



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
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*

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Thursday, January 8, 2026

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Captain Fussell, Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy, and Human Resources Director McDade.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Korte.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

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

Mr. Powell read the following eComment into the record:

Anonymous: Expressed opposition of the City's rebranding efforts.

### 3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- A. [26-0215](#) Welcome New Employees  
Mayor Emrich announced the item.  
Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.  
Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. [26-0218](#) Presentation of a Key to the City to Bud Korte (Posthumously).  
*Commission presented the Key to the City.*
- B. [25-3039](#) Presentation of Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) Award to be Presented to Parks & Grounds Assistant Manager Thomas Brown.  
*Commission presented the Award.*
- C. [26-0001](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming January 18th Through January 24th, 2026, as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week, to be Presented to Rebecca Fleetwood on Behalf of Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA).  
*Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- D. [26-0244](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming January 8, 2026, as North Port as a Purple Heart City, to be Presented Kevin and Lauren Wallace of the Van of Valor Project.  
*Commission presented the Proclamation.*
- E. [26-0237](#) Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Kevin and Lauren Wallace in Recognition of the Van of Valor Project.  
*Commission presented the Certificate of Recognition.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Emrich, Mayor

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