



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Agenda City Commission Regular 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

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, October 3, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

Amended to Reorder the Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT: Properly submitted comments will be accepted and included in the official record of the meeting pursuant to City Commission Policy No. 2020-04. Any comment received that does not meet the public comment timing and requirements will be rejected and will not be included in the official record of the meeting. **PLEASE NOTE:** Those wishing to provide public comment on quasi-judicial agenda items must appear before the City Commission to give testimony under oath.

Public comment may be submitted in the following ways:

In Person Attendance: Submit a comment card to the City Clerk. Comment cards with completed information may be submitted until the Mayor closes Public Comment for the agenda item. When recognized by the Mayor, the Commenter will approach the podium. Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person.

Online: Submit a written eComment using the eComment link at cityofnorthport.legistar.com/Calendar. The link will be available online at 8:00 a.m. the day before the meeting until one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Your public comment is limited to 2,000 characters. **PLEASE NOTE:** Online public comment cannot be considered as the basis for a quasi-judicial decision and will be read into the record under general public comment.

Voice Mail Message: Leave a voice mail message via telephone at 941-429-1032. Voice Mail messages will be accepted the day before the meeting from 8:00 a.m. until one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Please provide information as listed in the City's outgoing message. The message must not exceed two minutes, fifteen seconds. Voice messages will be forwarded to Commission and played into the record. **PLEASE NOTE:** Comments provided via voice mail cannot be considered as the basis for a quasi-judicial decision and will be played into the record under general public comment.

Florida's Sunshine Law requires the Commission to discuss this Agenda only in open session. The Commissioners cannot discuss these items with each other before this meeting is called to order. The Commissioners, individually, can however, discuss any item with concerned citizens and staff in preparation for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [24-1471](#) Welcome New Employees

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [24-1457](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Manufacturing Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Division and Manufacturing Partners.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- B. [24-1186](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024, as National Head Start Awareness Month, to be Presented to Evan Ackerman on Behalf of Children First, Inc.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- C. [24-1339](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Florida Native Plant Month, to be Presented to Kristin Hoffschmidt on Behalf of the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- D. [24-1377](#) Presentation of Certificates to the First Graduating Class of North Port University (NPU), to be Presented to the Graduating Class.

- E. [24-1379](#) Presentation of City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) Silver Circle Award, to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division.

- F. [24-1384](#) Recognition of North Port Resident and City Volunteer, Joan Morgan, for Receiving the 2024 Florida Recreation and Park Association Voluntary Service - Individual Award.

- G. [24-1385](#) Recognition of the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Department for Receiving Four (4) SUNsational Awards From the Florida Festival and Events Association.

Attachments: [2024 FFEA Sunsational Award Winner List](#)

- H. [24-1395](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 24th Through

November 2nd, 2024, as Mobility Week, to be Presented to Carmen Maldonado on Behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- I. [24-1409](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Information Technology Division.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- J. [24-1444](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Human Resources Department.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- K. [24-1460](#) Presentation of Aetna Workplace Well-being Making a Difference Award for 2024, to be Presented to the City of North Port Human Resources Department.

- L. [24-1461](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 28, 2024, as National First Responders Day, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department and Fire Rescue Department.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- M. [24-1467](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 21st Through October 27th, 2024, as Florida City Government Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

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6. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS - The Agenda is a summary of the proposed actions to be taken by the City Commission. For almost every agenda item, the City staff has prepared materials for Commission consideration and provided a staff recommendation. All of these materials are available at the City Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, for inspection and (for a fee) copying. Questions on these materials may be directed to the staff member who prepared them, or to the City Clerk's Office, who will refer you to the appropriate person.

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