



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Action Report City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Alice White, Mayor
Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor
Pete Emrich, Commissioner
Barbara Langdon, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, January 4, 2024

2:30 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Pete Emrich, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

Also Present:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Input and Feedback From Former Historic and Cultural Advisory Board Members on Current Duties Outlined and Accepting Applications at a Future Date.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to direct the City Clerk to work with the City Attorney to amend Section 4-191 to remove Items 1-10 and modify the board membership to a maximum of seven members, with five at-large members and preferably, but no more than, two non-resident members. The motion carried on the following vote with Vice Mayor

Stokes dissenting due to spending resources when the board has been suspended due to lack of membership.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White and Commissioner Langdon

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Stokes

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to amend the term limit for the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board to five years.

A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Emrich, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to include language that allows for prior board members terms and limits to start over at the adoption of this update. The motion to amend carried on the following vote with Vice Mayor Stokes dissenting due to spending resources when the board has been suspended due to lack of membership.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White and Commissioner Langdon

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Stokes

The main motion as amended carried on the following vote with Vice Mayor Stokes dissenting for reasons stated.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White and Commissioner Langdon

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Stokes

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Manager to create a potential position for a Research Archivist to include a job description for budgetary considerations for Fiscal Year 24/25.

Commissioner McDowell restated her motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct the Charter Officers to work together to create a potential position for a Research Archivist to include a job description for budgetary considerations for Fiscal Year 24/25 and to determine which department the position would be better suited in. The motion as restated carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

5. ADJOURNMENT: