



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular 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*

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Tuesday, September 9, 2025

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and provided required notifications regarding conducting a hybrid meeting.

Commissioner Langdon stated she will be attending the hybrid meeting via Communications Media Technology (CMT) due to experiencing a medical condition.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to accept the use of CMT for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

### **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, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Captain King, Fire Chief Titus, Planner Silva, Deputy Director of Development Services Barnes, Assistant City Attorney Coughlin, Economic Development Manager Meerman, Development Services Director Ray

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Finton.

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Stokes requests a motion to approve the agenda.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, 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:**

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:  
Gregory Culy: Expressed concern with tax increases.

## **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 Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. Resolution No. 2025-R-65 being pulled for discussion. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

- A.** [25-2252](#) Approve the Thirteenth Amendment to Construction Manager at Risk Contract No. 2023-17.001 for Construction Services Contract Phase II with Wharton-Smith, Inc., in the Amount of \$84,342.00, for Demolition Services at the Art Center Building.

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- B.** [25-2259](#) Approve Contract No. 2025-10, Road Rehabilitation Project (Cranberry Boulevard) with Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC in the Amount of \$2,161,454.32, Plus Contingency in the Amount of \$237,759.98 for a Total Amount of \$2,399,214.30.

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- C.** [25-2407](#) Approve the Central Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of North Port, Florida, and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office.

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- D.** [25-2480](#) Approve the Application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Fiscal Year 2025 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects in the Amount of \$68,000, and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City.

***This item was approved on the consent agenda.***

- E. [25-2481](#) Approve the Award of Funds From the Special Event Assistance Program to the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce in Support of the Business-to-Business Expo to be Held on August 12, 2025, in an Amount up to, and Not to Exceed, \$500 to Cover the Costs of City Fees and Services.  
*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- F. [25-2510](#) Approve the CivicPlus Master Services Agreement for the Purchase of a MuniPro Subscription in the amount of \$500.00.  
*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- G. [25-2512](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for June 2025.  
*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- H. [25-2544](#) Approve the Award of Funds From the Special Event Assistance Program to North Port Youth Soccer in Support of the Fusion Fest to be Held on November 22, 2025, in an Amount up to, and Not to Exceed, \$1,000 to Cover the Costs of City Fees and Services.  
*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- I. [25-2555](#) Approve Award of RFB No. 2025-37 EMS Supplies, Equipment, and Pharmaceuticals to Bound Tree Medical, LLC, Henry Schein, Inc., Agni Enterprises (dba) Head to Heels Safety Supplies, and Life-Assist, Inc., Effective October 1, 2025, at Established Unit Prices on an As-Needed Basis.  
*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- J. [25-2560](#) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and the City of North Port, Florida, on Behalf of the North Port Police Department Regarding Carrying Firearms and Weapons in Court Facilities.  
*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- K. [25-2562](#) Approve the July 22, 2025 Commission Regular, July 23, 2025 Commission Workshop, July 23, 2025 Commission Special, and July 30, 2025 Commission Special Meeting Minutes.  
*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*
- L. [RES. NO. 2025-R-60](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida; Approving a Replat Consisting of ± 12.0088 acres for Wellen Park Village E Tract 5 Replat - 1st Amendment Located to the South of Mezzo Drive and to the West of Merlot Avenue; Providing for Findings; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and

Providing an Effective Date.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- M. [25-2567](#) Approve the Application to the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Fire Station 83 Hardening in the Estimated Amount of \$1.1 Million and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City of North Port.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- N. [25-2570](#) Approve the Application to the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Fire Station 84 Hardening in the Estimated Amount of \$1.5 Million and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City of North Port.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- O. [25-2571](#) Approve the Travel-IQ Florida 511 Data Quality Plan Outline for Municipal Data Entry Into Florida 511 System.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- P. [25-2572](#) Approve the Application to the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Fixed Weir 120 Replacement in the Estimated Amount of \$2.9 Million and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City of North Port.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- Q. [25-2577](#) Approve the Statement of Work With Encoretech for Four (4) Hours of ndMAX Professional Services Training at no Cost to the City of North Port.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- R. [25-2579](#) Approve the Application to the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Multiple City Lift Stations Permanent Bypass Pumps in the Estimated Amount of \$2.25 Million and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City of North Port.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

- S. [25-2587](#) Approve the Application to the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Edward Byrne

Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program JAG-Direct (JAGD) Solicitation in the Amount of \$7,646, and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

T. [RES. NO. 2025-R-63](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida; Approving a Replat of a Portion Of Tract "A-1", Palmera at Wellen Park, Phases IA, IB, IC & ID Consisting of ± 11.4591 Acres, Located to the North of Foxtail Loop, to the East of Foxtail Loop and to the West of Foxtail Loop; Establishing a Parcel for an Amenity Center and to Dedicate Required Easements; Providing for Findings; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

U. [25-2621](#)

Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for July 2025.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

V. [25-2626](#)

Approve the Appointment of Timothy M. Robinson as a Regular Member to Serve on the Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees From September 9, 2025, Through September 9, 2027.

*This item was approved on the consent agenda.*

W. [RES. NO. 2025-R-65](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City Of North Port, Florida; Approving a Final Plat for the Central Parc Phase 3 Subdivision, a 188-Lot Residential Subdivision on Approximately 55.85 Acres Located to the West of Sumter Boulevard, to the North of Greenwood Avenue and to the East Of Sabal Trace Drive; Providing for Findings; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Ms. Langdon spoke continuing the item due to lawsuit and consulting with legal counsel.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding discussion with legal counsel, and administrative approval.

Mr. Golen spoke to passed legislation regarding administrative approval and responded to Commission questions regarding administrative approval criteria.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-65 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Langdon

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

##### **RESOLUTION:**

**A. [RES. NO. 2025-R-67](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Vacating the Drainage and Utility Easement for Lots 32 and 33, Block 329, of 5th Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision; Providing for Findings; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Mayor Stokes announced the item, stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing, and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only and swore in those wishing to provide testimony:

Mayor Stokes called for disclosure of ex-parte communications.

Commissioner Petrow disclosed a conversation with petitioner. Vice Mayor Emrich, Mayor Stokes, and Commissioner Langdon disclosed no ex-parte communications. Commissioner Duval disclosed discussion with the City Manager.

Ms. Faust stated there were no aggrieved parties.

Adriana Silva, being duly sworn, provided a presentation including overview, background, review process, compliance with Florida Statutes and Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), and staff recommendations.

There were no rebuttals.

There was no public comment.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding applicant payment of associated fees.

There were no closing arguments.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-67 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**B. [RES. NO. 2025-R-61](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Revising the List of Proposed Infrastructure Projects Funded Through Sarasota County's Collection of the One Percent Infrastructure Sales Surtax Proceeds for Years 2025 Through 2039; 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 Duval, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-61 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**C. [RES. NO. 2025-R-64](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Designating the City's Administrative Authority and Administrative Official for the Administrative Approval of Plats and Replats Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 177.071; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals, 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 Vice Mayor Emrich, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-R-64 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**ORDINANCE - First Reading:**

**D. [ORD. NO. 2025-22](#)**

An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Future Land Use Designation From Conservation to Agricultural Estates for ± 3.30 Acres of Land Generally Located West of Jennings Boulevard in Section 24, Township 40 South, Range 20 East of Sarasota County and Further Described in Instrument No. 2022010157 in Official Records of Sarasota County; Amending the City of North Port Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2,



Future Land Use Map 2-7; Providing for Findings; Providing for Adoption; Providing for Transmittal of Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Barnes provided a presentation including overview, background, site information, review process, consistency with Florida Statutes, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and Comprehensive Plan, property rights element, conservation element, school facilities element, public notices, neighborhood meeting, and staff recommendations.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding rezoning error, ULDC rewrite, property rights, and conservation designation.

Public Comment:

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:

Maria Leslie: Expressed opposition of the item.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Duval, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to continue Ordinance No. 2025-22 to second reading on September 23, 2025. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**E. [ORD. NO. 2025-21](#)**

An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Rezoning ± 3.30 Acres of Land Located West of Jennings Boulevard in Section 24, Township 40 South, Range 20 East of Sarasota County and Further Described in Instrument No. 2022010157 in Official Records of Sarasota County, From Environmental Conservation Classification (EC) to Agriculture (AG) Classification; Amending the Official Zoning Map; Providing for Findings; Providing for Filing of Approved Documents; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflicts; and Providing an Effective Date. (QUASI-JUDICIAL).

Mayor Stokes announced the item, stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing, and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:***



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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only and swore in those wishing to provide testimony.

Mayor Stokes called for disclosure of ex-parte communications.

Commissioner Duval disclosed meeting with the City Manager. Mayor Stokes, Vice Mayor Emrich, and Commissioner Petrow disclosed no ex-parte communications.

Ms. Faust stated there were no aggrieved parties.

Ms. Barnes provided a presentation including overview, background, site information, review process, staff analysis findings, compliance with Florida Statutes, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), and Comprehensive Plan, public notices, neighborhood meetings, and staff recommendations.

There were no rebuttals.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding process for public feedback during neighborhood meetings.

There was no public comment.

There were no closing arguments.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Duval, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to continue Ordinance No. 2025-21 to second reading on September 23, 2025. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**F. [ORD. NO. 2025-20](#)**

An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Section 2-510 Regarding Subpoena Procedures Related to Code Enforcement Hearings; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance 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 Duval, to continue Ordinance No. 2025-20 to second reading on September 23, 2025. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**G. [ORD. NO. 2025-19](#)**

An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Providing for Use of Speed Detection Systems in School Zones, Designating Local Hearing Officers to Conduct Hearings on Contested Violations and Determining School Zones Where Speed Detection Systems Will be Placed; Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, by Adding Section 74-31; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding importance, financial impact, locations, revenue, and time frame for placement.

Public Comment:

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:

John Rein: Expressed support of the item.

Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to continue Ordinance No. 2025-19 to second reading on September 23, 2025. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**H. [ORD. NO. 2025-23](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Relating to Fines and Liens; Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Section 2-511 to Expand and Clarify the Lien Reduction Program for Code Enforcement Fines; Providing for Conflicts, Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion regarding purpose of ordinance.

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 Duval, to continue Ordinance No. 2025-23 to second reading on September 23, 2025. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

I. [ORD. NO. 2025-29](#)

An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Regarding Quasi-Judicial Proceedings; Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Section 2-79 through 2-84; Providing for Conflicts, Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Stokes announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion aggrieved party determination, purpose of Ordinance, legal standing, and criteria establishment.

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 Duval, to continue Ordinance No. 2025-29 to second reading on September 23, 2025. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Petrow

Recess was taken from 11:35 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

## **5. PRESENTATION: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES**

### **A. [25-2702](#) Presentation - Economic Development Update**

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Mr. Meerman provided a presentation including Lending Tree announcement, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) partnership, State College of Florida (SCF) partnership, continued growth of small businesses, Chamber Champion recognition, current development map, trade shows, inbound missions, active development relationships, Activity Centers 6 and 10, and aerospace and aviation.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding relocations, workforce, incentives, density, sports centric, tracking metrics, quarterly update workshops, city owned properties for development, and mobile activity for marketing.

There was no public comment.

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

### **A. [25-2468](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Nomination for Acquisition of Parcel No. 0997034655 Under the Sarasota County Land Acquisition Program.**

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion nomination, commercial zoning, planning recommendations, environmental constraints, intention of nomination, and donation options.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Mayor Stokes, to reject the nomination for acquisition of Parcel No. 0997034655 under the Sarasota County Land Acquisition Program. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner Duval dissenting due to the need for both commercial and conservation.***

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Duval

**B. [25-2624](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Interim City Attorney's Performance Evaluation.

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion performance, prior and current compensation, 2024 evaluation, facilitating new City Attorney, budget inclusion, and impact on City Attorney negotiations.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve \$198,000 annual salary for the Interim City Attorney based on the performance evaluation.***

Commission discussion took place regarding annual percentage increases versus salary amount.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to charter officer increases.

***A motion to amend was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to remove "\$198,000 annual salary" and add "7.5% increase". The motion to amend carried on the following vote:***

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

***The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:***

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

Commission discussion took place regarding an agenda item on Commission compensation.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

## **8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. [25-2689](#)** Commissioner Duval's Communications

Commissioner Duval reported on events attended.

**B. [25-2690](#)** Commissioner Langdon's Communications

Commissioner Langdon did not have a report.

**C. [25-2691](#)** Mayor Stokes' Communications

Mayor Stokes reported on events attended.

**D. [25-2692](#)** Vice Mayor Emrich's Communications

Vice Mayor Emrich did not have a report.

**E. [25-2693](#)** Commissioner Petrow's Communications

Commissioner Petrow reported on events attended.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:**

Mr. Fletcher did not have a report.

Mr. Golen thanked Commission for support during interim position.

Ms. Faust did not have a report.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk