



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular 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

Thursday, May 1, 2025

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 4:00 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

Deputy City Manager Yarborough, Interim City Attorney Golen, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lane, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, and Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Sturgess.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Trish Sturgess.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, 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:

There was no public comment.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [25-1964](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 4th through May 10th, 2025, as Drinking Water Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port

Utilities Department.

Commission presented this proclamation.

- B.** [25-1982](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 25, 2025 as Family Abduction Awareness Day, to be Presented to Chris Felder on Behalf of the National Parents Organization (NPO).
Commission presented this proclamation.
- C.** [25-2101](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 18th Through May 24th, 2025, as National Public Works Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Public Works Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- D.** [25-2118](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2025 as the 45th Anniversary of the North Port Chorale, to be Presented to the North Port Chorale.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- E.** [25-2126](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2025 as Frontline Worker Appreciation Month, to be Presented to Pam Woo on Behalf of the Frontline Impact Project and Lubetzky Family Foundation.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- F.** [25-2142](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2025, as Building Safety Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Development Services Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- G.** [25-2168](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 11th Through May 17th, 2025, as National Police Week, and May 15th, 2025, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- H.** [25-2170](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 11th Through May 17th, 2025, as Economic Development Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.
- I.** [25-2171](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 4th Through May 10th, 2025, as National Travel and Tourism Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Department.
Commission presented this proclamation.

J. [25-2172](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2025, as National Military Appreciation Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Department.

Commission presented this proclamation.

K. [25-2173](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 1st Through May 7th, 2025, as National Small Business Week, and May 2025, as National Small Business Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Department.

Commission presented this proclamation.

L. [25-2191](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 4th Through May 10th, 2025, as Hurricane Preparedness Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Fire Rescue and Emergency Management Department.

Commission presented this proclamation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk