



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Action Report City Commission Special 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

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the use of CMT for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon
- No:** 1 - Commissioner McDowell

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Pete Emrich, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

Also Present:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A.** [24-0914](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Charter Amendment Language Related to the City's Bonding Authority.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to direct staff to insert referendum language establishing a \$15 million principal cap per non-emergency project. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct staff to add Mr. Miller's language regarding payable from funds other than property taxes. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to rescind prior direction given regarding bond counsel presence at first reading of the Charter Referendum. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Attorney to include language to the Charter ordinance that the issuance of debt cannot be conducted using an emergency ordinance.

A motion to amend was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to include "non-emergency debt." The motion to amend carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to include Charter language to state the Debt Management Policy will be adopted by Commission via Resolution with two readings.

The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner Langdon dissenting due to creating a different process for one resolution.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White and Vice Mayor Stokes

No: 1 - Commissioner Langdon

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Manager and City Clerk to schedule debt policy workshop in September with the final adoption to be held prior to the November referendum. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

5. ADJOURNMENT: