



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes Road and Drainage District Governing Body

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Phil Stokes, Mayor

Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

David Duval, Commissioner

Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Michael Golen, Interim City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, September 4, 2025

5:01 PM

City Commission Chambers

Budget Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Chief Garrison, and Fire Chief Titus.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Stokes requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yaseen Rowzani: Expressed concern with business tax amounts and methodology process impact on small business.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Stokes announced the item and queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to approve the items in the consent agenda. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

- A. [25-2664](#) Approve the June 24, 2025 Road and Drainage District Governing Body Special Meeting Minutes, June 24, 2025 Road and Drainage Regular Meeting Minutes, and July 8, 2025 Road and Drainage Regular Meeting Minutes

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. [RES. NO. 2025-R-50](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, as the Governing Body of the North Port Road and Drainage District, Adopting, Certifying, and Confirming the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and Capital Improvements Assessment Rates and Adopting and Certifying the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the North Port Road and Drainage District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-50 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner Petrow dissenting due to rate increases.

Yes: 4 - Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon, Commissioner Duval and Mayor Stokes

No: 1 - Commissioner Petrow

- B. [RES. NO. 2025-R-55](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, as the Governing Body of the North Port Road and Drainage District, Adopting the Tentative Road and Drainage District Budget for the Fiscal

Year Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026; Prescribing the Terms, Conditions, and Provisions with Respect to the Items of Appropriation and their Payment; Providing for Supplemental Appropriations and Reappropriations; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Duval, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-55 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner Petrow dissenting due to rate increases

Yes: 4 - Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon, Commissioner Duval and Mayor Stokes

No: 1 - Commissioner Petrow

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk