



City of North Port

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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
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

5:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and provided required notifications regarding conducting a hybrid meeting.

Commissioner Emrich stated he will be attending the hybrid meeting via Communications Media Technology (CMT) due to experiencing a medical condition.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to accept the use of CMT for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon
- No:** 1 - Commissioner McDowell

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Faust, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, Budget Administrator Herrmann

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Finance Director Kimberly Williams.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor White requests a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner McDowell,

to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A.** [24-0995](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2024 Certification of Taxable Value, Proposed Millage and Scheduled Dates for Public Hearings.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including maximum millage, rolled back rate analysis, general fund by department, general fund overview, general fund budget proposals by department, and history of millage rate.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding effective millage rate.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to direct the City Manager to submit the 2024 Certification of Taxable Value with the proposed millage rate of 3.7667. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to approve the dates of September 11, 2024 at 5:01 p.m. and September 25, 2024 at 5:01 p.m. for the Budget Hearings. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____

Heather Faust, City Clerk