



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, July 3, 2025

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, Assistant City Attorney Coughlin, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lane, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator McLellan, and Human Resources Director McDade.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator Michael McLellan.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Stokes requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petrow

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [25-2435](#) Welcome New Employees
- Mayor Stokes announced the item.
- Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.
- Ms. McDade acknowledged new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [25-2243](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming July 2025, as Parks and Recreation Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department.
- Commission presented this proclamation.*
- B. [25-2288](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming July 31st, 2025, as International Lifeguard Appreciation Day, to be Presented to the City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department - Aquatics
- Commission presented this proclamation.*
- C. [25-2362](#) Presentation of the Renewal of the City's StormReady Certification, to be Presented to the City of North Port Emergency Management Division.
- Commission presented this certificate.*
- D. [25-2401](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming July 1st Through July 7th, 2025, as National Made in the USA Week, to be Presented to the City of North Economic Development Division.
- Commission presented this proclamation.*
- E. [25-2402](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming July 2025, as National Independent Retailer Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Division.
- Commission presented this proclamation.*
- F. [25-2403](#) Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Tim Burquest in Recognition of His Retirement From Journalism.
- Commission presented this certificate.*
- G. [25-2404](#) Presentation of the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) 2025 Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Award for North Port University to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division.

Commission presented this award.

- H. [25-2436](#) Presentation of the 2025 Best Wellness Employer Gold Award to be Presented to the City of North Port Human Resources Department.

Commission presented this award.

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