



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

### **CITY COMMISSIONERS**

*Alice White, Mayor*

*Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor*

*Pete Emrich, Commissioner*

*Barbara Langdon, Commissioner*

*Debbie McDowell, Commissioner*

### **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

*Jerome Fletcher, City Manager*

*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*

*Heather Faust, City Clerk*

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Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes  
and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Pete Emrich

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Heather Faust, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Powell, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann, Finance Director Kimberly Williams, Grants Division Manager Valerie Malingowski, Development Services Director Alaina Ray, Utilities Director Nancy Gallinaro, and Public Works Director Chuck Speake

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann.

### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

### **2. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- A. [24-0345](#) Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Assumptions, Projections and Priorities.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including 3-year review of fund balance changes, fiscal year (FY) 2024 fund balance analysis, general fund ad

valorem assumptions, local municipalities and counties, effective millage rate, FY 2023 taxable value, per capita revenue estimate based on effective millage rate, all funds, general fund changes FY 2024 through FY 2025, Commission priorities, FY 2024 adopted budget by pillar including all and general funds, City Manager considerations, and pillar priorities.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding meeting procedure, multi-year budget projection, revenue projections, commercial project development strategy, overlay district implementation and examples, general fund ad valorem assumptions versus general fund total amount shortfall, ad valorem taxable value determination and comparisons, effective millage rate determination and comparisons, per capita revenue and population comparisons, cost cutting strategy, fee structure study applicability, fee service costs, strategic planning pillar priority versus perpetual discussion, strategic plan update and finalization, reserve usage, regional consumer price index (CPI), operating costs inflationary increase, Resilient SRQ funding, and fund utilization costs.

Recess was taken from 10:36 a.m. to 10:47 a.m.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Resilient SRQ submission documentation, regional CPI numbers, low new employee requests, effective millage rate paid to County for services versus City services, emergency operations center (EOC), population growth versus needs, County collaboration and assistance, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) fund allocation, expenses versus incoming funds breakdown, Road and Drainage fund balance versus FEMA funds allocation, reserve percentage recommendations, fund balance policy review, sustainability manager role, budget cut requirements, building fund balance projection and usage for police station headquarters, budget allocation versus shortfall amount, new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and inclusion of return on investment (ROI), financial support to community projects details, and budget discussion process.

There was no public comment.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk