



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes 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*

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Tuesday, June 25, 2024

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Board Specialist Bodmer, Fire Chief Titus, Police Chief Garrison, Public Works Director Speake, Senior Executive Assistant Duffey, and Planner Brown

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Garrison.

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

In person public comment:

Valdy Olender: Spoke to the Constitution and city water install cost.

## **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A. [24-0214](#) Announcement of Current Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies**

Mayor White announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read the announcements.

Ms. Faust read the announcements into the record.

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor White announced the item and queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item No. 24-0775 being pulled for discussion. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

### **A. [24-0673](#) Ratification of City Manager's Use of Emergency Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Crom LLC., DBA Crom Coatings and Restorations to Perform Emergency Restoration to the Ground Storage Tanks at the Myakkahatchee Creek Water Treatment Plant and Booster Stations Under Purchase Order No. 50869 Not to Exceed \$47,463.00**

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

### **B. [24-0744](#) Approve Work Assignment 2023-10PW with Johnson Engineering, Inc. for Design of the Stockton Avenue Extension Across the MacCaughey Waterway to Improve Overall City Connectivity in the Estimated Amount of \$337,233.00**

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

### **C. [24-0748](#) Approve Second Amendment to Contract No. 2023-19 for Jeffrey Lake Sea Wall and Sidewalk Reconstruction with Thomas Marine Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$25,863.61.**

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- D. [24-0775](#) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Work Assignment 2023-07PW with Consor Engineers, LLC for the Temporary Traffic Signals at I-75 and Toledo Blade Boulevard and Sumter Boulevard in the Amount of \$82,038.38

Mayor White announced the item.

Commissioner McDowell spoke to the item.

Mr. Speake spoke to temporary signals.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding signal design work, time frame, and accidents.

There was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve Item No. 24-0775 as amended to not include Sumter Boulevard. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

- E. [24-0783](#) Approve Alchemy Technology Group Statement of Work ID 14720, for the Implementation of Multifactor Authentication Software in the Amount of \$16,895.00.

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- F. [24-0797](#) Approve the Agreement Between the Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. and the City of North Port, Florida for the School Resource Officer Program, in the Total Amount of \$89,170.00.

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- G. [24-0817](#) Approve Modification #6 to the Sub-Grant Agreement Between the Division of Emergency Management and the City of North Port for the City Hall Generator Project Extending the Period of Agreement to November 30, 2024 and Increase Federal Funding by \$39,756.35

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- H. [24-0823](#) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. CAC2023-0027, a Technology Services Agreement Between Sarasota County and the City of North Port for the County's Continued Provision of Hosting Services for the City of North Port Servers and Network Equipment for the Term of One Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$13,284.24.

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- I. [24-0838](#) Approve the March 7, 2024 Commission Special Meeting, March 7, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting, April 2, 2024 Commission Joint Meeting, April 4, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting, April 23, 2024 Special Meeting, and May 6, 2024 Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- J. [24-0842](#) Approve the Appointment of Kevin Burris a Regular Member of the Veterans Park Advisory Committee, to Serve a Second Term From June 25, 2024, to June 25, 2027.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- K. [24-0844](#) Approve the Appointment of Melodi Wilson a Regular Member of the Veterans Park Advisory Committee, to Serve a Second Term From June 25, 2024, to June 25, 2027.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- L. [24-0887](#) Approve the June 6, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

## **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **RESOLUTION:**

- A. [RES. NO. 2024-R-19](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Vacating a Portion of the Rear Maintenance Easement of Lot 13, Block 1328, 26th Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision; Providing for Findings; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.(QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Mayor White announced the item, stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing, and directed the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only and swore in those wishing to provide testimony.

Mayor White called for disclosure of ex-parte communications.

Commissioner McDowell, Vice Chair Stokes, Commissioner Langdon, Mayor White, and Commissioner Emrich disclosed no ex-parte communications.

Ms. Faust stated there were no aggrieved parties.

The applicant was not present.

Mr. Brown, being duly sworn, provided a presentation including overview, applicant, property owner, request, location, compliance with Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and Florida Statutes, and recommendations.

There were no rebuttals by the Staff.

There was no public comment.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding time lapse from installation

to now and request for vacation, and cost to vacate.

There were no closing arguments by Staff.

Mayor White closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-R-19 as presented and to direct staff to refund \$400 of the easement vacation fee.***

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding amount of refund, application for extension, cost incurred by City, buyer obligations, allowance for refund, and payments received.

Ms. Slayton provided legal guidance regarding code language for deferral of application fees.

***A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to replace "\$400" with "the cost of vacation of easement." The motion to amend carried on the following vote:***

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

**No:** 1 - Vice Mayor Stokes

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

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

**No:** 1 - Vice Mayor Stokes

**B. [RES. NO. 2024-R-26](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Accepting the Transfer of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure and Improvements and Associated Warranties in Wellen Park Golf and Country Club, Phase 1A; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Filing of Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor White announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-R-26 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**ORDINANCE - FIRST READING:**

- A. [ORD. NO. 2024-11](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Related to the Construction Traffic Road Fee, Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Section 66-69; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor White announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Special Districts Code Section.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to continue Ordinance No. 2024-11 to second reading on July 23, 2024. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- A. [24-0878](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Adoption of the City of North Port 2022-2025 Strategic Vision Plan.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item with emphasis on Quality of Life Indicator 3.2 debt recovery amount.

Ms. Duffey spoke to removal of 50% total cost recovery.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adopt the 2022-2025 Strategic Vision Plan as amended to remove all language after "and" from Quality-of-Life Indicator 3.2. The motion carried on the***

***following vote:***

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

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Faust read the following eComments into the record:  
Nonprofits Nonprofits: Spoke to mosquito control.

**8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. [24-0908](#) Vice Mayor Stokes' Communications  
Vice Chair Stokes did not provide a report.
- B. [24-0312](#) Mayor White's Communications  
Mayor White's reported on important topics and events attended.
- C. [24-0261](#) Commissioner McDowell's Communications  
Commissioner McDowell reported on important topics and events attended.
- D. [24-0293](#) Commissioner Emrich's Communications  
Commissioner Emrich did not provide a report.
- E. [24-0244](#) Commissioner Langdon's Communications  
Commissioner Langdon reported on important topics and events attended.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:**

- A. [24-0229](#) City Clerk's Monthly Report  
Ms. Faust did not provide a report.
- B. [24-0885](#) City Attorney's Monthly Report  
Ms. Slayton did not provide a report.
- C. [24-0888](#) City Manager's Monthly Report  
Mr. Fletcher did not provide a report.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Alice White, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Heather Faust, City Clerk