



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Special Meeting

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

Thursday, July 25, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

Employee Health Center

- B.** [24-0836](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval to Transition the City of North Port Tribute Program Relating to Tree, Bench and Paver Donations from a City Commission Approved Program to an Administrative Regulation.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Pfundheller provided a presentation including history of program.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding average cost, initial cost coverage, fee structure, average staff time, monument versus tribute, contributed tribute placement, tree and bench 5-year period versus 10-year period, reason for transitioning to administrative regulation, average transactions per year, fee coverage, Commission approval for tributes outside of policy, and prohibiting alternate tributes.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to direct staff to work with the City Attorney to include language taking today's discussion into consideration and bringing it back to Commission for future discussion. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner Emrich dissenting due to the policy reading accurately as currently written:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

No: 1 - Commissioner Emrich