



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

Thursday, April 3, 2025

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 4:03 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, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lane, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Fire Chief Titus, and Risk and Benefits Manager Sandy Knowles.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager Fletcher.

1. APPROVAL OF 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:

There was no public comment.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

A. [25-2090](#) Welcome New Employees

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Knowles acknowledged new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [25-1901](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as Donate Life Month, to be Presented to Jack Moses on Behalf of LifeLink Foundation.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- B. [25-1958](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, to be Presented to Danielle Hughes on Behalf of the Child Protection Center.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- C. [25-1962](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as Water Conservation Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Utilities Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- D. [25-1963](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as Florida Water Professionals Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Utilities Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- E. [25-1992](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, to be Presented to Ning Tinsley on Behalf of Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC).
Commission presented this proclamation.
- F. [25-2037](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 13th through April 19th, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, to be Presented to Misty Elmore on Behalf of the City of North Port Police Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- G. [25-2042](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2025 as Florida Volunteer Month and April 27th through May 4th, 2025, as National Volunteer Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- H. [25-2058](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 6th Through April 12th, 2025, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, to be Presented to Autumn

Roppolo on Behalf of Sarasota County Victim Advisory Council.

Commission presented this proclamation.

- I. [25-2059](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 10th, 2025, as Gopher Tortoise Day, to be Presented to Edie Driest on Behalf of North Port Friends of Wildlife.

Commission presented this proclamation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk