



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Workshop

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Alice White, Vice Mayor

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

Phil Stokes, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Monday, March 6, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 244

[23-0457](#)

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Public Comment Process

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Ms. Jianelli introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding current process difficulties, submitting cards prior to meeting versus during, policy requirements and limitations, Consent Agenda public comment process, rules of decorum and policy, limiting distractions, creating a new procedure, encouraging public involvement, possible changes to public comment card, meeting times related to public involvement, pausing during meeting to organize cards, Vice Mayor role, informing public of process regarding answering questions during public comment, City Manager role, importance of respect, personal attacks versus professional criticism, using judgment, and determining tone.

There was consensus to direct the City Clerk to bring back a policy to include public comment process on Consent Agenda items.

There was consensus to direct the City Clerk to bring back suggestions for a process to handle public comment cards more efficiently, without it creating distractions.