



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes 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*

*Michael Golen, Interim City Attorney*

*Heather Faust, City Clerk*

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Saturday, November 16, 2024

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

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### **Assumption of Office**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Commissioner Pete Emrich, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes, Commissioner Barbara Langdon, Commissioner David Duval and Commissioner Demetrius Petrow

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, City Clerk Faust, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Deputy Police Chief Morales, and Fire Chief Titus.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Valerie Sanderson.

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

Mayor White requested a motion to approve the agenda.

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Victor Dobrin: spoke to debris clean up concerns.

Jill Luke: spoke to public service experience and expressed gratitude to outgoing Commissioners.

#### **3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS:**

A. [24-1518](#) Announcement of the November 5, 2024 General Election Results

Mayor White announced the item and requested the City Clerk to announce the election results.

Ms. Faust read the results of the North Port General Election held on November 5, 2024 into the record as follows:

North Port District 1 – The whole number of votes cast was 40,951.  
Demetrius Petrow received 22,659 votes.  
Alice White received 18,292 votes.

North Port District 2 – The whole number of votes cast was 40,440.  
Barbara Langdon received 23,777 votes.  
Josh Smith received 16,663 votes.

North Port District 3 – The whole number of votes cast was 39,936.  
David Duval received 21,335 votes.  
Andrew Sias received 18,601 votes.

North Port Referendum Question 1 regarding allowing the City Commission to issue debt payable from funds other than property taxes without voter approval for safety or public health up to a maximum principal amount of \$15,000,000 increasing annually based on the Engineering News and Record Construction Cost Index and to respond to a declared emergency or disaster:

Yes – received 21,610 votes.

No – received 21,916 votes.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to accept the election results as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

**4. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS:**

A. [24-1520](#) Presentation of Plaque and Commissioner Statement

Mayor White announced the item and called on Commissioners to step down from dais.

Vice Mayor Stokes presented a plaque to Mayor White for her service as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Stokes, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Langdon expressed gratitude to Mayor White for her service.

Mayor White presented a plaque to Commissioner McDowell for her service.

Commissioner McDowell thanked the community and staff and expressed gratitude to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Stokes presented a plaque to Mayor White for her service.

Mayor White thanked the community and staff and expressed gratitude to the Commission.

There was no public comment.

**5. OATH OF OFFICE:**

**A. [24-1521](#) Oath of Office for Newly Elected Commissioner and Commissioner Statement**

Vice Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Ms. Faust administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Petrow.

Commissioner Petrow thanked the community and supporters.

Ms. Faust administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Langdon.

Commissioner Langdon thanked the community and supporters.

Ms. Faust administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Duval.

Commissioner Duval thanked the community and supporters.

Vice Mayor Stokes called on Commissioners to take their seats on the dais.

There was no public comment.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR:**

**B. [24-1522](#) Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor**

Vice Mayor Stokes announced the item and called for nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Langdon nominated Commissioner Stokes to serve as Mayor and with no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

Vice Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to elect Commissioner Stokes as Mayor. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

Mayor Stokes called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Langdon nominated Commissioner Emrich to serve as Vice Mayor and with no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to elect Commissioner Emrich as Vice Mayor. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

There was no public comment.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Debbie McDowell: expressed congratulations to newly elected Commissioners and thanked family.

Pam Tokarz: expressed congratulations to newly elected Commissioners.

Victor Dobrin: expressed congratulations to newly elected Commissioners and spoke to policy suggestions.

Jill Luke: expressed congratulations to newly elected Commissioners.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

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

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