



# 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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Thursday, May 2, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 3 - Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White and Vice Mayor Philip Stokes

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Pete Emrich and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Powell, Police Chief Todd Garrison, and Deputy Fire Chief Nick Herlihy

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the North Port Aquatic Center Division.

### **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:** 3 - Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White and Vice Mayor Stokes

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Langdon

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Powell read the following eComment into the record:  
Joshua Smith: spoke to walking trail preservation.

### **3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

- A. [24-0582](#) Welcome New Employees
- Mayor White announced the item.
- Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.
- Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

#### **4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. [24-0348](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 19, 2024, Through May 25, 2024, as National Public Works Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Public Works Department.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- B. [24-0480](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2024 as Drowning Prevention Awareness Month, to be Presented to North Port Aquatics.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- C. [24-0522](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 19th through May 25th, 2024, as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, to be Presented to North Port Fire Rescue.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- D. [24-0523](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 5th through May 11th, 2024, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week, to be Presented to North Port Fire Rescue.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- E. [24-0583](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Dee Dee Gozion as an Outstanding Advocate for the North Port Art Center and the Artist Community, to be Presented to Dee Dee Gozion.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- F. [24-0585](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 15th Through May 21st, 2024, as National Police Week, and May 15th, 2024, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day to be Presented to Police Chief Todd Garrison.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- G. [24-0676](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2024 as Building Safety Month, to be Presented to the Building Division of the Department of Development Services.
- Commission presented the Proclamation.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk