



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Emrich, Mayor
Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor
Phil Stokes, Commissioner
David Duval, Commissioner
Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Michael Fuino, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow, Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon and Commissioner Philip Stokes

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Fuino, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, Social Services Manager Carrillo, Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller, and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Sturgess.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter Van Buskirk.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:

Joan Morgan: Spoke to Commission support for Drug-Free Youth Program (D-Fy).

Valdy Olender: Expressed concerns regarding civil rights, trust, and authority.

Alina Stolarski: Expressed concerns regarding Warm Mineral Springs improvements, safety, and amenities.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding public comment follow-up.

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding business taxes and gas prices.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. [26-0139](#) Announcement of Current Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read the announcements.

Ms. Faust read the announcements into the record.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Emrich announced the item and queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Spoke to various consent agenda items.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

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

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

A. [26-0343](#) Approve the Interagency Agreement By and Between the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and the City of North Port, Florida on Behalf of the North Port Police Department for the Use of the Knight Trail Park Law Enforcement Firing/Gun Range Facilities.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

B. [26-0387](#) Approve Additional Services as Needed at the Unit Prices Indicated on the Attached Bid Tabulation for Request for Bid No. 2025-30 for Citywide Generator Services With Paramount Power, Inc., and Authorize the City Manager to Approve Future Renewals and Increases in Accordance With the Terms and Conditions in the Solicitation.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

C. [26-0392](#) Approve the License Agreement for the Manatee Technical College/City of Bradenton Law Enforcement Training Center, By and Between the City of Bradenton, the School Board of Manatee County, and the City of North Port, Florida, on Behalf of the North Port Police Department For Use of Firearms Training Facility.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- D. [26-0397](#) Approve the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Addendum By and Between the City of North Port, Florida, and Chenosa Systems Corporation, Doing Business as ProPhoenix Corporation.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- E. [26-0406](#) Approve Three Updated Templates for Code Enforcement Hearing Officer Orders Including Order for Compliance, Order Assessing Administrative Fine, and Order Assessing Administrative Fine for Tree Removal Without Authorization.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- F. [26-0428](#) Approve the Axon Field Trial Agreement By and Between the City of North Port, Florida, for the North Port Police Department and Axon Enterprise, Inc., Allowing the North Port Police Department to Conduct a No-Cost Trial of Voice Translation, Self Generating Reports, and Cloud Services for Evaluation Purposes.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- G. [26-0432](#) Approve Work Assignment No. 2023-40.003 IT1-2026 with Insituform Technologies, LLC for Chesebro Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation in the Amount of \$403,180.35.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- H. [26-0446](#) Approve the Appointments of Arianna Grassette and Sophie R. Mortimore as Student Members to Serve a First Term on the Art Advisory Board From March 24, 2026, Through March 24, 2027.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- I. [26-0455](#) Approve the Water and Wastewater System Standard Developer's Agreement by and between the City of North Port, Florida and Sunexus Rent Core Plus LLLP.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- J. [26-0467](#) Approve the February 10, 2026 Commission Regular Minutes, the February 18, 2026 Commission Joint with Charter Review Advisory Board Minutes, and the February 24, 2026 Commission Regular Minutes.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- K. [26-0468](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for January 2026.
- This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

5. PRESENTATIONS: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES

- A. [26-0371](#) Presentation of the North Port and Non-Profits United (NP2) Committee 2025 Annual Report by the North Port and Non-Profits United Committee Members.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Carrillo, Teresa Caracciolo, and Joan Morgan, North Port and Non-Profits United (NP2) Committee, provided a presentation including members and accomplishments, Meals on Wheels, Friends of Shannon Staub Public Library, Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and 2026 goals.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed support of the item.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCE - Second Reading:

- A. [ORD. NO. 2026-05](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the City Charter of North Port, Florida to Create Section 1.05, Corporate Boundaries; Providing for Findings; Providing for Filing of Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding jurisdictional authority, City boundaries, public safety, and support of the item.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-05 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

B. [ORD. NO. 2026-06](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Non-District Budget and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Purchase of Replacement Fire Engine 85 and Associated Equipment, Additional Costs for the Utilities Administration Building and Field Operations Center Project U18UAB, for a Total Sum of \$3,795,000; Providing for Findings; Providing for Posting; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding equipment delivery timelines, vendor performance, contract terms, and procurement.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-06 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

RESOLUTION:

C. [RES. NO. 2026-R-09](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida, Accepting the Transfer of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure and Improvements and Associated Warranties for Central Parc Phases 1, 2 and 3; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Filing of Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding warranty terms, equipment coverage, system value, and support of the item.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-R-09 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

D. [RES. NO. 2026-R-17](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida Amending and Restating the Designation of Dog-Friendly Areas in Specified City Parks; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Ratification; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding park safety, monitoring, and education.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding bike trails and shared use of spaces.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-R-17 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [26-0383](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Changes to the City Fee Schedule, Appendix A to the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Including, But Not Limited to, Development Services, Fire Rescue, Parks and Recreation, Facility Rental, Solid Waste, Road and Drainage, and Utility Fees.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Warm Mineral Springs and North Port Aquatic Center rate increases, funding considerations, staffing requirements,

and budget process.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding fee increases, taxpayer impact, consulting services, and cost of living.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding laws and ordinances, property rights, and public safety.

9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Emrich called on Commissioners for communications.

- A. [26-0041](#) Commissioner Duval's Communications
Commissioner Duval reported on events attended.
- B. [26-0042](#) Commissioner Stokes' Communications
Commissioner Stokes reported on events attended.
- C. [26-0043](#) Mayor Emrich's Communications
Mayor Emrich reported on events attended.
- D. [26-0044](#) Vice Mayor Langdon's Communications
Vice Mayor Langdon reported on events attended.
- E. [26-0045](#) Commissioner Petrow's Communications
Commissioner Petrow did not have a report.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Mayor Emrich called on Charter Officers for reports.

- A. [26-0159](#) City Clerk's Monthly Report
Ms. Faust did not have a report.
- B. [26-0475](#) City Attorney's Monthly Report
Mr. Fuino did not have a report.
- C. [26-0538](#) City Manager's Monthly Report
Mr. Fletcher did not have a report.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk