

City of Port St. Lucie
Citizen's Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Lynette Lockwood, Chair
Michael Bernard, Vice Chair
Raymond Pezzi, Member
Christy Romano, Member
Melony Zaravelis, Member
Ingrid Sarmiento, Member
James Abbott, Member
Harry Williams, Alternate
Gabby Rothman, Alternate

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Wednesday, September 17, 2025	1:30 PM	Room 366, City Hall
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1. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Vice Chair Bernard on September 17, 2025, at 1:38 p.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, Room 366, 121 Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Michael Bernard, Vice Chair
Raymond Pezzi
Ingrid Sarmiento
James Abbott
Christy Romano
Harry Williams, Alternate
Gabby, Rothman, Alternate

Members Not Present:

Lynette Lockwood, Chair (excused)
Melony Zaravelis (excused)

3. Determination of Quorum

The Vice Chair determined that there was a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.a August 20, 2025 Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes.

[2025-861](#)

There being no discussion on the minutes, Ms. Sarmiento moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Abbott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Public to be Heard

There was nothing heard under this item.

6. New Business

6.a FY2025-26 Proposed Budget for Adoption

[2025-862](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Caroline Sturgis, Office of Management & Budget Director, provided a brief overview of the FY25/26 Budget. She explained the provisions and feedback from the City Council.

Mr. Pezzi inquired about the uncompleted projects. Ms. Sturgis explained that project timelines could take approximately 24 months to complete and noted that funds are encumbered for each project. Mr. Pezzi further asked how staff addressed inflation costs. Ms. Sturgis responded that reserves and undesignated fund policies were in place, and departments could reallocate funds by deferring certain projects to cover inflationary increases in others. Staff and the Committee reviewed the new site, www.cityofpsl.com/pslinprogress. She stated that the Finance & OMB departments had won numerous awards for their reports and had increased the City's bond rating.

Ms. Sturgis stated that while the City lowered the millage rate, residents may not see the reduction due to multiple taxing agencies. The Committee and staff discussed the potential removal of property taxes. She also explained how taxable value is assessed.

7. Unfinished Business

There was nothing heard under this item.

8. Adjourn

Ms. Rothman moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sarmiento seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Lynette Lockwood, Chair

Shanna Donleavy, Deputy City Clerk