



City of North Port

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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

Thursday, October 2, 2025

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Lindner, Human Resources Director McDade, Police Chief Garrison, and Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by North Port University graduate Ginger Miranda.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

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

There was no public comment.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

A. [25-2776](#) Welcome New Employees

Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. McDade announced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [25-2705](#) Presentation of Certificates to the Graduating Class of North Port University (NPU), to be Presented to the Graduating Class.
Commission presented the certificates.
- B. [25-2670](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to be Presented to Michelle Cote on Behalf of Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, INC. (SPARCC).
Commission presented the proclamation.
- C. [25-2782](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025 as Florida Native Plant Month, to be Presented to Ava Lasseter on Behalf of Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.
Commission presented the proclamation.
- D. [25-2292](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 6th Through October 10th, 2025, as National Customer Service Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Customer Service Staff.
Commission presented the proclamation.
- E. [25-2539](#) Presentation of the JustServe Award Recognizing the City of North Port for its Efforts in Encouraging Volunteering with Activities and Programs, to be Presented to the City of North Port.
Commission presented the award.
- F. [25-2652](#) Presentation of an FCRM (Florida Certified Records Manager) Certification Achieved through FRMA (Florida Records Management Association), to be Presented to Glorimar Fonseca of the City of North Port Clerks Department.
Commission presented the certificate.
- G. [25-2653](#) Recognition of the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Department for Receiving Three (3) SUNsational Awards from the Florida Festivals & Events Association.
Commission presented the awards.
- H. [25-2667](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, to be Presented to City of North Port

Information Technology.

Commission presented the proclamation.

- I. [25-2674](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 20th Through October 26th, 2025, as Florida City Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Communications.

Commission presented the proclamation.

- J. [25-2697](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 23rd Through October 31st, 2025, as Red Ribbon Week, to be Presented to City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department.

Commission presented the proclamation.

- K. [25-2725](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 5th Through October 11th, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week, to be Presented to the City of North Port Fire Rescue Department.

Commission presented the proclamation.

- L. [25-2740](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 28th, 2025, as National First Responders Day, to be Presented to the City of North Port Police Department and City of North Port Fire Rescue Department.

Commission presented the proclamation.

- M. [25-2778](#) Presentation of City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) Award of Excellence, to be Presented to the City of North Port Communications Division.

Commission presented the award.

- N. [25-2792](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to be Presented to the City of North Port Human Resources Department.

Commission presented the proclamation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Phil Stokes, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk