



# 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*

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Thursday, October 2, 2025

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### **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**

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lindner, Human Resources Director McDade, Police Chief Garrison, and Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by North Port University graduate Ginger Miranda.

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***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. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

A. [25-2776](#) Welcome New Employees

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

#### **4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. [25-2705](#) Presentation of Certificates to the Graduating Class of North Port University (NPU), to be Presented to the Graduating Class.  
*Commission presented the certificates.*
- B. [25-2670](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to be Presented to Michelle Cote on Behalf of Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, INC. (SPARCC).  
*Commission presented the proclamation.*
- C. [25-2782](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025 as Florida Native Plant Month, to be Presented to Ava Lasseter on Behalf of Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.  
*Commission presented the proclamation.*
- D. [25-2292](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 6th Through October 10th, 2025, as National Customer Service Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Customer Service Staff.  
*Commission presented the proclamation.*
- E. [25-2539](#) Presentation of the JustServe Award Recognizing the City of North Port for its Efforts in Encouraging Volunteering with Activities and Programs, to be Presented to the City of North Port.  
*Commission presented the award.*
- F. [25-2652](#) Presentation of an FCRM (Florida Certified Records Manager) Certification Achieved through FRMA (Florida Records Management Association), to be Presented to Glorimar Fonseca of the City of North Port Clerks Department.  
*Commission presented the certificate.*
- G. [25-2653](#) Recognition of the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Department for Receiving Three (3) SUNsational Awards from the Florida Festivals & Events Association.  
*Commission presented the awards.*
- H. [25-2667](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, to be Presented to City of North Port

Information Technology.

*Commission presented the proclamation.*

- I. [25-2674](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 20th Through October 26th, 2025, as Florida City Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Communications.

*Commission presented the proclamation.*

- J. [25-2697](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 23rd Through October 31st, 2025, as Red Ribbon Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department.

*Commission presented the proclamation.*

- K. [25-2725](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 5th Through October 11th, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Fire Rescue Department.

*Commission presented the proclamation.*

- L. [25-2740](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 28th, 2025, as National First Responders Day, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department and City of North Port Fire Rescue Department.

*Commission presented the proclamation.*

- M. [25-2778](#) Presentation of City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) Award of Excellence, to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division.

*Commission presented the award.*

- N. [25-2792](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Human Resources Department.

*Commission presented the proclamation.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk