



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
Phil Stokes, Commissioner
David Duval, Commissioner
Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Michael Fuino, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, January 8, 2026

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow, Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon and Commissioner Philip Stokes

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Fuino, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Captain Fussell, Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy, and Human Resources Director McDade.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Korte.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

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

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Powell read the following eComment into the record:

Anonymous: Expressed opposition of the City's rebranding efforts.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [26-0215](#) Welcome New Employees
Mayor Emrich announced the item.
Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.
Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [26-0218](#) Presentation of a Key to the City to Bud Korte (Posthumously).
Commission presented the Key to the City.
- B. [25-3039](#) Presentation of Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) Award to be Presented to Parks & Grounds Assistant Manager Thomas Brown.
Commission presented the Award.
- C. [26-0001](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming January 18th Through January 24th, 2026, as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week, to be Presented to Rebecca Fleetwood on Behalf of Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA).
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- D. [26-0244](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming January 8, 2026, as North Port as a Purple Heart City, to be Presented Kevin and Lauren Wallace of the Van of Valor Project.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- E. [26-0237](#) Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Kevin and Lauren Wallace in Recognition of the Van of Valor Project.
Commission presented the Certificate of Recognition.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk