

RESOLUTION 21-R68

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AND SCHEDULING OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY OF MAYOR, CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE GREGORY J. ORAVEC AS MAYOR OF PORT ST. LUCIE; SETTING THE DATE FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION; SETTING THE DATE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Mayor Gregory J. Oravec was elected to serve his second term as Mayor on or about November 6, 2018, such term scheduled to end upon certification of the results from the general election scheduled for November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Oravec has submitted a resignation from his Mayoral Office for the purpose of accepting employment as the Village Manager of Islamorada, Village of Islands, located in Monroe County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Oravec's last day in office will be June 30, 2021, leaving the Mayor's Seat vacant as of July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of the Charter of the City of Port St. Lucie and the Florida Elections Code, most recently amended by the enactment of Senate Bill 90 (2021), a Special Election is required to fill the Seat of Mayor.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby calls for a Special Election for the Mayor's Seat.

Section 2. The Special Election shall be administered by the Honorable Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections for St. Lucie County, pursuant to the terms of the City Charter, unless rendered inapplicable by the Florida Elections Code, in which case state law shall apply.

Section 3. Due to the time frames required pursuant to the Florida Elections Code, and otherwise by Florida law, a Special Election shall take place on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, or, if not possible for any reason, as soon thereafter as the Supervisor of Elections can so administer the Special Election.

Section 4. In the event more than two candidates qualify to run for elected office, the Special Election set forth in Section 3 shall serve as a Primary Election, as required by Section 3.09(c)(2) of the City Charter, with a Special General Election taking place on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, or, if not possible for any reason, as soon thereafter as the Supervisor of Elections can so administer the Special General Election.

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Section 5. The Qualifying Period for this Special Election shall run from noon on Monday, July 12, 2021, through noon on Friday, July 16, 2021.

Section 6. Because this is a Special Election solely for the purposes required by the City of Port St. Lucie, the cost of the Special Election shall be borne by the City of Port St. Lucie.

Section 7. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect and this Resolution shall nevertheless stand and be construed as if the illegal or invalid part or portion had not been included herein.

Section 8. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

ATTEST:

By: _____
Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James D. Stokes, City Attorney