

**City of Port St. Lucie**  
**Affordable Housing Advisory**  
**Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**

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Port St. Lucie, Florida  
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**AHAC**

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**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**City Hall, Third Floor, Room 366**

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1. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Chair Heidt on July 17, 2025, at 2:08 p.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, in Room 366, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Stephanie Heidt, Chair

Kylee Fuhr, Vice Chair

Dawn Burlace, Chair Pro Tem

Stefan Obel

Samiea Hawkins

Members Not Present:

Quinesha Adderly-Hawkins

Anthony Bonna, Councilman

Cynthia Herrera

Immacula Carpentier, Alternate

Sandra Colon, Alternate

3. Determination of a Quorum

Chair Heidt determined there was a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.a** Approval of Minutes from the May 15, 2025 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Meeting [2025-656](#)

Mr. Obel moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025, AHAC Meeting. Ms. Hawkins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 4.b** Approval of Minutes from the February 20, 2025 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Meeting [2025-673](#)

Chair Heidt indicated the minutes reflected her as the Vice Chair and

requested to amend her title to Chair. Ms. Hawkins moved to approve the amended minutes of the February 20, 2025, AHAC Meeting. Mr. Obel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

## 5. New Business

### 5.a Discussion of the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal 4 - Housing Initiative

[2025-650](#)

Alessandra (Alex) Tasca, Deputy Director of the Neighborhood Services Department, discussed the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal 4, Housing Initiatives. (Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) She spoke about the activities to date and a draft title for the City's Housing Initiative Policy Development.

Mr. Obel questioned whether the City had vacant lots for essential worker housing in their inventory to make a significant impact. Deputy Director Tasca responded and explained there was commercial mixed-use land available in Southern Grove & Walton & One.

The Committee discussed the Cameo Drop-off Site. Chair Pro Tem Burlace suggested the site could be used as an affordable housing site.

Chair Heidt suggested working with religious institutions and discussed Yes In God's Back Yard (YIGBY).

Deputy Director Tasca stated that they would like to make the program as open as possible, accepting any proposals. She noted the need to establish equal opportunity parameters for the grant funds.

Chair Pro Tem Burlace suggested having small homes for essential workers, to which Deputy Director Tasca advised that the City did not wish to be in the business of building or managing housing. She explained the need to identify funding and establish parameters. Deputy Director Tasca stated the City would only like to incentivize and monitor. She explained YIGBY and reviewed various parts of the Essential Attainable Housing Incentivization Program (EAHIP).

Mr. Obel expressed concern about the oversight of employment turnover while participating in affordable housing. He noted the need to develop the framework to qualify for the program.

Deputy City Attorney Russell Ward presented the Committee with the EAHIP Toolbox.

Deputy Director Tasca indicated the City Council was open to anything, except for commercial linkage fees and accessory dwelling units currently.

She discussed various options to bring affordable housing to the City of Port St. Lucie.

6. Unfinished Business

There was nothing scheduled under this portion of the Agenda.

7. Public to be Heard

There was nothing heard under this item.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

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Stephanie Heidt, Chair

Attended:

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Traci Mehl, Deputy City Clerk

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Daisy Ruiz, Deputy City Clerk