



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

Michael Golen, Interim City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Monday, October 7, 2024

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.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 Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Fire Chief Titus, Police Chief Garrison, and Board Specialist Bodmer

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor White requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

[ORD. NO.
2024-41](#)

An Emergency Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Declaring a State of Local Emergency Caused by the Threat Posed by Hurricane Milton, Granting the City Manager or Designee the Authority to take Actions in Accordance with Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(A), and Suspending Standard Procedures and Formalities for those Matters Identified in

Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(A)5, Including but not Limited to the Procurement of Goods and Services Necessary to Address the Declared Emergency; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date; and Providing for Duration.

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

Mr. Powell read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Chief Titus spoke to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), storm update, evacuation, and emergency services lockdown.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to potential meeting schedule adjustments.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding potential rainfall, time sensitive items, terminology, meeting rescheduling procedure, and state of emergency.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-41 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

Recess was taken from 10:18 a.m. to 10:28 a.m.

Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Powell spoke to rescheduling October 8th meeting.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding meeting rescheduling procedure.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to postpone the Commission Regular meeting on October 8, 2024 to October 22, 2024 at 10 a.m. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

There was no public comment.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

