



City of North Port

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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

Thursday, May 7, 2026

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

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, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, and Human Resources Director McDade.

Mayor Emrich read statement regarding rules of decorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paul DeMello.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, 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:

Ms. Faust read the following eComments into the record:
Dedicated Employee: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0563.
North Port Employee: Expressed support of City staff.

In Person:

Jill Luke: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0631.
Valerie Ollinger: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0631.
Joan Morgan: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0631.
Tim Doyle: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0631 and spoke to various topics.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [26-0652](#) Welcome New Employees
- Mayor Emrich announced the item.
- Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.
- Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [26-0631](#) Presentation of a Key to the City to Alice White.
Commission presented the Key to the City.
- B. [26-0638](#) Recognize Commissioner Stokes for Service as Mayor From November 2024 Through November 2025.
Commission presented the Recognition.
- C. [26-0569](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2026, as ALS Awareness Month, to be Presented to Robin Lockwood.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- D. [26-0672](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 11, 2026, as National Salvation Army Day, to be Presented to Kelley Granahan on Behalf of the Sarasota County Salvation Army.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- E. [26-0460](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2026 as Building Safety Month, to be Presented to City of North Port Building Division.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- F. [26-0498](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 3rd Through May 9th, 2026, as Hurricane Preparedness Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Emergency Management Division.
Commission presented the Proclamation.
- G. [26-0526](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 10th Through May 16th, 2026, as National Police Week and May 15th, 2026, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- H. [26-0557](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2026, as Drowning Prevention Awareness Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

- I. [26-0628](#) Presentation of the American Heart Association's 2026 Mission: Lifeline Gold Achievement Award to the North Port Fire Rescue Department.

This item was not presented.

- J. [26-0563](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 7, 2026, as Michael Golen Day, to be Presented to Michael Golen of the City of North Port City Attorney's Office.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person:
Tim Doyle: Spoke to various topics.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk