



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

Thursday, September 5, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Heather Faust, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Human Resources Director Christine McDade

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Urban Forester Ryan Pieper.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor White requested a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, 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:

Martin Lumpert: Expressed concern with mowing of city property and communication to staff and Commissioners.

Monica Becket: Spoke to Drug Free Youth (DFY) program funding.

Commission discussion took place regarding staff contacting Ms. Becket regarding funding options.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to Parks and Recreation inclusion in the program and contacting Ms. Becket.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [24-1173](#) Welcome New Employees
- Mayor White announced the item.
- Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.
- Ms. McDade acknowledged new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [24-0982](#) Recognition of Todd Garrison, Police Chief Honored With William B. Berger Outstanding Chief Executive of the Year Award by the Florida Police Chiefs Association.
- Commission presented this recognition.*
- B. [24-1141](#) Present 2024 Greenest Citizen Award to Jake Maurer.
- Commission presented this award.*
- C. [24-1144](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming September 2024 as Attendance Awareness Month, to be Presented to Beth Duda on Behalf of The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.
- Commission presented this proclamation.*
- D. [24-1184](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming September 15, 2024, Through September 21, 2024, as National Forensic Science Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department Crime Scene Unit.
- Commission presented this proclamation.*
- E. [24-1185](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming September 20, 2024, as National Crime and Intelligence Analyst Appreciation Day, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department Intelligence Unit.
- Commission presented this proclamation.*
- F. [24-1187](#) Presentation of Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) Awards and Achievements, to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division, and Marketing and Engagement Manager Laura Ansel.
- Commission presented this award.*

- G. [24-1188](#) Presentation of Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) Awards and Achievements, to be Presented to the City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department.

Commission presented this award.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk