



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Fuino, Deputy City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Chief Garrison, Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy, Grants Division Manager Malingowski, Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Sturgess, Social Services Manager Carrillo, Public Works Director Speake, Solid Waste Manager Lama, and Assistant City Manager Wisner.

Mayor Emrich read statement regarding rules of decorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Administrative Services Specialist Sara Lane.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:
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2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including mission and vision, strategic pillars, staffing levels versus population growth, employees to residents ratio, government spending per resident, 2015-2027 millage rate history, Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 ad valorem projections, ten-year taxable value history, major General Fund revenues, General Fund budget overviews by department, source, and key changes, total budget by department and fund, grants, Road and Drainage, Fire, and Solid Waste districts overview, budget reduction efforts, property tax updates, budget proposals impacting positions, Human Resources and Police Department organizational charts, performance measures, budget summaries, and service level impacts and changes.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding outsourcing, community outreach, overtime structure, vehicle allowances, Convocation of Government (COG) meetings, public safety, departmental cost-cutting options, disaster relief reimbursement projections, departmental staffing analysis recommendations, overtime pre-authorization clarifications, strategic pillars, State tax reform, affordability, infrastructure, community impacts, impact fees, and Parks and Recreation capital improvement projects.

The presentation continued regarding City Clerk and City Commission organizational charts, performance measures, budget summaries, and service level impacts and changes.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Florida League of Cities (FLC) conferences, cost-of-living increases, travel budgets, ethics training, medical benefits, and part-time versus full-time position classifications.

Recess was taken from 10:32 a.m. to 10:42 a.m.

The presentation continued regarding City Attorney, Information Technology (IT), Parks and Recreation, Social Services, Finance, City Manager's Office, Communications, Emergency Management, and Public Works organizational charts, performance measures, budget summaries, and service level impacts and changes.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Warm Mineral Springs maintenance and building renovations, nonprofit and private sponsorships and partnerships, Freedom Festival and Trick-or-Treat event reductions, North Port Aquatic Center rates, affordable housing initiatives, Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) households, pallet shelter sites, City and County cooperation, Resilient SRQ funding, special district fund allocations and methodologies, millage rates, transfer station operations, yard waste management, operational and safety concerns, budget proposal clarifications, donation pickups, and solid waste vehicle auctions.

Recess was taken from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding bulk pickups, Commission budget clarifications, one-on-one meetings, prior budget cycles, ad valorem taxes, salary reductions versus layoffs, tax reform, affordability, General Fund revenue sources, and salary freezes.

Public Comment:

Mr. Powell read the following eComments into the record:

Yaseen Rowzani: Spoke to various topics regarding the item.

Debbie McDowell: Spoke to various topics regarding the item.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk