



City of North Port

4970 City Hall Blvd
North Port, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Joint 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

Friday, January 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Suncoast Technical College Conference Center
4748 Beneva Road, Sarasota

Convocation of Governments

Elected Officials and Others Present:

The following officials were present: City of North Port Mayor Phil Stokes, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Barbara Langdon, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow, and City Manager Jerome Fletcher; City of Sarasota Vice Mayor Debbie Trice, Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch, Commissioner Kathy Kelly Ohlrich, Interim City Manager Douglas Jeffcoat, and Commission Report James Johnson; City of Venice Mayor Nick Pachota and City Manager Ed LaVallee; Town of Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier, Commissioner Sarah Karon, Town Manager Howard Tipton, and Administrative Assistant/Records Management Specialist Stephanie Garcia; Sarasota County Chair Joe Nuender, Vice Chair Ron Cutsinger, Commissioner Teresa Mast, Commissioner Mark Smith, Commissioner Tom Knight, County Administrator Jonathan Lewis and Deputy Clerk Charlie Maloney; Sarasota County School Board Chair Tim Enos; Board Member Liz Barker, Board Member Thomas Edwards, Board Member Bridget Ziegler, Superintendent Terry Connor, Chief Operations Officer Dr. Michael Kemp, and Administrative Assistant Kathy Tomkins.

1. Welcome/Pledge/Introductions - Tim Enos, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County

Mr. Enos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introductions were made.

2. Convocation Goals and Agenda - Tim Enos, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County

Mr. Enos reviewed the agenda and goals.

3. Open to Public - Citizen Comments

There was no public comment.

4. Sarasota County Schools - Dr. Michael Kemp, SCS, Chief Operations Officer

Dr. Kemp provided a presentation including interlocal agreement, new school construction updates, planning for future growth and capacity, capital challenges, and program

updates.

Discussion took place regarding growth projections versus budget, homeless assistance and impact, Opengate metal detectors, and Florida Senate House Bill (HB) 1473.

5. City of North Port - Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Mr. Fletcher provided a presentation including recent and upcoming events, accomplishments, goals, partnerships, and programs.

6. City of Sarasota - Douglas Jeffcoat, Interim City Manager

Mr. Jeffcoat provided a presentation including City Manager applications, strategic plan process, recent and upcoming events, accomplishments, and goals.

7. Sarasota County Government - Jonathan Lewis, County Administrator

Mr. Lewis provided a presentation including recent and upcoming events, accomplishments, goals, and programs.

8. City of Venice - Ed LaVallee, City Manager

Mr. LaVallee provided a presentation including recent and upcoming events, accomplishments, goals, partnerships, and programs.

9. Town of Longboat Key - Howard Tipton, Town Manager

Mr. Tipton provided a presentation including accomplishments, goals, partnerships, and programs.

10. Other Business - Tim Enos, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County

Discussion took place regarding public service opportunities, Venice High School recognition, and event coordination efforts.

11. Adjournment - Tim Enos, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County

Mr. Enos adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk