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**To:** [Matthew Powell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Key to the City Recognition Request Bill Gunnin  
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I support this recognition.  
Phil

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**From:** Matthew Powell <mpowell@northportfl.gov>  
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**Cc:** Heather Faust <hfaust@northportfl.gov>  
**Subject:** Key to the City Recognition Request Bill Gunnin

Good morning Commissioners,

We received the below request for a Key to the City for Bill Gunnin. I've attached our Commission policy on keys for reference.

Please respond individually by **REPLY**, do not **REPLY ALL**, if you would like to proceed with bestowing a key to the City and/or a Proclamation for Bill Gunnin.

Thank you and have a great day!



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**From:** Gid Pool <gidpool@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recognition

ALERT



Greetings,

A month or so ago I mentioned the idea of recognizing the Executive Director of the local Chamber of Commerce. Bill Gunnin has been the head during a massive growth of North Port. His hard work and self-giving nature was the reason the Chamber kept pace with the growth in businesses in North Port, providing them the support, information and tools for success.

I have just submitted a request for him to be given the key to the city, an honor that could not be more well deserved. I request your support in this, so that this one-of-a-kind asset to the city be given the proper recognition he deserves.

Here is my idea of the proclamation:

## **City of North Port**

### **Proclamation & Presentation of the Key to the City**

**WHEREAS**, William Gunnin has devoted his time, energy, and leadership to the advancement and prosperity of the business community in the City of North Port; and

**WHEREAS**, through his tireless efforts, Mr. Gunnin has played a central role in fostering the growth and development of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, ensuring it has expanded in step with the city's remarkable growth; and

**WHEREAS**, his dedication, vision, and commitment have been invaluable in creating opportunities for local businesses, strengthening community ties, and enhancing the economic vitality of North Port; and

**WHEREAS**, his work has inspired others, uplifted our community, and contributed greatly to the spirit of cooperation and progress that defines our city;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, [Mayor's Name], Mayor of the City of North Port, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby present to

## **WILLIAM GUNNIN**

the **Key to the City of North Port** as a symbol of our deepest gratitude and highest esteem, in recognition of his outstanding service, unwavering dedication, and lasting contributions to the betterment of our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of North Port to be affixed this [day] of [month], [year].

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**Jerome Fletcher**

**Mayor, City of North Port**

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