2025](#)

- F. [26-0297](#) Approve Contract for Transfer of Canine From the City of North Port, Florida, to the City of North Miami Beach, Release and Indemnification for the Transfer of K-9 Officer Rio to the City of North Miami Beach Police Department in the Amount of \$10.00.

Attachments: [Contract for Transfer of Canine](#)

- G. [26-0345](#) Approve the Removal of Eva M. Rathgeber as a Regular Member of the Environmental Advisory Board.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCE - First Reading:

- A. [ORD. NO. 2026-03](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Regarding Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles; Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, by Removing Subsection (B) of Section 74-152; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 2026-03](#)
[City Code Section 74-152\(b\)](#)
[Florida Statute 316.2122\(1\)\(a\)](#)
[Business Impact Estimate](#)

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. [26-0288](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Draft Facility Lease Policy for City-Owned Facilities

Attachments: [Draft Facility Lease Policy](#)
[December 2, 2024 Commission Workshop Minutes](#)

- B. [26-0331](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City of North Port 2026 State and Federal Legislative Priorities.

Attachments: [2026 State Legislative Priorities](#)
[2026 Federal Legislative Priorities](#)
[Sarasota County 2026 Legislative Priorities](#)

- C. [26-0340](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Accepting an Invitation From Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners to Schedule a Joint Meeting of the Two Commissions in 2026.

Attachments: [Invitation to Consider a Joint Meeting Letter With Sarasota County Commission](#)

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8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. [26-0021](#) Commissioner Duval's Communications
- B. [26-0022](#) Commissioner Stokes' Communications
- C. [26-0023](#) Mayor Emrich's Communications
- D. [26-0024](#) Vice Mayor Langdon's Communications
- E. [26-0025](#) Commissioner Petrow's Communications

9. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

- A. [26-0299](#) City Attorney's Monthly Report

Attachments: [Commission Directives to the City Attorney](#)
[Matter List \(Redacted\)](#)

- B. [26-0311](#) City Clerk's Monthly Report

Attachments: [Open Requests by Status Chart](#)
[Fiscal Year to Date Requests-Closed Status](#)
[Public Records Request Log](#)

- C. [26-0332](#) City Manager's Monthly Report

Attachments: [City Manager Report - January 2026](#)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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