



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

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, April 3, 2025

3:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lane, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Fire Chief Titus, Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Sturgees, Assistant City Manager Bellia, and Assistant City Attorney Coughlin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Police Chief Morales.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **25-2013** Approve the Award of Request for Proposal No. 2025-16 - Professional Services for Parks & Recreation Master Plan to GAI Consultants, Inc. in the Amount of \$249,665 for Project P25PMP Parks Master Plan.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding considering the older demographic, identifying accommodations, financial planning, service revenue breakdown, recovery rates, in-depth budget usage, and capital improvement projects (CIP).

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Manager to work with staff to develop a budget for key park assets evaluating the feasibility of doing it in house and looking at Charlotte County's approach to quantifying the operating costs of their park assets.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding legality, next steps, recommendations, and scope.

Mayor Stokes withdrew his second.

Commissioner Langdon withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Manager to work with staff to accept this contract and begin the master planning effort for Parks and Recreation. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

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