



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes 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

Thursday, April 2, 2026

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow and Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Philip Stokes

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Fuino, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lindner, Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy, North Port Police Department, Human Resources Director McDade, Recreation Manager Mendelson, Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator McLellan, Economic Development Program Manager Meerman, Business and Research Analyst Waterhouse, and Community Engagement Coordinator Akins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Doyle.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

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

Yes: 4 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow and Vice Mayor Langdon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Stokes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding raises, cost of living, compensation, and unions.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

A. [26-0552](#) Welcome New Employees

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. [26-0571](#) Presentation of Certificates to the Graduating Class of North Port University (NPU), to be Presented to the Graduating Class.

Commission presented the Certificates.

B. [26-0361](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, to be Presented to Ning Tinsley on Behalf of Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc. (SPARCC).

Commission presented the Proclamation.

C. [26-0377](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026, as National Donate Life Month, to be Presented to Jack Moses on Behalf of LifeLink Foundation Inc.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

D. [26-0384](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026, as Child Abuse Prevention Month, to be Presented to Roslyn Mendoza on Behalf of the Child Protection Center.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

E. [26-0545](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month, to be Presented to Dawn Jones.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

F. [26-0493](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 19th through April 25th 2026, as National Crime Victims Rights Week, to be Presented to Laurerose Conly on behalf of the Sarasota County Victim Advisory Council.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

G. [26-0485](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026, as the 60th Anniversary of the Allamanda Garden Club, to be Presented to Carole M.

Buhlman on Behalf of the Allamanda Garden Club.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- H. [26-0417](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 24th 2026, as National Arbor Day, to be Presented to City of North Port Development Services Department.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- I. [26-0472](#) Presentation of the Economic Development Division's Quarterly GEM Award

Commission presented the Award.

- J. [26-0527](#) Presentation of Proclamations Proclaiming April, 2026, as Florida Volunteer Month and April 19th Through April 25th, 2026, as National Volunteer Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department and the City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department.

Commission presented the Proclamations.

- K. [26-0532](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 12th Through April 18th, 2026, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- L. [26-0488](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026, as Water Conservation Month, to be Presented to City of North Port Utilities Department.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- M. [26-0489](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026, as Florida Water Professionals Month, to be Presented to City of North Port Utilities Department.

This item was not presented.

- N. [26-0490](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 17th through May 23rd 2026, as Water Reuse Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Utilities Department.

This item was not presented.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding government, laws and ordinances, and public safety.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____

Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____

Heather Faust, City Clerk