

City of Port St. Lucie

City Council Workshop

Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Port St. Lucie, Florida
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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, November 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Meeting Called to Order

A Workshop Meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Mayor Martin on November 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.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

Councilman Dave Pickett

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public to be Heard

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after Item 6c.)

There was nothing heard under this item.

5. Special Presentations

5.a Presentation of the 2025 Great Places in Florida People's Choice Award for the City of Port St. Lucie's Pioneer Park and the Port District from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association

2025-1028

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 6a.)

Mary Savage Dunham, Planning & Zoning Director, introduced Susan M. Coughanour, APA, Florida's Treasure Coast Program Chair. Ms. Coughanour presented the award to the city.

6. New Business

6.a Accept the Strategic Plan Progress Report/PSL Stat and Finalize the Annual National Community SurveyTM

[2025-1063](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after Item 3. and a PowerPoint was shown at this time.)

Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief progress report on the Strategic Plan.

Under Goal 1, Leo Niemczyk, Chief of Police, and Andrew Friedman, Strategic Planning & Analysis Division Director, explained how they were using data to reduce traffic. Mayor Martin requested that staff evaluate the crash data for Brighton Street off Gatlin Blvd. Colt Schwerdt, Public Works Director & Chief Niemczyk stated that they would collaborate and come up with actions to take for that intersection. Chief Niemczyk gave an update on the emergency operations center which would be in Building B. Ms. Parmelee gave updates on Goals 2 through 4.

Under Goal 5, Tom Salvador, CIP & Sales Tax Project Group Manager, informed the City Council that they would be walking the segment for the final punch list for Port St. Lucie Blvd South. Jeff Meyer, IT Executive Project Manager, informed the City Council that the Citywide Fiber Network installation was completed in June. Vice Mayor Caraballo requested that staff add in the stat of having 83,000 homes on sewer and 12,000 left to be converted from septic.

Under Goal 6, Zak Sherman, Parks & Recreation Project Manager, gave various updates on Parks & Recreation projects which included Torino, Tradition, & O.L. Peacock parks, McCarty Ranch camping enhancements and bikeways/trails. Mayor Martin inquired about the Stars & Stripes Park, to which Mr. Sherman replied that they were discussing multiple grand opening dates (as early as mid-December); he added that they were waiting on the final punch list.

Vice Mayor Caraballo suggested that staff pull strategic questions from the survey to ask to a larger demographic through Polco; the City Council discussed staff ranking the top 3-5 questions to send to the broader group. Councilman Bonna requested that staff use the term "sex" rather than

"gender" on the survey.

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Strategic Plan Progress Report/PSL Stat and the Annual National Community Survey. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

6.b Discuss Potential Topics for the Joint City/County Meeting

[2025-1120](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after Item 5a.)

Mayor Martin told the City Council that she and the City Manager had met with County Officials and emphasized that infrastructure would be a key priority at the joint meeting. She explained that the meeting would be structured like a Strategic Planning Session, complete with visuals and overlays. She also noted that a County Commissioner wished to address the group about opportunities for collaboration on shared resources, such as waste services. Councilman Pickett clarified that he wanted to have discussions and not listen to PowerPoints all day. Councilwoman Morgan clarified that she wanted to hear the County's reasons as to why projects were not being completed. The City Council discussed the study & the options of a potential installation of a bridge from Walton Road to the island. The City Council voiced that they would like to discuss roads within the Interlocal Agreement as well as infrastructure.

6.c Proposed Half-Cent Sales Tax Extension Project List

[2025-1124](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Mr. Salvador informed the City Council that staff used data to compile the projects. Mayor Martin and Mr. Salvador discussed Savona Boulevard projects. Mayor Martin stated that staff should research the project further because land acquisition may be needed. Mr. Salvador remarked that the Half-Cent Sales Tax had a significant positive impact on the City. Vice Mayor Caraballo suggested that staff include driving-time data to demonstrate how roundabouts can improve travel times for the public. Mr. Salvador explained the survey results related to the sales tax questions. Staff and the City Council discussed the remaining California Boulevard project. Vice Mayor Caraballo suggested surveying the community to prioritize the project list, to which Mayor Martin responded that the data had to drive the projects. Mr. Salvador stated that some projects were not fully funded by sales tax and that staff leveraged all resources.

The City Council stated that Oak Hammock drainage had to be a priority and Mayor Martin added that the public requested more green space. The City Council agreed with the project list and requested to add in the 10% Contingency Fund.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

Shanna Donleavy, Deputy City Clerk