



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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

Monday, March 3, 2025

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Barbara Langdon, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow and Mayor Philip Stokes

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Pete Emrich

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lane, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Fire Chief Titus and Finance Director Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Finance Director Kimberly Williams.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Findings of the City Fee Structure Study for Fire Rescue Fees; Parks and Recreation Fees; Facility Rental Fees; Road and Drainage Fees; and Utility Fees Conducted by Willdan Financial Services.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Dennis Goral, Project Manger, with Wildan Financial Services, provided a presentation including user fee background, user fee study, methodology components, typical fee composition, user fee policy considerations, fee types reviewed, city-wide fees, utility user fees, road and drainage fees, police fees, fire fees, emergency medical services fees, parks and recreation fees, final considerations, and development services fees next step.

Commission question and discussion took place regarding user fees study methodology, Parks and Recreation, citizen inquiries on details, Warm Mineral Springs, nonresident fees, Florida Law fees, raising fees vs. lowering taxes, service levels, cost-effective strategies, maximum fees, uncharged services, Accela investment, police fees, city-wide fees, fee caps, cost recovery, Parks and Recreation recovery rates, avoiding citizen upcharge, fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget, revenue, service quality, efficiency policies, budget-based user fee determinations, increased efficiencies, Florida Power and Light (FPL) fees, community center costs, cost offsets, tax savings, citizen benefits, fee balance, past city-wide studies, loans, spending vs. charging balance, North Port fee history, demand data, gym and aquatic center access, direct and indirect costs, mandated building fees, funding, department-wide expense cuts, service cancellations, Fire Department, depreciation, maintenance, building upkeep, city employees, and awards programs.

There was no public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk