



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

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

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

5:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, City Clerk Faust, Administrative Service Specialist Lane, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Fire Chief Titus, and Deputy City Manager Yarborough.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy City Manager Jason Yarborough.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Stokes queried the City Clerk for public comment received.

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:

Concerned Parent: Expressed concern with discussion regarding George Mullen Activity Center.

In person:
Valdy Olender: Spoke to City policy and budget topics.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. [25-2485](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2025 Certification of Taxable Value, Proposed Millage and Scheduled Dates for Public Hearings.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including maximum millage, rolled back rate analysis, general fund by department, general fund overview, general fund budget proposals by department, and millage rate history.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to direct the City Manager to submit the 2025 Certification of Taxable Value with the proposed millage rate of 3.7667. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the dates of September 4, 2025 at 5:01 p.m. and September 18, 2025 at 5:01 p.m. for the Budget Hearings. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk