

City of Port St. Lucie

City Council

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

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

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Monday, October 28, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

Meeting to follow the 5:30PM GFC* *Addition of Items 7R, 11C and 13A

1. Meeting Called to Order

A Regular Meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Mayor Martin on October 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present:
Mayor Shannon Martin
Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo
Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan
Councilman Anthony Bonna

Council Members Not Present:
Councilman Dave Pickett

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Proclamations and Special Presentations

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

5. Public to be Heard

(Clerk's Note: A resident wished to remain anonymous.)

A resident spoke to the Council on complaints regarding Officer Nichols and the

Officers not filing reports.

City Manager Merejo stated that he would look into the allegations made and that the situation does not reflect what the City is.

6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Councilman Bonna requested the addition of item 13.b. There being no further discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve the Agenda with additions of 7.r, 11.c, 13.a, and 13.b. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

7.a Approval of the September 23, 2024 Regular City Council and [2024-1064](#)
October 8, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7.b Termination of Restrictive Covenant Executed by Dominic J. [2024-1054](#)
Pasquale and Deborah K. Pasquale with Respect to Lots 7
and 16, Block 1790, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-Five, and
Recorded in Official Records Book 1177, Page 1142, of the
Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7.c Approve Romtec, Inc. to be Added to the Approved Vendor [2024-870](#)
List from the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #081721-RMT
for Prefabricated Concrete Buildings.

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7.d Approve the 1st Amendment to Road Impact Fee Funding [2024-1032](#)
Agreement with St. Lucie County Entered into Pursuant to
Resolution 23-R39

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7.e Ratify Amendments #1 through #4 and Approve Amendment [2024-1063](#)
#5 to Contract #20220036 for the Design Services for a New
Regional Park Facility on Torino Parkway.

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7.f Approve a Major Site Plan Amendment for Calvary Christian [2024-1082](#)
Academy (P19-160-A1).

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7.g Approval to Participate in Sourcewell Cooperative Contract [2024-1074](#)
#011124 for Uniforms with Related Products and Services.

- seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.h** Approve Developer Agreement for Project Known as Neill Farms Estates [2024-1089](#)
- seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.i** Approval to Participate in the School District of Palm Beach County Contract ITB# 24C-47M for Electrical Contractors - Service, Repair, and Installation [2024-1045](#)
- seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.j** Approve a Preliminary and Final Plat with 30% Construction Plans for Sundance Vista Boulevard (P24-101). [2024-1017](#)
- Planner Bridget Kean spoke to the Council on the conditions recommended for approval. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve item 7.j with the condition that the Construction Plans and Landscape Plans for the Sundance Vista Boulevard Plat (North-South Road "A") are submitted and approved by the Site Plan Review Committee prior to the issuance of the Public Works Department's Site Development Permit. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.k** Approve the Renewal of Contract #20100116 for the Small Utility Enterprise Agreement for the Mapping Portion of the Utility Asset Management System. [2024-1081](#)
- seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.l** Approval to Participate in the City of Sunrise Agreement #21-36-09-MS for Safety Products and Equipment. [2024-1062](#)
- seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.m** Award Contract #20240063 Fleet Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and Management Services with Vector Fleet Management, LLC. [2024-1076](#)
- seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.n** Approval to Participate in the New Smyrna Beach Utilities ITB# 27-24 for the Supply of Water and Wastewater Chemicals [2024-1044](#)
- seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.o** Approve Expenditure of Additional Funds for Contract #20150096 for Preventative Maintenance & Emergency [2024-895](#)

Repairs to Blackwell, Tiffany, and Calais Pump Stations

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.p** Approve a Final Plat and Construction Plans for Seville 6B
Phase 1, on the Request of Mattamy Palm Beach, LLC
(P22-172).

[2024-1051](#)

Planner Bethany Grubbs spoke to the Council on the conditions recommended for approval. There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve item 7.p with the following conditions:

1. Within sixty (60) days of this Plat's approval:
 - a. All comments dated July 1st, 2024 from the City's 3rd party Traffic Consultant are to be addressed in a manner satisfactory to the Public Works Department.
 - b. Tract O-16, contained within this Plat must be re-platted to facilitate conveyance and dedication of the land needed for a corner clip on the southeast corner of the Tradition Parkway and Range Line Road intersection.
 - c. Convey and dedicate to the City, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney's office, the corner clip on the southeast corner of the Tradition Parkway and Range Line Road intersection.
 - d. Convey to the City, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney's office, the northeast corner of the Tradition Parkway and Range Line Road intersection.
 2. Dedicate the corner clip on a plat, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney's office, the northeast corner of the Tradition Parkway and Range Line Road intersection at the time of platting for the property boarding this Plat to the north.
 3. Construction prior to conditions 1 and 2 being complete is "at-risk".
 4. If condition 1 is not complete within the timeframe stated therein, final plats for future phases of Seville Phase 6B, including but not limited to Phase 2 will not be processed.
 5. If condition 2 is not included with the submission of the noted plat, said plat may be denied on that basis.
- Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.q** Request Approval of the 2025 Meeting Schedule for City
Council Regular, Special, Government Finance Corporation
(GFC), Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Winter and
Summer Workshops, and Strategic Planning Sessions.

[2024-1094](#)

City Clerk Walsh advised that there was a statutory requirement to hold the Budget Hearing after 5 p.m., which fell on the same day as Rosh Hashanah on September 22nd, and that staff needed to research whether another taxing authority was planning their meeting for the following day

because that would keep the City from moving their meeting. Mayor Martin stated that the County usually holds their meeting on Tuesday. Councilman Bonna advised that Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown, so the following Tuesday would still hold an issue, and he inquired if the meeting could be held at an earlier time, to which Clerk Walsh responded in the negative, citing 5 p.m. statutory requirements. Councilwoman Morgan stated that they could hold the meeting at 5:01 p.m. because that would not be sundown, and that anyone that wished to provide comments could submit them prior to the hearing. City Manager Merejo informed that they would research and provide available options, and Vice Mayor Caraballo discussed communicating with the Jewish community on the hearing time, to which Clerk Walsh informed that Economic Development Administrator Elijah Wooten has communicated with them.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve item 7.q. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.r** Approve a Major Site Plan for Southern Grove - Innovation Restaurant Hub (P24-087).

[2024-1073](#)

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilman Bonna requested that item 7.q be pulled for further discussion. There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda with items 7.j, 7.p, and 7.q being pulled for separate discussion. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Second Reading of Ordinances

- 8.a** Ordinance 24-49, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Authorizing the Lease of a Portion of Property Located at 281-TW St. James Drive (Northport Cell Tower) to DISH Wireless, LLC For Use of a Monopole Communications Tower; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Enter into a Cell Tower Lease Agreement; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

[2024-853](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-49 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 24-49. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

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- 8.b** Ordinance 24-59, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) Foot Wide Rear Utility and Drainage Easement Affecting Lot 7, Block 572, Port St. Lucie Section Thirteen, as Recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 4 and 4A through 4M, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2024-997](#)
- The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-59 aloud by title only.
- There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 24-59. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 8.c** Ordinance 24-60, Authorizing the Conveyance of Approximately 7.54 Acres of Real Property to the Port St. Lucie Governmental Finance Corporation for Future Development Purposes. [2024-979](#)
- The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-60 aloud by title only.
- There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-60. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 8.d** Ordinance 24-62, Abandoning a Ten (10) Foot Wide Public Utility Easement Affecting Lot 1, Southern Grove Plat 45, as Recorded in Plat Book 121, Page 3 of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2024-952](#)
- The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-62 aloud by title only.
- There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 24-62. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 8.e** Ordinance 24-63, Authorizing the Partial Abandonment and Termination of a Blanket Flowage Easement Recorded in Official Records Book 2902, Page 1220, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2024-949](#)
- The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-63 aloud by title only.
- There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 24-63. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 8.f** Ordinance 24-64, Amend Chapter 111 Business Tax Receipts of the City Code of Ordinances. [2024-918](#)
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The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-64 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-64. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. Other Public Hearings

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

10. First Reading of Ordinances, Public Hearing

- 10.a** Ordinance 24-61, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Ten (10) Foot Wide Public Utility Easement Affecting Lot 6, Southern Grove Plat 46, as Recorded in Plat Book 61, Page 17 of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2024-978](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-61 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-61. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.b** Ordinance 24-65, Public Hearing, Authorizing the Conveyance of Two (2) City-Owned Real Property Parcels Totaling 150.37 Acres Generally Located North of NW Glades Cut-Off Road, West of McCarty Road, to SBR Land Development, LLC.

[2024-1029](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-65 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 24-65. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: The City Clerk swore in applicants for the Quasi-Judicial proceedings at this time.)

- 10.c** Ordinance 24-66, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie to Rezone Approximately 10 Acres of Property Located West of Interstate 95, East of Southwest Village Parkway, and Immediately South of the Marshall Parkway Road

[2024-1078](#)

Right-Of-Way for a Parcel of Land Legally Described in Section 7 of the Attached Composite Exhibit "A" from the Zoning Designation of AG-5 (SLC Agriculture-5) to the City's MPUD (Master Planned Unit Development) Zoning District; to Include the 10 Acres in the Legacy Park North @ Southern Grove MPUD and to Amend the MPUD Conceptual Master Plan and Regulation Book for a Project Known as Legacy Park North @ Southern Grove MPUD Amendment No. 2 (P24-137).

Mayor Martin inquired if there were any ex-parte communications, to which the Council responded in the negative.

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-66 aloud by title only.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Bridget Kean presented to the Council and stated that the request was to rezone approximately 10 acres of property and to amend the Legacy Park North @ Southern MPUD regulation book and Concept Plan. She discussed the project background, proposed amendment, current MPUD Concept Plan, proposed MPUD Concept Plan, and land use consistency. Dennis Murphy, Culpepper & Terpening, represented the applicant.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 24-66. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.d** Ordinance 24-67, Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Second Amendment to the Site Lease Agreement Between the City of Port St. Lucie and STC Five LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for Continued Use of Existing Telecommunication Tower Located at 281 NW St. James Blvd.; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

[2024-1056](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-67 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 24-67. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.e** Ordinance 24-68, Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Fourth Amendment to the Site Lease Agreement Between the City of Port St. Lucie and STC Five LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for Continued Use of Existing Telecommunication Tower Located at 2760 SE Overhill Drive; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date. [2024-1057](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-68 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 24-68. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.f** Ordinance 24-69, Public Hearing, an Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Port St. Lucie to Include a Small-Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 1.86 Acres from Service Commercial (CS) to Heavy Industrial (HI) for a Parcel Legally Described as Go Team Industrial Park-Unit Three- Block B, Lot 14 (PB 26, PG 2), Located at 2134 NW Commerce Lakes Drive (P24-135). [2024-1069](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-69 aloud by title only.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Daniel Robinson presented to the Council and stated that the request was for a Future Land Use designation of Heavy Industrial for a 1.86-acre parcel that is currently developed to allow for the addition of a concrete plant on the site to support and expand the existing business. He provided a project background and discussed the Comprehensive Plan analysis.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-69. Councilwoman Morgan expressed concerns for Commerce Center Drive improvements, noting that the railroad crossing needed to be fixed, and it was a heavily traveled road. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.g** Ordinance 24-70, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, an Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 1.86 acres of Property [2024-1071](#)

Located at 2134 NW Commerce Lakes Drive from Service Commercial (CS) to Industrial (IN) Zoning District for a Project Known as Decorative Concrete Specialists of South Florida (P24-136).

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-70 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin inquired if there were any ex-parte communications, to which the Council responded in the negative, and Vice Mayor Caraballo disclosed that she had not had discussions with the applicant but had met them before.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Daniel Robinson presented to the Council and stated that the request was to rezone a 1.86-acre parcel from Service Commercial (CS) to Industrial (IN), with the existing use of the warehouse and open storage yard being proposed for expansion to include a concrete plant to expand the existing business. He discussed the project background and Comprehensive Plan review.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-70. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.h** Ordinance 24-71, Public Hearing, Approve the First Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

[2024-1072](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-71 aloud by title only.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Budget Manager Ivy Ladyko presented the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Amended Budget and provided an overview, stating that the new total budget was \$809,014,305. She discussed the changes in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Funds, Stormwater Fund, Golf Course Fund, and Utility Systems Fund. She also discussed the budget amendment revenue sources and designated/undesignated reserves.

Vice Mayor Caraballo noted the term 'contractual services' and inquired if the City was operating the Cameo Solid Waste Site, or if it was a third party, to which Ms. Ladyko replied that the amount was approved in the FY22/23 Budget Amendment, and it was for invoices for FCC to pick up what Waste Pro had not. Vice Mayor Caraballo inquired if the \$1.4 million was an old number, to which Ms. Ladyko responded in the affirmative. Vice Mayor Caraballo inquired if the number for the salary and benefits was for

the employees that were operating that location, to which Ms. Ladyko replied that it was for other contractual employees. Vice Mayor Caraballo inquired if they anticipated a similar level of costs moving forward, to which Ms. Ladyko responded in the negative.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public to be heard, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-71. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

11. Resolutions

- 11.a** Resolution 24-R82, Resolution of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Approving and Concurring with the City Manager's Extensions of the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency Stemming from Hurricane Milton; Authorizing the Exercise of Emergency Powers; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date. [2024-1080](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 24-R82 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Resolution 24-R82. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.b** Resolution 24-R83, a Resolution to Correct a Scrivener's Error in Resolution 24-R72, to Support Renaming a Road Right-of-Way Within the Verano South PUD 1-Pod G-Plat No. 1 Plat (P24-102.) [2024-1075](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 24-R83 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 24-R83. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.c** Resolution 24-R84, Authorizing the Final Acceptance of Public Roadway Improvements for Becker Road at Wilson Grove Phase 1 (P23-067), Constructed by ACR Acquisition, LLC [2024-1107](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 24-R84 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 24-R84. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

12. Unfinished Business

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

13. New Business

- 13.a** Discussion of Code Enforcement and Regulation of Electioneering and Expressive Activities Specifically at City Owned Early Voting Locations.

[2024-1103](#)

Councilman Bonna discussed the history of the early voting locations complaints he has received throughout the election years. He indicated that he did not believe the City should have more stringent requirements than those required by state law and requested that the City not implement additional rules besides those already in place by the Florida Statutes. Councilwoman Morgan agreed with Councilman Bonna's remarks and noted that she would prefer the Supervisor of Elections deal with any issues that arise from any of the election sites rather than have the City intervene.

Vice Mayor Caraballo inquired if the City could suspend protocols per site, and if they could find a way for the Supervisor of Elections to lease the entirety of the property so it could fall under the jurisdiction of the Supervisor of Elections. Vice Mayor Caraballo advised that in the past she had been told that the City could not suspend protocols per site based on case law, *Reed vs. Town of Gilbert*, but that the City Attorney would be providing research to find out if a work around existed, looking specifically at polling locations. She expressed agreement with Councilman Bonna and Councilwoman Morgan, and she addressed Code Enforcement being at polling sites. Vice Mayor Caraballo noted that there was work to be done on the issue and hoped for future discussion on possible changes for the 2026 elections and potential suspension of Ordinances at the polling locations to avoid recurrence.

Mayor Martin stated that she agreed with some of the comments made and that she would like to have a discussion prior to the 2026 elections to avoid reoccurrence of these types of issues in the future. Councilman Bonna noted that the case law established in *Reed vs. Town of Gilbert* dealt more with the regulation of content.

Neighborhood Services Director Carmen Capezzuto provided context regarding Code Enforcement at the polling sites and stated that he would continue to work with the City Manager and City Attorney to address the issues. City Attorney Berrios noted that the issues were present due to an overlap of rules and that they need to unravel those layers and apply common sense solutions.

It was the consensus of the City Council to move forward with Council discussion and address the issues raised prior to the 2026 elections.

13.b Discussion on November 6, 2024 Special Meeting.

[2024-1113](#)

Councilman Bonna expressed concerns regarding the Special City Council meeting on November 6, 2024 in relation to there being a swearing-in for the Police Chief despite Council not yet having voted on or seen a contract. He advised that this opinion was not about his disagreement with the City Manager on making the Acting Police Chief a full Chief for a day, but that his concern was for the process and diminishing the role of the City Council. (Clerk's Note: Councilman Bonna exhibited an invitation for the November 6, 2024 meeting.)

Mayor Martin advised that the City Charter stated that the Council had to approve the contract, and it had nothing to do with decision making. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that she hears Councilman Bonna's concerns, but that she was okay with the City's Manager's decision. Councilman Bonna inquired as to why they would be voting on November 6 if this was the case, and questioned what happens if they don't like the contract.

City Manager Merejo stated that he would not undermine Council, and he wants a smooth transition. He stated that they had already gotten a contract, and he agreed with Councilman Bonna that he should have addressed it differently, but noted that at no point in time was his intention to bypass the City Council's decision. Mayor Martin stated that receiving the documents for this would be no different from any other meeting, and they would all still have the opportunity to meet with the City Manager one-on-one to discuss any issues. She added that she did not think the City Manager did anything wrong.

Councilwoman Morgan inquired as to where the meeting invitation came from, to which Councilman Bonna replied that it was mailed out across the Police Department. Councilwoman Morgan then agreed with Councilman Bonna that this was being rushed, and that it could be added to a meeting with the other Councilmember swearings-in. She also stated that she had an issue with reviewing the contract an hour before the meeting.

Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that this raised a question of what they had planned in the future for collaboration with the Sheriff should Acting Chief Del Toro win the election, and she inquired if there were also plans for a celebration if he won, to which City Manager Merejo responded in the affirmative. City Manager Merejo advised that he would provide Council with an update on how they would be moving forward.

14. City Manager's Report

City Manager Merejo stated that the Becker Rd Phase 1 of ACR was approved, and Phase 2 would be coming in shortly after, and that they were anticipating in the near future that Crosstown Pkwy would connect to Range Line Road. He also discussed bulk pickup of the debris from Hurricane Milton. Solid Waste Director Mariana Feldpausch added that they would be able to collect all debris by November and she discussed the interactive map available to residents. Upon Councilwoman Morgan's inquiries regarding unlimited bulk waste, Ms. Feldpausch stated that the areas affected by the tornadoes had more debris. Vice Mayor Caraballo requested an expedited service, and City Manager Merejo stated that if they changed the schedule now it may make more issues.

15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments

Councilwoman Morgan – She attended Coffee with the Council, Fire Board, Harvest Hayride & Bonfire, Jack Kelly's retirement party, Strategic Planning Session, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.

Councilman Bonna – He attended a Town Hall meeting at Temple Beth El Israel, Chamber Board Installation for the Business Bowl & Breakfast, Jack Kelly's retirement party, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, and the United Way member swearing in.

Vice Mayor Caraballo – She attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Florida City Government Week, Jack Kelly's Retirement Party, Westmoreland Assisted Living Facility Public Meeting, Strategic Planning Session, Port St. Lucie Talks, National League of Cities Civic Engagement Seminar, and a resident's 104th birthday party.

Mayor Martin – She attended the Bloomberg Philanthropy, Strategic Planning Session, and Jack Kelly's Retirement Party. She also advised of 2 new hires that would help lead the neighborhood revitalization projects.

16. Public to be Heard - (if necessary as determined by City Council at conclusion of public to be heard)

There was nothing heard under this item.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk