

City of Port St. Lucie

City Council

121 SW Port St. Lucie
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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, November 13, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

Request to Table Item 11B

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 November 13, 2023, at 6:30 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 (via Zoom)

Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan

Councilman Dave Pickett

Councilman Anthony Bonna

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Proclamations and Special Presentations

4.a Proclamation: Nurse Practitioner Week

[2023-805](#)

Mayor Martin proclaimed the week of November 12, 2023, as Nurse Practitioner Week, and Michelle Dwayne accepted the Proclamation.

4.b Winner Announcement Spooktacular House Decorating Contest

[2023-1072](#)

This Special Presentations item was Presented.(Clerk's Note: A video was

played at this time.) Melissa Yunas, Project Manager, presented the winners of the City's Spooktacular House Decorating contest for the categories of Classic Halloween, Cute & Creepy, and Spine-Chilling.

5. Public to be Heard

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the Agenda with item 11b being tabled. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.a** Approval of the September 18, 2023 Special City Council and September 25, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

[2023-1015](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

- 7.b** Motion: Partial Release and Modification of Restrictive Covenant Executed by Richard K. Ink and Pamela A. Ink with Respect to Lots 1, 2, 23 and 24, Block 2312, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-Three, and Recorded in Official Records Book 1459, Page 233, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2023-1006](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

- 7.c** Motion: Termination of Restrictive Covenant Executed by Daniel Erdocio and Denise Erdocio with Respect to Lots 24 and 25, Block 1418, Port St. Lucie Section Seventeen, and Recorded in Official Records Book 1177, Page 1543, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2023-1014](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

- 7.d** Approve the Renewal Agreements to the Memoranda of Agreement for School Resource Officer Provision at Somerset Academy St. Lucie and Somerset College Preparatory Academy

[2023-1011](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

- 7.e** Approve Necessary Emergency Repairs to Riverwalk Boardwalk South

[2023-1039](#)

- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.f** Approve to Purchase Text Archiving Services from SMARSH, Inc. [2023-590](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.g** Approval to Participate in the Florida Sheriffs Association's Cooperative Contract # FSA23-VEH21.0 to Purchase Heavy Trucks and Buses, City Contract # 20240002. [2023-1037](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.h** Approve Amendment #2 to Contract #20200107 for the Supply of Liquid Chlorine Cylinders with Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. [2023-1046](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.i** Approval of a Major Site Plan for Southern Grove - Fire Station #20 (P23-117) [2023-1048](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.j** Approve the Annual Expenditure for Contract #9531218 for Crime Laboratory Services at Indian River State College. [2023-950](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.k** Approval to Participate in the H-GAC Contract Number FS12-19 to Purchase an Incident Command Vehicle. [2023-1042](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.l** Approval to Participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #020923-MTQ for Portable Construction Equipment. [2023-865](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.m** Approve Amendment #2 to Contract #20220066 for The Saints Golf Course Drainage Improvement Project. [2023-1069](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.
- 7.n** Approval to Participate in the Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Contract FSA23-EQU21.0 to Purchase Heavy Equipment (City Contract #20240003). [2023-1009](#)
- This Consent item was Approved.

- 7.o** Approve a Major Site Plan Amendment for Westmoreland Riverwalk (P17-004-A2). [2023-1073](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

- 7.p** Award Contract #20230060 for the Construction of the Deep Injection Well #2 at the Prineville Water Treatment Facility. [2023-1051](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

8. Second Reading of Ordinances, Public Hearings

- 8.a** Ordinance 23-58, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Provide a Large-Scale Amendment Consisting of Text Amendments to the Future Land Use Element by Amending Figure 1-4 as Requested by the Port St. Lucie Governmental Finance Corporation and Mattamy Palm Beach, LLC (P23-142). [2023-820](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 23-58 aloud by title only.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Bridget Kean, Planner, presented to the Council and stated that the project was to amend Figure 1-4 of the Future Land Use Element. She provided a background of the project and discussed impacts and findings.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no one, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 23-58. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.b** Ordinance 23-72, Public Hearing, Approve the Second Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. [2023-974](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 23-72 aloud by title only.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Caroline Sturgis, OMB Director, presented to the Council and provided an overview of FY22/23, discussed the amendments and additions for the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Golf Course Fund, Utility Systems Fund, Internal Service Fund, and Capital Funds. She also briefly discussed Budget Amendment Revenue sources and designated/undesignated reserves.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no one, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 23-72. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion,

which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.c** Ordinance 23-73, Public Hearing, Conveying a Utility Easement to Riverland Paseo Park. [2023-932](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 23-73 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no one, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 23-73. 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

- 10.a** Ordinance 23-75, An Ordinance Amending Title XI, "Business Regulations", Chapter 110 "Alcoholic Beverages; Sale of Drug Paraphernalia", Article II - "General Provisions", Sec. 110.02- "Proximity to Religious Institution or School" (P23-187). [2023-1049](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 23-75 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 23-75. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

11. Resolutions

- 11.a** Resolution 23-R121, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, A Resolution of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Amending Map H, the Master Development Plan, and Map H-2, Tradition Trail and Multi-Use Plan, of the Southern Grove DRI to Reflect the Realignment of Certain Roadways and Multi-Purpose Paths and a Change to the Land Use Subdistrict Classification for Approximately 1 Acre from Mixed Use to Employment Center (P23-141). [2023-1033](#)

The City Clerk swore in all applicants for the Quasi-Judicial proceeding and read Resolution 23-R121 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin inquired if the Council had ex-parte communications, to which all Council Members responded in the affirmative.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Bridget Kean, Planner, presented to the Council and stated that this application

accompanied item 8a., and was for a 10th amendment to the Southern Grove DRI to amend Map H and Map H-2, with no proposed changes to the DRI development under conditions of approval. She presented the background of the project, exhibits for the location and aerial view of the site, proposed changes, and impacts and findings.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no one, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 23-R121. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.b** Resolution 23-R122, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, A [2023-1032](#)
Resolution of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Amending Map H of the Western Grove DRI to Reflect Changes to the Wetland and Conservation Areas, Changes to the Locations for Proposed Water Management Tracts, and Changes to the Locations for School, Fire Station and Park Sites (P23-170).
(Clerk's Note: This item was tabled during item 6.)

- 11.c** Resolution 23-R123, A Resolution Approving the Preliminary and Final Plat for Stars and Stripes in the Park within the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, on the Request of the City of Port St. Lucie (P22-224) [2023-1055](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 23-R123 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Resolution 23-R123. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.d** Resolution 23-R124, A Resolution of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into and Execute Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement to Benefit Water Quality. [2023-912](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 23-R124 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 23-R124. Councilman Bonna 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 Discuss Request for the City's Sponsorship of VETFEST[2023-1023](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Councilman Pickett requested the City make In-Kind donations for sponsorship and stated that he wished to make this an annual event. He also requested that the Lion's Club be in charge of beer & alcohol sales and asked for assistance from the Communications Department for advertising and promotion. Councilwoman Morgan inquired on how they could draw a line for providing the funds for this event so that it would not happen for future events, to which Mayor Martin replied that it was a City-sponsored event so it would go along with the other City events, and City Manager Merejo stated that this particular event was going to be brought to Council either in the Winter or Summer Council Workshops, and it would be up to Council to decide if they wished to do the event as this time, or if they would like to wait for the Workshop and have everything presented to them as a package. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that she agreed that this should not only be a City-sponsored event, but something that the Council would consider as a future event, and she recommended having further discussions at the Winter Workshop. Councilman Bonna announced that he was in support of this and also wished to have further discussion.

It was the consensus of the City Council to bring this item to the Winter Workshop.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve VetFest. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

13.b Approve a Site Plan for Stars and Stripes Park in Southern Grove (P22-195).[2023-1056](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Steve Garrett, Mattamy Homes, presented a Concept Plan and a Site Plan for the park and exhibited a video of the design. The Council expressed their support for the project, and Mr. Garrett advised that estimated construction was 13-14 months and there was an anticipated opening date of Veteran's Day 2024.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the Site Plan for Stars & Stripes Park. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

14. City Manager's Report

City Manager Merejo spoke on recognition for various departments regarding their assistance with the recent purchasing items, and he announced that FDEP

provided a \$2 million grant to the City for the stormwater system.

15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments

Councilwoman Morgan – She attended the Chamber of Commerce board installation, the Transportation & Planning Board meeting, a tee-off at GreenPoint @ Wylder, and a ribbon cutting/grand opening of Ace Hardware.

Councilman Pickett – He attended the Transportation & Planning Board meeting and was voted as President, IRSC new complex tour, Roundtable, the City’s Welcome to the Caribbean Food & Music Festival, Police Department promotion ceremony, Council on Aging, and a Veteran’s ceremony.

Councilman Bonna – He attended the Veteran’s Day ceremony, Children Services Council, the Chamber of Commerce board installation, ribbon-cutting for the Cottages @ Tradition, and the Eastmen Advanced Workforce Training Center. He also requested a meeting with the City Manager for an update on the Chief of Police contract.

Vice Mayor Caraballo – She attended the Housing Accelerator Task Force meeting, National League of Cities Presidential Election Task Force meeting, Treasure Coast League of Cities Advocacy Team meeting, meeting with Representative Trabulsy, the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement, and meetings with various Representatives.

Mayor Martin – She attended the Transportation & Planning Board meeting, the Humane Society Board meeting, Vitalia Positivity Group meeting, Eastmen Advanced Workforce Training Center, and the Police Department promotion ceremony. She also announced that she would be doing a video for this year’s State of the City presentation.

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

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk