



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Michael Golen, Interim City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Monday, October 7, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Pete Emrich, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, Interim City Attorney Golen, Board Specialist Bodmer, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, Natural Resources Manager Kalev, and Development Services Director Ray

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Natural Resources Manager Kalev.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Powell read the following eComments into the record:
Robin San Vicente: Spoke to the Warm Mineral Springs preservation.

2. PRESENTATION: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES

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Presentation Regarding 2024 North Port Tree Canopy Assessment

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided a presentation including overview, Sarasota County tree canopy study, Florida Urban tree canopy assessment, past North Port tree canopy assessment, tree equity score, 2024 North Port tree canopy assessment, canopy coverage, cover class distribution, map assessment excluding Myakka State Forest, Myakka State Forest

coverage, tree benefits, overall surface comparison and conclusion.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding method of canopy assessment, software used to do assessment, software updates, tree planting program, target goals, avoided runoff value, what leads us to a balanced habitat, Hurricane Ian's impact, how does the imaginary system work, sample error rate, random generated data points, tree planting area importance, filling in wetlands, and wetland mitigation.

Recess was taken from 10:00 a.m. to 10:31 a.m.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding urban tree canopy, street trees, palms are not trees, tree canopy affecting electricity bills, wood mass, previous Commission direction, status update, Environmental Advisory Board meeting, and policy on planting trees.

Mr. Powell read the following eComments into the record:
Robin San Vicente: Spoke to Natural Resources department.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk