

RESOLUTION 26-R__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE 2018 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“SRO MOU”) BETWEEN THE PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE THE THIRD (2026) ADDENDUM TO THE SRO MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 1006.12(1), Florida Statutes, school board districts and law enforcement agencies must partner to provide a safe-school officer for the protection and safety of school personnel, property, students, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 23.1225(1)(a), law enforcement agencies may enter into voluntary cooperative agreements to provide assistance across jurisdictional lines; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office (“SLCSO”) and the Port St. Lucie Police Department (“PSLPD”) have entered the School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding (“SRO MOU”) to provide School Resource Offices for the School Resource Program operated in conjunction with the School Board of St. Lucie County (“School Board”); and

WHEREAS, the SRO MOU was amended by mutual agreement in 2021 setting forth the SLCSO’s payment of “one-half of the salary and benefits” for each school resource officer provided by PSLPD; and

WHEREAS, the SRO MOU was amended by mutual agreement in 2023 setting forth the SLCSO’s payment of “one-half of the salary and benefits” for each school resource officer provided by PSLPD for the 2023-2024 school year and clarifying the invoicing schedule; and

WHEREAS, the parties propose to amend the SRO MOU by setting forth the SLCSO’s payment of “one-half of the salary and benefits” for each school resource officer provided by PSLPD for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, adding a fourth high school (Legacy High School) to the scope of the agreement for the 2025-2026 school year, and clarifying the invoicing schedule; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the Chief of Police to execute the proposed Third (2026) Addendum to the SRO MOU and take all necessary steps to effectuate the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

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Section 2. The City Council ratifies and adopts the Memorandum of Understanding and previous Addenda attached to this resolution as Exhibit “A” as the City’s Memorandum of Understanding with the SLSCO for the School Resource Officer Program.

Section 3. The City Council authorizes the Chief of Police to execute the proposed Third (2026) Addendum to the SRO MOU attached to this resolution as Exhibit “B” amending the Memorandum of Understanding with the SLSCO for the School Resource Officer Program.

Section 4. Conflict. If any resolutions, or parts of resolutions, are in conflict herewith, this Resolution shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: _____
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard Berrios, City Attorney