



City of North Port

4970 City Hall Blvd
North Port, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Joint 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

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

w/Charter Review Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner Philip Stokes, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow and Commissioner David Duval
Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Fuino, Deputy City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Captain King, and Fire Marshal Marietti.

Charter Review Advisory Board Members Boddy, Justice, and Guerin-Staples.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Phil Stokes.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

Yes: 4 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Petrow and Commissioner Duval

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Langdon

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding trespassing.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[26-0357](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Advisory Board Recommendation Memorandum From the Charter Review Advisory Board Concerning Bond Issuance During Declared Disaster or Emergency Without Voter Approval.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Powell introduced the item.

Vice Chair Justice spoke to the item.

Commission and Advisory Board member questions and discussion took place regarding community engagement, public trust, branding and language clarifications, millage rates, budget cycles, reserve percentages, cap and borrowing limitations, emergency borrowing authority, referendum timeline, fiscal and legal implications, prior election results, voter approval requirements, Argus Foundation comparisons, no-interest loans and grants, advocacy versus education, core critical services, and time sensitivity.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding budget cuts, language clarifications, and public safety.

A motion was made by Commissioner Duval, seconded by Commissioner Petrow, to direct the City Clerk to coordinate Christine Robinson's attendance at a Charter Review Advisory Board meeting to discuss the process, placement, and language relative to the ability to borrow during declared emergencies and to provide a recommendation to Commission. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Petrow and Commissioner Duval

No: 1 - Commissioner Stokes

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Langdon

Commission and Advisory Board member questions and discussion continued regarding next steps.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding trespassing.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk