



City of North Port

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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

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

B. [26-0181](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Tasking the Charter Review Advisory Board to Review and Provide Recommendations Regarding Potentially Revising Section 5.02 of the City Charter Though a Referendum Question to Incorporate Language Regarding Commissioner Communication With City Staff (Requested by Commissioner Petrow).

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Commissioner Petrow spoke to the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding interpretation of Punta Gorda Charter language.

Mr. Fuino spoke on statutory language regarding exceptions to general rules.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding different forms of government, impact of external agendas, direction to the Charter Review Advisory Board, access to information and staff, cost of referendum, commitment to follow the Charter, Attorney General opinion, similar issues in other municipalities, attendance at city events, and transparency.

Public Comment:

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:

Cheryl Cook: Expressed opposition to expanding Commissioner authority and spoke to Charter conflicts, legal and operational risks, and volunteer board involvement.

In Person:

Robin San Vicente: Spoke to Charter language and communication standards.

Joan Morgan: Spoke to prior petition experience and motivation for public efforts related to the Charter.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Petrow, seconded by Commissioner Duval,

to task the Charter Review Advisory Board to review and provide recommendations regarding potentially revising Section 5.02 of the City Charter through a referendum question to incorporate language regarding Commissioner communication with City staff.

Commission discussion continued regarding language review to determine if Charter should be changed, and Charter Review Advisory Board (CRAB) purpose.

A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Petrow, seconded by Commissioner Duval, to incorporate language to allow Commissioners to ask questions of city employees. The motion to amend failed on the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Duval and Commissioner Petrow

No: 3 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

The main motion failed on the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Duval and Commissioner Petrow

No: 3 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon and Commissioner Stokes

Recess was taken from 1:45 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, to reorder the agenda to hear Item No. 25-2920 at this time.

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