



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

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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, Police Captain Gregory, Fire Chief Titus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joan Morgan.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Stokes requested a motion to approve the 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:

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:

Sanderfab: Spoke to ancient books.

Jill Luke: Spoke to Outstanding Springs Designation, property tax, and Autism signage.

In Person:

Mya Bright: Expressed concern with tobacco use and vaping.

Erin Nessmith: Expressed concern with vaping.

Skye Steward: Expressed support of banning tobacco uses.

Brian Mccue: Spoke to how to initiate change regarding tobacco use and concern with vaping at schools.

Jennifer Stringer: Spoke to Drug Free Youth (DFY) program.

Joan Morgan: Spoke to DFY and support of the program initiatives.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. [25-2019](#) Announcement of Current Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Mayor Stokes 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 Stokes announced the item and queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

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

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

A. [24-1624](#) Approve Purchase Order Supplemental Terms, Conditions, and Documents With Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Terms with Big Truck Rental, LLC for Vehicle Rentals Under Purchase Order No. 51217 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$63,600.00.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

B. [25-1906](#) Approve Master Client Agreement Between the City of North Port, Florida and Ayuda Group, LLC for the Maintenance and Operations of the Accela Software as a Service (SaaS) Multi-Solution Software With Ayuda Group, LLC, for the Development Services, Building Division, in the Amount of \$399,090, Plus Contingency in the Amount of \$60,000, for a Total Project Cost of \$459,090.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

C. [25-1965](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for January 2025.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

D. [25-1988](#) Approve the Appointment of Ellie Cascio as a Regular Member to Serve on the Art Advisory Board From March 11, 2025, Through March 12, 2028.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- E. [25-1991](#) Approve the Consent by the City of North Port, Florida to the Acquisition of Real Property by the West Villages Improvement District for Property Located Southwest of the Current Terminus of S. West Villages Parkway for the Purpose of Extending the Parkway.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- F. [RES. NO. 2025-R-19](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida; Approving a Final Plat for the Oakbend at Wellen Park Subdivision, a 181 Lot Residential Subdivision Consisting of 84.7874 Acres Located to the East of Preto Boulevard, to the West of West Villages Parkway, to the South of Everglow Drive and to the North of Playmore Road; Providing for Findings; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

RESOLUTION:

- A. [RES. NO. 2025-R-08](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Accepting the Transfer of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure and Improvements and Associated Warranties in Arbor Oaks Phase 1C; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Filing of Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes 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.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-08 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

- B. [RES. NO. 2025-R-09](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Accepting the Transfer of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure and

Improvements and Associated Warranties in Cedar Grove Phase 3A (The Strand 1A); Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Filing of Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Stokes 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.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-09 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE - Second Reading:

C. [ORD. NO. 2025-07](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida; Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Chapter 2, Article V., Division 5. - Police Officers' Pensions; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes 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.

Commission discussion took place regarding benefit to the city.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-07 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

D. [ORD. NO. 2025-08](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Non-District Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Milton Costs and Payments From Park Impact Fees From the West Villages Developer Agreement (Post Annexation) in the Amount of \$823,398;

Providing for Findings; Providing for Posting; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes 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.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-08 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

E. [ORD. NO. 2025-09](#)

An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Non-District Budget and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Additional Funding for Price Widening Phase I Project R15PW1 in the Amount of \$13,723,472; Providing for Findings; Providing for Posting; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes 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.

Commission discussion took place regarding start of project.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-09 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stokes called on Commissioners for communications.

- A. [25-2022](#) Commissioner Petrow's Communications
Commissioner Petrow reported on events attended and important topics.
- B. [25-2023](#) Vice Mayor Emrich's Communications
Vice Mayor Emrich reported on events attended.
- C. [25-2024](#) Mayor Stokes' Communications
Mayor Stokes reported on events attended and important topics.
- D. [25-2020](#) Commissioner Langdon's Communications
Commissioner Langdon noted her report is attached to the agenda back up and spoke to important topics.
- E. [25-2021](#) Commissioner Duval's Communications
Commissioner Duval reported on events attended and important topics.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Mayor Stokes called on Charter Officers for reports.

Mr. Fletcher did not have a report.
Mr. Golen reported on tobacco bill legal review.
Ms. Faust did not have a report.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk