



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

Michael Golen, Interim City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, October 3, 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 Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Bodmer, Police Captain Fussell, and Human Resources Director McDade

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joan Morgan.

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. [24-1471](#) Welcome New Employees

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [24-1457](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Manufacturing Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Economic Development Division and Manufacturing Partners.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- B. [24-1186](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024, as National Head Start Awareness Month, to be Presented to Evan Ackerman on Behalf of Children First, Inc.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- C. [24-1339](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Florida Native Plant Month, to be Presented to Kristin Hoffschmidt on Behalf of the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- D. [24-1377](#) Presentation of Certificates to the First Graduating Class of North Port University (NPU), to be Presented to the Graduating Class.
Commission presented the Certificates.
- E. [24-1379](#) Presentation of City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) Silver Circle Award, to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division.
Commission presented the Award.
- F. [24-1384](#) Recognition of North Port Resident and City Volunteer, Joan Morgan, for Receiving the 2024 Florida Recreation and Park Association Voluntary Service - Individual Award.
Commission presented the Award.
- G. [24-1385](#) Recognition of the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Department for Receiving Four (4) SUNsational Awards From the Florida Festival and Events Association.
Commission presented the Awards.
- H. [24-1395](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 24th Through November 2nd, 2024, as Mobility Week, to be Presented to Carmen Maldonado on Behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
Commission presented the Proclamation.

- I. [24-1409](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Information Technology Division.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- J. [24-1444](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Human Resources Department.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- K. [24-1460](#) Presentation of Aetna Workplace Well-being Making a Difference Award for 2024, to be Presented to the City of North Port Human Resources Department.
Commission presented the Award.
- L. [24-1461](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 28, 2024, as National First Responders Day, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department and Fire Rescue Department.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- M. [24-1467](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 21st Through October 27th, 2024, as Florida City Government Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division.
Commission presented the Proclamation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk