



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

### *CITY COMMISSIONERS*

*Pete Emrich, Mayor*  
*Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor*  
*Jill Luke, Commissioner*  
*Debbie McDowell, Commissioner*  
*Alice White, Commissioner*

### *APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

*Jerome Fletcher, City Manager*  
*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*  
*Heather Taylor, City Clerk*

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

### ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Taylor, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Police Captain King, Neighborhood Development Services Director Alaina Ray, Neighborhood Development Services Assistant Director Derick Applegate, Information Technology Director Eric Ryan, Service Desk Technician II Riley Jones, Network Administrator Kory Merchant, Geographical Information System Administrator Jon Kalfsbeck, Information Technology Business Administrator Vicki Edwards, Infrastructure and Communication Manager Aaron Bourquin, Neighborhood Development Services Business Manager Katrina Romano, Assistant City Manager Jason Yarborough, Finance Director Kim Williams, Marketing Outreach Coordinator Laura Ansel, Assistant City Manager Julie Bellia, Interim Utilities Director Mike Vuolo, and Assistant Utilities Director Jennifer Desrosiers

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Scott Titus.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:*

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Valdy Olender: expressed concern with Charter Officers on dais and spoke to contents of the City Charter

Jeffrey Scott: expressed concern with state of the City

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS****A. [21-1972](#) Current Vacancies and Upcoming Expirations for Boards and Committees**

Ms. Taylor read the Announcements into the record.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Emrich queried the City Manager regarding Items requested to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner McDowell spoke to concern with the scope of work in Item No. 21-1923.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the Consent Agenda except for Item No. 21-1921 being pulled for discussion. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**A. [21-1716](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for September 2021.**

***This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.***

**B. [21-1926](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for October 2021.**

***This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.***

**C. [21-1797](#) Approve the Annual Water Demand Projections for Submission to the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority**

***This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.***

**D. [21-1910](#) Approve the Interagency Agreement By and Between the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and the City of North Port, Florida on Behalf of the North Port Police Department for Use of the Knight Trail Park Gun Range.**

***This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.***

**E. [21-1921](#) Approve Contract No. 2021-39 - Replacement of Perimeter Fence at the Water Treatment Plant with Jay's Fencing, LLC, in the Amount of \$225,177.00, with a Contingency Amount of \$45,035.00 for a Total Cost of \$270,212.00.**

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commissioner McDowell read a statement into the record regarding concerns with lack of a project Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) sheet, discussion with City Manager, CIP criteria, savings from other projects, and lack of transparency.

Mr. Fletcher further provided clarification regarding transparency, available funding, and maintenance replacing the current structure to ensure safety with no increase of funding.

Discussion continued regarding the item not being included in a maintenance account line item.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve Item No. 21-1921 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner White

**No:** 1 - Commissioner McDowell

Commissioner McDowell dissented for reasons stated.

- F.** [21-1920](#) Approve Award of Request for Bid 2022-01 - Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals to Allied Universal Corporation, Amaya Solutions, Inc. d/b/a American Water Chemicals, Brenntag Mid South, Inc, Chemtrade Chemicals U.S. LLC., Donau Carbon U.S. LLC., Hawkins, Inc. and Polydyne, Inc by Line-Item Pricing on an "As-needed" Basis for a Term Through and Including December 31, 2024, with Options to Renew for Two (2) Additional One (1) Year Terms; and Authorize the City Manager to Approve Future Renewals.

***his Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.***

- G.** [21-1923](#) Approve Award of Request for Bid No. 2022-05 for Tree and Brush Abatement Services to Greentopps Landscape Maintenance & Tree Services LLC. and R.A. Markuson Inc., at the Unit Prices Indicated in Their Bid Form, with a Contract Period from Date of Award Through September 30, 2022 and a Not to Exceed Budget Amount for Fiscal Year 2022 of \$325,000.

***his Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.***

- H.** [21-1929](#) Approve Award of Request for Bid No. 2022-07 for Citywide Park Facility Debris Removal and Restroom Cleaning to At Your Services Cleaning Group, Sarasota, Florida, at the Unit Prices Indicated in Their Bid Form, With the Contract Period From January 1, 2022, Through and Including December 30, 2022, and Authorize the City Manager to Exercise the Options to Renew Two (2) Additional One-Year Terms. Estimated Budget Amount for 2022 is \$132,284.64.

***his Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.***

- I. [21-1930](#) Approval of Joseph Pumilia as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to Serve a Three-Year Term from December 14, 2021, to December 14, 2024.  
*his Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.*
- J. [21-1954](#) Approval of Lynn Cleary as the North Port Resident of the Joint Management Advisory Board, to Serve a Three-Year Term from December 14, 2021, to December 14, 2024.  
*his Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.*
- K. [22-1998](#) Approval of Duane Sautbine as the North Port Resident on the Community Economic Development Advisory Board, to serve a two-year-term from December 14, 2021 to December 14, 2023.  
*his Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.*
- L. [21-1967](#) Approval of Minutes for the October 26, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting, November 9, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting, November 10, 2021 Commission Workshop, and November 10, 2021 Commission Special Meeting  
*his Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.*

##### **5. PRESENTATIONS: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES**

- A. [21-1961](#) Annual Presentation by Neighborhood Development Services Department, Building Division.  
Mayor Emrich announced the item.  
Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.  
Mr. Applegate provided a presentation with emphasis on the Building Department including mission statement, and department sections including call center, permitting, plan review, inspections, communications and outreach, applications system administrator, and administration staff.  
Ms. Ray spoke to her arrival and goals for the department.  
Discussion took place regarding number of permits, percentage of permits that require a physical inspection, percentage of times an inspector physically inspects single-family residence developments, process for noticing the contractor of a discrepancy, new home builds completed annually, and completion of automated permit process.  
There was no public comment on this item.

**B. [21-1791](#)** Annual Presentation by Information Technology Division of the City Manager's Department

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Mr. Ryan provided a presentation including services provided, mission and vision statements, organizational chart, and staff.

Mr. Jones spoke to services provided by the service desk, metrics and accomplishments, service desk and audio-visual support, and how to contact the service desk.

Mr. Merchant spoke to network, telecommunications, and security.

Mr. Kalfsbeck spoke to citizen-centric services, geographic information system (GIS) services.

Ms. Edwards reviewed department accomplishments.

Mr. Bourquin reviewed upcoming projects.

Discussion took place regarding timeframe for the development of the IT department and ensuring department needs are communicated to Commission.

There was no public comment on this item.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **RESOLUTION:**

**[RES. NO.](#)  
**[2021-R-57](#)****

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Relating to Senate Bill 378 and House Bill 207 Designating the Florida Scrub-Jay as the Official State Bird; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Ms. Taylor read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding declination of the Florida Scrub-Jay.

Ms. Taylor read the following e-comment into the record:

Barbara Lockhart: expressed support of the Resolution

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Resolution No. 2021-R-57 as presented, directing staff to send a***

*copy of the resolution with a request to adopt and support to State Local Elected Officials Representative Buchanan and Senator Gruters, State Committee Chair of Florida Environmental and Natural Resources, Florida League of Cities, Manasota League of Cities, City of Venice, City of Sarasota, City of Longboat Key, Charlotte County, and Sarasota County. The motion carried on the following vote:*

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

### **RESOLUTION - First Reading:**

- B.** [RES. NO. 2021-R-56](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Non-District Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Staffing Needs for the Neighborhood Development Services Department in the Amount of \$696,570 and Police Vehicle for Sworn Supervisor in the Amount of \$57,000; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Ms. Taylor read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Romano responded to questions regarding use of monies from the tree fund.

Mr. Yarborough responded to questions regarding temporary agency fee percentage.

Discussion took place regarding use of temporary staff versus hiring permanent staff, and availability of temporary agency resources.

Ms. Williams responded to questions regarding use of staff savings.

Mayor Emrich expressed concerns with costs associated with contracted employees and ability to fund full-time employees for the same cost.

Discussion continued regarding concern with contracted employees, inclusion of funding for police vehicle, investing in permanent staff, use of temporary staff in conjunction with permanent staff search, and various options to meet needs.

Public Comment:

Jeffrey Scott: support of outsourcing jobs to professionals with needed skills and qualifications

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, to continue Resolution No. 2021-R-56 to second reading on a date to be determined with the following changes:***

- 1. To approve a temporary ULDC Project Manager***
- 2. To approve a Police Department vehicle purchase***
- 3. To approve a temporary arborist in Neighborhood Development Services***
- 4. To approve the Box Enterprise Software***

- 5. *To approve the Q Trac Scheduling Software*
- 6. *To approve the Development Review Process Solicitation*
- 7. *To approve the Plans Examiner/Inspector*
- 8. *To have the additional planning staff and temporary planner to be utilized for three to four months with the authorization to hire full-time employees with the balance remaining*

Ms. Slayton spoke to concern with legalities of the motion and Commission authority.

**Commissioner McDowell withdrew her motion.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, to continue Resolution No. 2021-R-56 to second reading on a date to be determined with the following changes:**

- 1. *To approve a temporary ULDC Project Manager*
- 2. *To approve a Police Department vehicle purchase*
- 3. *To approve a temporary arborist in Neighborhood Development Services*
- 4. *To approve the Box Enterprise Software*
- 5. *To approve the Q Trac Scheduling Software*
- 6. *To approve the Development Review Process Solicitation*
- 7. *To approve the Plans Examiner/Inspector*
- 8. *To instruct the City Manager to work with staff to come up with temporary and full-time position with regards to the temporary funding*

**The motion failed due to lack of a second.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to continue Resolution No. 2021-R-56 to second reading on January 25, 2022 as presented.**

Discussion took place regarding providing departments with needs to be successful, not commission prevue to make staffing decisions.

Commissioner McDowell spoke to concern with departments not having enough adequate full-time employees and the temporary positions not satisfying the concern.

Mr. Fletcher provided clarification as to increase of full-time employees.

**The motion carried on the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner White

**No:** 2 - Mayor Emrich and Commissioner McDowell

Commissioner McDowell dissented due to goal to give the City Manager tools to hire temporary staff and additional full-time employees.

Mayor Emrich dissented for reasons stated.

Recess was taken from 11:53 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCE - Second Reading:**

- C. [ORD. NO. 2021-44](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Adopting the FY 2021- FY 2025 Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements of the Capital

Improvements Element of the North Port Comprehensive Plan; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Ms. Taylor read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and responded to commission questions regarding projects being subject to prioritization and additional project being introduced during or before the budget process.

There was no public comment on this item.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve Ordinance No. 2021-44 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**A. [21-1776](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Funds**

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding building better relationships with partners, articulating needs, and monitoring benefits if the City was its own entity.

There was no public comment on this item.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to direct staff to pursue renewal of existing agreement with Sarasota County. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**B. [21-1952](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Art Advisory Board Recommendation of "Future Fish" Art Sculpture by Donald Gialanella, Artist to be Located on Property at the Northwest Intersection of Price Boulevard and Sumter Boulevard.**

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel provided an overview including prior Commission direction, advisory board recommendation, artist rendering, art fund balance, estimated project budget, additional considerations, and responded to Commission questions regarding responsibility of maintenance.

Commissioner McDowell expressed concern with use of same artist who created the Spoonbill Sculpture and the materials used for the structure.

Ms. Ansel responded to additional questions regarding other submissions received.

Vice Mayor Langdon expressed concern with visibility of structure in the specified location.

Discussion took place regarding funding of the project, location and visibility, support of material used, and concern with maintenance of other submitted structure.

Ms. Christie spoke to structure location permissions from Heron Creek.

Ms. Bellia spoke to Heron Creek approval process during development, and communication with Heron Creek developers for approval of new piece of artwork.

Mayor Emrich expressed concern with materials used, and support of design.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner White, to direct staff to use \$47,785 from the fiscal year 2022 budget, revenue account number 001-0000-324-62-05 to purchase the future fish art sculpture by Donald Gialanella to be located at the northwest intersection of Price Boulevard and Sumter Boulevard. The motion failed on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Luke and Commissioner White

**No:** 3 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

Vice Mayor Langdon dissented due to practical concerns of materials, location, and specifics of the piece of art.

Commissioner McDowell dissented for reasons stated.

Mayor Emrich dissented due to concerns of materials and location.

Discussion took place regarding legal obligation to replace the piece, ability to choose an alternate location, prior decision to use a steel piece, concern with selecting cheap art, concern with not accepting Advisory Boards recommendation, use of a sturdier materials, tasking the Art Advisory Board with another structure, ability to revamp the spoonbill, and review of the development order.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to review the legalities of removing and replacing artwork at this location and task the Art Advisory Board to review materials and focus on low maintenance art to be placed at the same location.***

Discussion took place regarding staff guiding to be sensitive to the location and to orient the artwork to ensure visibility in the location.

Ms. Slayton requested clarification as to the intent of the motion with regards of legal review.

***A motion to amend was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to add that the artwork be oriented to provide maximum visibility of the piece from the intersection. The motion to amend carried on the following vote:***

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

***The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:***

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

***There was consensus to hear public comment at this time.***

Public Comment:

Bob Stewart: suggested formulating a choice to an artist to create art that has the Scrub Jay

**C. [21-1962](#)**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Draft Redistricting Maps.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Christie spoke to City Charter requirements relative to redistricting.

Commissioner Luke disclosed discussion with City staff regarding an alternate mapping option.

Priti Mathur, ARCBridge Consulting and Training Inc., provided a presentation including current districts maximum deviation of 46.88 percent, current districts with 2020 Census data, proposed plan A and B, neighborhoods that must stay together, overall district statistics, and current district statistics.

Ms. Bramble spoke to suggestions from discussion with a Commissioner prior to the meeting.

Ms. Mathur spoke to Plan C with comparison to Plan A and B.

Commissioner Luke spoke to reasons for recommendation to include lessening the density of the northern part of the district to prepare for the growth in Wellen Park in the future, and due to the criteria of keeping current Commissioners in their district not being applicable due to her term limit approaching, and to not split the Jockey Club.

Discussion took place regarding significant differences between the plans.

Ms. Slayton spoke to public notice requirements within the Charter, noting Plan C has not been noticed and recommended to either continue the item for 30 days or not to discuss Plan C at all.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, include Plan C in the public notification requirement of the City Charter with the addition of Plan C on the redistricting webpage and to continue Item No. 21-1962 for a minimum of 30 days. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

- D. [21-1964](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Policy Decisions for the Expansion of Water and Wastewater Identified in the Preliminary Cost Estimates and General Sequencing of the Master Plan Report Relative to Existing Residents.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Mr. Vuolo provided a presentation including map of current septic tank locations, fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget survey results, total estimated costs, subsidized incentive Option A and B including total costs, existing homeowner incentives, other local entities charges for similar projects, hardship programs, policy considerations, and utilities next steps.

Ms. Desrosiers responded to Commission questions regarding block grant considerations for hardships.

Staff responded to additional questions regarding Infrastructure bill grant funding, funding model, means for funding offsets, process for property liens, targeted timeline for completion in various areas, incentive eligibility for vacant lots, funding of incentive, time frame for billing to go into effect, cost for vacuum station, and deferral program.

Recess was taken from 3:03 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Additional questions were addressed regarding policy considerations for Commission with emphasis on consideration two, cost comparison of full septic and installation of a well, payment added to monthly bills, inclusion within comparisons to other entities, on-site costs, requirement regarding disabling wells and installation of backflow meters, deferral criteria, reduction of payment guidelines, ability to place assessment on taxes, and allocation of funds for Capital Improvement Projects.

Ms. Taylor read the following public comment into the record:

Jason Cachia: expressed opposition with city sewer and water expansion  
Iviki Pierfelice: expressed opposition with city sewer and water expansion

Public Comment:

John Faverve: responsibility for removal of sewer and water, time to remove septic, Code Enforcement involvement, and emergency plans

Bob Stewart: sugarcane runoff

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner White, to approve the following revisions to the policies related to the expansion of water and wastewater identified in the preliminary cost estimates and general sequencing of the master plan report relative to existing residents:***

***1. REVISE THE WATER LINE FEE FROM THE CURRENT \$43.75 PER FOOT TO THE REVISED FEE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE RATE ANALYSIS.***

***2. ADD A WASTEWATER LINE FEE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE RATE ANALYSIS.***

**3. *HARDSHIP PROGRAM: APPROVAL OF DEFERRAL PROGRAM AND REDUCTION OF ANNUAL PAYMENT PROGRAM.***

**4. *NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER: OPTION A: CUSTOMER COST \$5,235***

**5. *NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FOR WASTEWATER ONLY (EXISTING WATER CUSTOMERS): OPTION A: CUSTOMER COST \$2,213***

Discussion took place regarding additional information and clarification needed with the rate analysis.

***A motion to amend was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner White, to add “and to direct staff to bring back detail and specifics of policy considerations one, two, three, and four prior to formal adoption.”***

Discussion took place regarding staff providing an outline of the deferral program for Commission review, master plan approval, and clarifying the policy considerations.

***Commissioner McDowell withdrew her motion. Commission White withdrew her second.***

***A motion to amend was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to use policy number one revised water line fee, policy number two add wastewater line fee, policy number three hardship water deferral of cost, and policy four hardship program reduction of annual payment to be brought back to Commission with all details and specifics for further discussion.***

Vice Mayor Langdon spoke to for the needs for a finance or funding model, to have data regarding septic systems impact on canals prior to determining if the project is justifiable and the option chosen being the lower of the two options.

Discussion followed regarding community engagement, and incentive for lump sum prepayment.

***The motion to amend carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Luke, Commissioner White and Commissioner McDowell

**No:** 2 - Mayor Emrich and Vice Mayor Langdon

Mayor Emrich and Vice Mayor Langdon dissented for reasons stated.

***The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Luke, Commissioner White and Commissioner McDowell

**No:** 2 - Mayor Emrich and Vice Mayor Langdon

Mayor Emrich and Vice Mayor Langdon dissented for reasons stated.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to direct staff to bring back options for prepayment plans. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to direct staff to bring an agenda item with specifics, as of today,***

*regarding how this will be paid for. The motion carried on the following vote:*

**Yes:** 3 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner White and Commissioner McDowell

**No:** 2 - Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Luke

Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Luke dissented due to staff already bringing this item back to Commission.

**E. [22-2009](#)**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code Rewrite Timeline, Strategy, and Prior Directives.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Commissioner McDowell introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding pros of taking a pause on the rewrite, impact on contract with consultant, impact on temporary staff position, list of items to be brought forward as agenda items during pause, allowing the director to review the rewrite and provide an updated timeline, continuation of tree regulations and activity centers, cost associated with temporary staff position, and ability to review and discuss individual items as needed.

There was no public comment on this item.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to direct the City Manager to pause further Commission and Planning and Zoning Advisory Board discussion on the Unified Land Development Code rewrite with the exception of tree regulations and activity centers which will continued at the current pace with monthly updates on steps taken to get back on track and to produce a new timeline with the assistance of the Director of Neighborhood Development Services.***

***A motion to amend was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to strike "with monthly updates on steps taken to get back on track" from the motion. The motion to amend carried on the following vote:***

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

***The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:***

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

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner McDowell reported on tour of The Gallery, City holiday luncheon, 12 Days of Giving Food and Toy Drive, Florida League of Cities webinar, public works luncheon, and wished all a Happy Holiday.

Commissioner White reported on the Poinsettia Parade, North Port High School Chorus Concert, extending kindness to others, and wished all a Happy Holiday.

Commissioner Luke reported on the North Port High School Chorus Concert, Kid Kelly Boxing League Championship win, Tourist Development Council thank you letter, wellness fair, Habitat for Humanity Reception, Loveland Center BBQ Fundraiser, Feast Upon the Fields, Chamber of Commerce Holiday event, Sarasota County Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) regarding water quality, tour of Little Salt Spring with Representative Buchanan, Fill the FireTruck, Protect and Serve Night, Breakfast with Santa, Holiday Bizarre, Living Waters Church Holiday Event, Poinsettia Parade, Boots and Badges, Holiday Luncheons, Florida Power and Light (FPL) world record of having largest battery, and wished all a Happy Holiday.

Vice Mayor Langdon reported on the Poinsettia Parade, Boots and Badges, North Port Symphony, and wished all a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Emrich reported the on Poinsettia Parade and Festival, Breakfast with Santa, wellness fair, holiday luncheons, Council of Government meeting, and wished all a Happy Holiday.

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:**

There were no reports by Charter Officers.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Emrich, Mayor

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

These minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.