



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular 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, May 2, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White and Vice Mayor Philip Stokes

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Pete Emrich and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Powell, Police Chief Todd Garrison, and Deputy Fire Chief Nick Herlihy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the North Port Aquatic Center Division.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White and Vice Mayor Stokes

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Langdon

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Powell read the following eComment into the record:
Joshua Smith: spoke to walking trail preservation.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [24-0582](#) Welcome New Employees
- Mayor White announced the item.
- Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.
- Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [24-0348](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 19, 2024, Through May 25, 2024, as National Public Works Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Public Works Department.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- B. [24-0480](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2024 as Drowning Prevention Awareness Month, to be Presented to North Port Aquatics.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- C. [24-0522](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 19th through May 25th, 2024, as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, to be Presented to North Port Fire Rescue.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- D. [24-0523](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 5th through May 11th, 2024, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week, to be Presented to North Port Fire Rescue.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- E. [24-0583](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Dee Dee Gozion as an Outstanding Advocate for the North Port Art Center and the Artist Community, to be Presented to Dee Dee Gozion.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- F. [24-0585](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 15th Through May 21st, 2024, as National Police Week, and May 15th, 2024, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day to be Presented to Police Chief Todd Garrison.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- G. [24-0676](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2024 as Building Safety Month, to be Presented to the Building Division of the Department of Development Services.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk