



City of North Port

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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, July 11, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, 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, Police Legal Advisor Coughlin, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Sturgess, Human Resources Director McDade, Deputy Police Chief Morales, and Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner McDowell spoke to the passing of Pat Love and provided information regarding his celebration of life.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Trish Sturgess.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [24-0940](#) Welcome New Employees
- Mayor White announced the item.
- Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.
- Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [24-0794](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month, to be Presented to North Port Parks and Recreation Department.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- B. [24-0855](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming August 4th Through August 10th, 2024, as National Health Center Week, to be Presented to Christine Coviello on Behalf of CenterPlace Health.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- C. [24-0837](#) Presentation of Certificates and Awards Earned in the Government Communications Program Through the Florida Municipal Communicators Association, to be Presented to the North Port Communications Division, North Port Police Department, Chief of Staff Joshua Taylor, Communications Manager Jason Bartolone, and Deputy Communications Manager Madison Ingalls.
- Commission presented the Certificates and Awards.*
- D. [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.
- This item was continued to the September 5, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk