



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Special 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, May 7, 2026

1:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 1:00 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, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller, Aquatics Manager Poulos, Communications Manager Bartolone, and Social Services Manager Carrillo.

Mayor Emrich read statement regarding rules of decorum.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Doyle.

### **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:**

Ms. Faust read the following eComments into the record:

Michele Moore: Spoke to various topics.

Melissa Tanguay: Spoke to various topics.

Robin San Vicente: Spoke to various topics.  
Mike Adams: Spoke to various topics.

In Person:

Debbie Blackwell: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0700 and spoke to various topics.  
Tim Doyle: Spoke to various topics.  
Joan Morgan: Expressed support of Item No. 26-0700 and spoke to various topics.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**A. [26-0700](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Parks & Recreation Department's Details of Service Delivery.**

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Pfundheller provided a presentation including overview, organizational evolution, performance metrics, cost recovery model, community benefit breakdown and framework, special events, system, public satisfaction, trust, and snapshot, maintenance division, and level of service modes.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to goals, events, and budget processes.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding maintenance outsourcing, shared equipment usage analysis, event sponsorship budget, sports league costs, parade sponsors, visitor tracking, contract clarifications, commercial development, enhanced services, asset investments, taxes and fees, amenity uses, referendums, Aquatics Center rental uses, childcare programs, construction upgrade, conservation easement, revenue, and impact fees.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Expressed support of the item and spoke to various topics.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding bringing this item back for further discussion.

Recess was taken from 2:30 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.

**B. [26-0701](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Communications Division's Details of Service Delivery.**

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Mr. Bartolone provided a presentation including agenda, decentralized versus centralized communications, roles and responsibilities, benefits of centralization, accomplishments, value provided and costs, and future outlook.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to benefits, misinformation, and communication improvements.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding transparency, past media communications and future changes, reputation and value, commercial growth, Homeowners Association (HOA) meetings, emergency communication outlets, customer service, and social media.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Spoke to various topics.

Marina Rechitsky: Spoke to various topics.

Elaine Emrich: Spoke to various topics.

**C. [26-0702](#)**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Social Services Division's Details of Service Delivery.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Carrillo provided a presentation including overview, agenda, mission and organization, key functions and services, direct services and administrative support, reasons for existence, grants and partnerships, community events, filling gaps and not duplicating services, Family Service Center (FSC) Community Education Center (CEC), and accessing services.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to financial model.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding goals, FSC and CEC building conditions, county funding clarifications, duplication of services, nonprofit coordination, transportation barriers, vulnerable populations, and digital access barriers.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Spoke to various topics.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

In Person:

Tim Doyle: Spoke to various topics.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Heather Faust, City Clerk