# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes

## City Commission Special 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, April 24, 2025** | **6:00 PM** | **Suncoast Technical College**

**Commission Town Hall – 2025 Referendums**

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Assistant City Attorney Coughlin, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Police Chief Garrison, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Fire Chief Titus, Facilities Manager Humphrey, Finance Director Williams, Communications Manager Bartolone, and Deputy CIty Manager Yarborough.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Police Chief Morales.

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Powell read the following eComment into the record:
Art Bilski: spoke to bond versus tax amount.

In Person:
Richard Micluscar: spoke to concerns regarding development.

### 2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

25-1925 Introduction by the City Manager

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher provided an introduction.

25-1927 Discussion Regarding Referendum Question Related to City Borrowing Authority for Response to Declared Emergencies With Public Question and Answer Session.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Questions and answers took place regarding borrowing authority, election turnout, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and reserve funding.

25-1929 Discussion Regarding Referendum Question Related to Removal of Residency Requirements From the City of North Port Charter for the City Attorney and City Clerk Positions With Public Question and Answer Session.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Questions and answers took place regarding residential limitations, work efficiency versus residential location, and Charter requirements.

25-1931 Discussion Regarding Referendum Question Related to Borrowing Authority for the North Port Police Department Headquarters Project With Public Question and Answer Session.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Questions and answers took place regarding current and future needs, tax costs, alternative funding, crime rate, funding sources, property tax requirements, commercial development, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) rewrite impact, construction timeline, and municipality cost comparison.

25-1933 Discussion Regarding Referendum Question Related to Borrowing Authority for the Solid Waste Transfer Station Project With Public Question and Answer Session.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Questions and answers took place regarding cost savings.

25-1935 Discussion Regarding Referendum Question Related to Borrowing Authority for Capital Improvements to the Pan American Wastewater Treatment Facility With Public Question and Answer Session.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Questions and answers took place regarding existing structures and growth.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

## 4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk