

# City of Port St. Lucie

## Special City Council

### Meeting Minutes - Draft

121 SW Port St. Lucie  
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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, Councilman, District III

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Tuesday, November 5, 2024	1:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
1. Meeting Called to Order	A Special Meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Mayor Martin on November 5, 2024, at 1:00 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 Councilman Anthony Bonna Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan Councilman Dave Pickett	
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.	
4. Public to be Heard	There was nothing heard under this item.	
5. New Business	<b>5.a</b> Discuss Councilman Bonna's Requests and Concerns	
<a href="#">2024-1066</a>		
Mayor Martin informed the Public that the City Manager had sent a memo to the City Council addressing Councilman Bonna's concerns. Councilman Bonna summarized his concerns over the contract and addressed why he wanted Chief Del Toro to be Chief for one day. City Manager Merejo		

addressed the concerns for the contract. City Attorney Berrios informed the City Council that the City Manager had the authority to appoint the Police Chief. Councilwoman Morgan clarified that the presentation of the contract was the issue and not the appointment of Chief Niemczyk; she agreed that "residency" should be added to the Police Chief contract. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that she wanted an Attorney General opinion on the Charter & Ordinance as she feels that the City Council involvement in the Police Chief's contract may be in violation of the Charter. She felt that restricting residency in the contract would present challenges. Mayor Martin stated that she supported the City Manager's decision. Councilman Bonna reiterated that he did not receive the backup for the contract in a timely manner or searchable manner, which was a main concern of his.

**5.b** Approval of Proposed Chief of Police Employment

[2024-1101](#)

Agreement between the City of Port St. Lucie and Leon "Leo"  
Niemczyk

There was City Council consensus to add a five-mile City residency requirement into Chief Niemczyk's contract. Vice Mayor Caraballo requested another meeting to discuss residency requirements in contracts. Councilwoman Morgan summarized her concerns over the contract. There was City Council consensus to remove the part-time employment clause, removing the probationary period and making the salary the amount stated in the contract plus the amount that was in the probationary period (\$10,500). Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to accept the Chief of Police Employment Agreement between the City of Port St. Lucie and Leon "Leo" Niemczyk. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**6.** Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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Sally Walsh, City Clerk

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Shanna Donleavy, Deputy City Clerk