



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

### **CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**Pete Emrich, Mayor**  
**Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor**  
**Phil Stokes, Commissioner**  
**David Duval, Commissioner**  
**Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner**

### **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Jerome Fletcher, City Manager**  
**Michael Fuino, City Attorney**  
**Heather Faust, City Clerk**

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Thursday, March 5, 2026

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and spoke to public comment procedures.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow, Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon and Commissioner Philip Stokes

### **ALSO PRESENT**

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Fuino, Deputy City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, and Human Resources Assistant Director Knowles.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Commissioner Jill Luke.

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Duval, Commissioner Petrow, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

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

In Person:

Bill Gunnin: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0411.

Sean Burroughs: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0411.

Joan Morgan: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0411.

Tim Doyle: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0411.

Debbie McDowell: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0411.

**3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

- A. [26-0420](#) Welcome New Employees  
 Mayor Emrich announced the item.  
 Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.  
 Ms. Knowles announced the new employees.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. [26-0411](#) Presentation of a Key to the City to Jill Luke.  
*Commission presented the Key to the City.*
- B. [26-0358](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming March 9th Through March 15th, 2026, as Flood Awareness Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Natural Resources Division.  
*Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- C. [26-0391](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming March 1st through March 7th, 2026, as Women In Construction Week, to be Presented to Angie Knickerbocker on Behalf of Gulf Coast Florida Chapter.  
*Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- D. [26-0426](#) Presentation of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Designation to be Presented to Deputy City Clerk Matthew Powell.  
*Commission presented the Certification.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

In Person:  
Tim Doyle: Expressed concerns regarding trespassing and society concerns.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Emrich, Mayor

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