



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Community Economic Development Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:30 AM

City Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Burroughs called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 8 - Chair Burroughs, Board Member LaCour, Vice Chair Holland, Board Member Endee, Board Member Eisenhower, Board Member Jerome, Board Member Perkins and Board Member Cheney

Absent 2 - Board Member Simon and Board Member Matassa

Also Present

Staff Liaison Meerman and Board Specialist Lindner.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [25-3020](#) Approve the October 21, 2025 Community Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Burroughs announced the item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Jerome, seconded by Board Member Cheney, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Chair Burroughs, Board Member LaCour, Vice Chair Holland, Board Member Endee, Board Member Eisenhower, Board Member Jerome, Board Member Perkins and Board Member Cheney

Absent: 2 - Board Member Simon and Board Member Matassa

6. New Business

- A. [25-3050](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Review and Approval of Draft Annual Report

Chair Burroughs announced the item.

Mr. Meerman introduced the item and provided a presentation including reports on extended operational hours, City Code Chapter 6 Alcohol Regulations, amendments to Chapter 58, completion of annual Sunshine Training, election of the Chair and Vice Chair, board membership updates, 2026 goals, strategic plan updates, short-term action recommendations, resource allocation, and economic development policy recommendations.

Chair Burroughs requested a motion.

A motion was made Board Member Cheney, seconded by Board Member Endee, to approve the presentation to be presented to Commission. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Chair Burroughs, Board Member LaCour, Vice Chair Holland, Board Member Endee, Board Member Eisenhauer, Board Member Jerome, Board Member Perkins and Board Member Cheney

Absent: 2 - Board Member Simon and Board Member Matassa

B. [25-3052](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Affordable and Obtainable Housing, Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH) Progress, Commercial Development Diversity, and Workforce Education

Chair Burroughs announced the item.

Mr. Meerman introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding City asset usage, affordable and obtainable housing, groundbreaking updates on The Waters at North Port, Moody's ratings, community support, impact fee requirements, market dynamics, Development Review Committee activity, partial-acre to multi-acre projects, retail and mixed-used projects, aerospace engineering and research and development (R&D) projects, space availability, hospitality projects, upcoming land acquisitions, Crews Bank and Trust sponsorship for State College of Florida (SCF), Board Member involvement with North Port Next Workshop, Suncoast Technical College (STC) program updates, Imagine School's program updates, articulation agreements, and budget constraints.

C. [25-3053](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommendation on City Ordinance: Corridor Transitional and Corridor Hours of Operation

Chair Burroughs announced the item.

Mr. Meerman introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding recent Commission meeting update, discriminatory activity, legal review, weekend hours, and upcoming review dates.

D. [25-3062](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2025 Annual Reporting

Chair Burroughs announced the item and noted it was already discussed during Item No. 25-3050.

7. Updates

A. [25-3051](#) Update on City Economic Development Efforts by Staff Liaison

Chair Burroughs announced the item.

Mr. Meerman introduced the item and provided an overview of development diversity, availability of active City projects, Activity Centers 1, 2, and 5, and commercial development plans.

8. Future Agenda Items

Chair Burroughs announced the item and queried Board Members regarding items to be placed on a future agenda.

Discussion took place regarding childcare providers and business types.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Burroughs adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

By: _____
Sean Burroughs, Chair