

City of Port St. Lucie

Strategic Planning Session

Meeting Minutes

121 SW Port St. Lucie
Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, Florida
34984

Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

Jolien Caraballo, Vice Mayor, District IV
Stephanie Morgan, Councilwoman, District I
Dave Pickett, Councilman, District II
Anthony Bonna, Sr., Councilman, District III

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Monday, May 4, 2026

8:00 AM

**The Promenade on the River 2240 SE
Veteran's Memorial Parkway, Port St.
Lucie, FL 34952**

Day 1

1. Meeting Called to Order

A Special Meeting of the CITY COUNCIL/CITY STAFF of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Mayor Martin on May 4, 2026, at 8:35 a.m., at The Promenade on the River 2240 SE Veteran's Memorial Parkway, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public to be Heard

Resident Jared Greenberg inquired as to why his requests for variances were denied and why there was property that was not used. He explained the projects that he would like to build, and that he has asked multiple times for his fence issue to be resolved. He also inquired as to why chickens were not allowed in the City.

5. New Business

5.a Hold the 2026 Strategic Plan Workshop

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Session 1 began with mediators Alexis Baum and Tim Fife of the Transformed Learning Collective providing an overview of the next 2 days, stating that they would be focusing on 5 Strategic Planning areas. Ms.

Baum then invited each table to participate in “Strategic Plan Lore” and tell feel-good stories to start the day, and each table then picked a representative to tell their stories.

Staff discussed the various completed projects including the Police Training Facility, Real-Time Public Safety Operations Center, Tradition Regional Park, City Hall Complex Development, and O.L. Sr. Peacock Preserve Construction. They also discussed the five focus areas: Greenspace & Connection, Water & Utilities Infrastructure, Growth & Planning, Traffic & Transportation, and Jobs & Economy. The group then categorized the various projects within the City’s current goals under each of the five focus areas.

A break was called at 9:26 a.m., and the meeting resumed at 9:36 a.m.

They resumed conversations and discussed projects highlighted within a red frame on their presentations, noting that these represented items to be continued at a later time due to prioritization. They then prioritized the projects to be discussed over the next two days of the session, shared ideas for linking related topics, and discussed ways to highlight positive stories and achievements to the public. (Clerk’s Note: The communication portion will be addressed further during Day 2 discussions.)

A break was called at 10:27 a.m., and the meeting resumed at 10:51 a.m.

Session 2 began and Deputy Director Kate Parmelee provided statistics on resident input from the National Community Survey. The groups then worked at their table to discuss topics assigned by the mediators.

A lunch break was called at 12:01 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 1:12 p.m.

The groups presented their topics. Group 1 discussed utilities and water systems, stating that they were waiting for data results. They discussed items such as septic-to-sewer conversions and stormwater projects for Oak Hammock. Councilman Pickett stated that, with the support of the Council, he would be in favor of mandates for conversions, to which staff then held discussions on this. Vice Mayor Caraballo recommended that outside parties utilizing City utilities be required to be on a sewer system, and City Manager Merejo suggested including a clause requiring conversion upon the sale of a home. After discussion, the group participated in a “How Might We” scenario to brainstorm ideas.

Group 2 discussed Growth & Planning including affordable housing for

seniors, Keep PSL Beautiful, Strategic Planning, and potential locations for new facilities. Vice Mayor Caraballo recommended expanding opportunities to parks and local restaurants to help maintain a small-town feel. Councilman Bonna highlighted the City's successes, and Mayor Martin expressed concern that survey results did not appear to correlate with one another. After discussion, the group participated in a "How Might We" scenario to brainstorm ideas.

A break was called at 2:30 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 2:50 p.m.

Group 3 discussed Youth Council, internships, and affordable workforce housing. Staff discussed concerns regarding Accessible Dwelling Units (ADUs) and affordable housing. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that she would like to have a conversation with the EDC about what is missing in the City. After discussion, they participated in a 'How Might We' scenario to brainstorm ideas.

Group 4 discussed Traffic & Transportation including topics such as a Public Works management system and traffic signal coordination and revisiting the Mobility Plan. Vice Mayor Caraballo discussed incorporating electric bikes and golf carts into the multimodal plan and ensuring pedestrian safety along pathways. After discussion, the group participated in a "How Might We" scenario to brainstorm ideas.

The meeting concluded with the consensus to hear Group 5's presentation during Day 2.

6. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Calleigh Nazario, Acting City Clerk

Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk