



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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

Thursday, June 11, 2026

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioner David Duval and Commissioner Philip Stokes
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Demetrius Petrow

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Fuino, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Lindner, Police Chief Garrison, Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy, Utilities Assistant Director Vuolo, Development Services Director Ray, Assistant City Manager Wisner, and Finance Director Kukharenko.

Mayor Emrich read statement regarding rules of decorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Fire Chief Nicholas Herlihy.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Faust read the following eComments into the record:
Debbie McDowell: Spoke to various topics.
City Watcher: Spoke to various topics.
Anonymous: Spoke to various topics.

In Person:
Valdy Olender: Spoke to various topics.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:[26-0846](#)

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Peter Napoli, Stantec, provided a presentation including North Port Fire District rate study update, agenda, background, 2026 study recap, historical billing units and update, budget updates, updated financial plan, and single family customer impacts.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding safety and growth, revenue, rate increase concerns, trend projection evaluation, budget cycles, Winchester annexation impacts, higher density residential and commercial property structure value clarifications, and West Villages growth projections.

Mr. Fletcher provided a presentation with Commission questions and discussion including Fire Rescue Department organizational chart, performance measures, budget summary, and Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 service level impacts and changes, equipment purchases and recruitment processes, Fire Station 87 success, State assistance, property and structure value methodology, salary funding allocations and overtime versus alternate position processes, Utilities Department organizational chart, performance measures, budget summary, and service level impacts and changes, capacity growth and operational cost-related challenges, Wellen Park and Legacy City Master Plan clarifications, vehicle efficiencies, Development Services Department organizational chart, performance measures, tree planting summary, budget summary, and service level impacts and changes, Code Enforcement timeline and proactive versus reactive processes, grid inspector assignments, administrative lien reduction programs, abandoned vehicles, State legislation impacts, Environmental Fund, tree planting projections, property acquisitions, technology for continuity of communication with customers, property relocation recommendations, and Code Enforcement body camera and training recommendations.

Recess was taken from 10:47 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.

The presentation continued with Commission questions and discussion regarding Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects by pillar, fund, department, and surtax, and Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Utilities, Fire Rescue, Development Services, and Information Technology (IT) project priorities and funding.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding funded and unfunded priorities, surtax revenue, Parks and Recreation maintenance, current asset enhancements, and impact fee utilization for resources, budget, and cost reductions.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Faust read the following eComments into the record:

Yaseen Rowzani: Spoke to various topics regarding Item No. 26-0846.

Debbie McDowell: Spoke to various topics regarding Item No. 26-0846.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk