

# City of Port St. Lucie

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

121 SW Port St. Lucie  
Blvd.  
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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**Monday, June 13, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

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**\*Request to Table Item 11A\***

**\*Addition of item 11G\***

**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 June 13, 2022, at 6:31 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

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**

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

- 4.a** Certificate of Achievement Presentation: Treasure Coast  
Spartans Youth Football Team

[2022-425](#)

Mayor Martin presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Treasure Coast Spartans Youth Football team in recognition of winning the American Youth National Championship in December 2021.

- 4.b** Accept the Half-Cent Sales Tax FY 22 2nd Quarter Projects Update [2022-450](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.)  
Heath Stocton, Public Works Director, provided an update for the road projects for Floresta Drive Phase 2, Import Drive, repaving, traffic signal coordination, US-1 improvements, and Prima Vista/St. Lucie West Blvd. He also presented an implementation plan, the budget and expenditures, and a revenue summary.

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Half-Cent Sales Tax FY 22 2nd Quarter Projects Update. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 4.c** Discuss 2022 Florida Legislative Session Final Report [2022-495](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.)  
Christopher Carmody, Shareholder of GrayRobinson, presented the 2022 Florida Legislative Session Final Report. He provided information on redistricting and budgeting, which included \$8.9 billion in reserves and \$43.7 billion in general revenue, and a total of \$112.1 billion. He also informed of the tax package and local projects, which included the Southern Grove Jobs Corridor Water Main Project and St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Restoration Project Area 7A Design. Mr. Carmody also spoke on the use of Federal Relief Funds, local government issues, and affordable housing.

Vice Mayor Caraballo asked if they anticipated the State to give the same role as before in which the City was informed to attempt to get the projects funded through AARPA, or would they be more open to allowing the City to go back to the normal funding requests, to which Mr. Carmody replied that he believed the normal process would return.

- 4.d** Solid Waste Services Update to City Council [2022-484](#)

(Clerk's Note: Item 13c was heard after this item.)

City Manager Blackburn advised on the City's actions regarding the Solid Waste issue which included actions such as pausing recycling and hiring Optimum Services as a temporary bulky waste and yard waste contractor. He stated that FCC Environmental Services had made 5 clam trucks available to the City and the City contracted the St. Lucie West Improvement District to do yard waste in the gated communities in St. Lucie West. He advised that the City did not have the ability to efficiently provide pickup service and that having City

employees assist meant removing them from other projects, but they did have 2 vehicles that were able to be dispatched to assist with the egregious misses. City Manager Blackburn further discussed recycling and the drop-off site, and stated that the new 96 gallon carts would be delivered in August.

City Attorney Stokes provided an update on the litigation against Waste Pro and informed that the Legal Department was preparing a motion to find Waste Pro in contempt of the Judge's order. He provided the email address [wasteprolawsuit@cityofpsl.com](mailto:wasteprolawsuit@cityofpsl.com) and advised that residents could submit evidence to the legal team using this email and provide their testimony.

Mayor Martin provided more detail on the pickup inconsistency and Councilman Bonna and Councilman Pickett voiced their concerns for the topic. City Attorney Stokes spoke on Councilman Pickett's comments in regard to the bond, and stated that they had put the Surety Bond on notice and a response was received that acknowledged the claim, but it had informed that until Waste Pro was found in default they would not be taking further action.

Mayor Martin opened Public to be Heard, and resident Stuart Grifel spoke on the solid waste pickup issues and asked why the City did not terminate the contract sooner and what was planned to ensure of a better job going forward, as well as procedures for if FCC's service declined. He also inquired as to where the residents could obtain a copy of the RFP.

Resident Mike Rapoport presented his concerns on pickup during the rainy season and commercial property pickup, as well as asked what the liability would be to the City if the trash made its way into the State-funded reserves.

Resident James Fort recommended advertising the email address provided by City Attorney Stokes and expressed concerns over the pickup schedule.

Resident Catherine Medina spoke on the solid waste issues and contacting Waste Pro.

Councilman Bonna responded to the resident's comments and stated that he did not believe it would help to switch Waste Pro to

once-a-week service. Vice Mayor Caraballo spoke on the administrative charges and informed residents of the process. City Manager Blackburn stated that they would take the resident's information and provide them with further answers.

Mayor Martin asked if there was anything they had not done legally or otherwise to address the issue regarding the contract and contract law, to which City Attorney Stokes responded in the negative.

Councilwoman Morgan spoke on the issues and asked residents to bear with the City while the issue gets resolved.

(Clerk's Note: Item 13c was heard next.)

#### **5. Public to be Heard**

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 13c.)

Resident Steve Carroll discussed parking enforcement and issues with the City Hall's ADA compliance for handicap parking spaces.

Resident Eddie Evans spoke on potential issues regarding the new development at Tesoro.

Resident Susan Cedeno addressed her concerns on the status of the construction for PSL Blvd and Darwin Blvd.

Resident Debra Mucklow stated her concerns on property taxes and paying fees for services not received. She also spoke on issues regarding solid waste pickup.

Mayor Martin closed Public to be Heard, and City Manager Blackburn addressed the traffic concerns. Vice Mayor Caraballo asked City Manager Blackburn if he believed that they would be able to provide a full refund for the entire payment to Waste Pro for this past year's services, to which City Manager Blackburn responded in the negative. Mayor Martin clarified that it would be a one-time credit and not a refund, and informed that construction efforts and improvements had been continuous. She also stated that they did not have a Parking Enforcement Division, and Police Chief Bolduc stated that they did not have specific numbers for parking enforcement data.

#### **6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard before item 4.) Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of item 11g and item 11a being tabled to the June 27, 2022 City Council meeting. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**7. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda with items 7h and 7j pulled for separate discussion. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 10a was heard next.)

- 7.a** May 9, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting, May 16, 2022 [2022-465](#)  
Special Council Meeting, May 18, 2022 Special Council  
Meeting, and May 23, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting  
Minutes.

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda with items 7h and 7j pulled for separate discussion. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 10a was heard next.)

- 7.b** Approve FY 2021-2022 Expenditure of Police Forfeiture [2022-453](#)  
Funds

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.c** Award Contract #20220032 for The Port District - Park & [2022-475](#)  
Playground Infrastructure and Improvement Project.

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.d** Approve Amendment #3 to Contract #20200010 for CEI [2022-478](#)  
Services for Floresta Drive Improvements Phase I.

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.e** Approve Amendment #2 to Contract #20200070 for the [2022-481](#)  
Construction of Roadway Improvements on Port St. Lucie  
Boulevard North (Segment 3).

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.f** Award Contract #20220040 for the Glades to Tradition Reuse [2022-473](#)

Water Main Construction Project.

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.g** Approve Re-Appointment of Contractor Examining Board Member [2022-489](#)

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.h** Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract #20190044 between the City of Port St. Lucie and PSL Medical Provider, Inc. a/k/a Treasure Coast Medical Associates, Inc. (TCMAi) for On-Site Employee Medical Clinic [2022-497](#)

Councilwoman Morgan moved to table item 7h to the July 11, 2022 City Council meeting. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.i** Approval to Participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative (Coop) Contract #081419-SHI for Technology Catalog Solutions with SHI International . [2022-374](#)

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.j** Award Contract #20220028 to Remove & Replace a 8,000 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank at Southport Booster Station to JF Acquisition LLC, DBA JF Petroleum Group. [2022-460](#)

City Manager Blackburn informed that this item had a process for protesting, and Wendall Stroderd stated that the Procurement Manual did not say the same thing as the Cone of Silence, which he was okay with but he wanted to ensure that he did not lose his rights. City Attorney Stokes stated that the Cone of Silence was codified within the last year in the City's Ordinance, and he advised Mr. Stroderd to look at the code because there were specific time frames set in it and that it stated that he could not speak to Council now because the Cone of Silence did not terminate until the contract was awarded which meant there could be a more thorough opportunity to have Mr. Stroderd lay out the issues to the City Manager.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to

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approve the Award Contract #20220028 to Remove & Replace a 8,000 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank at Southport Booster Station to JF Acquisition LLC, DBA JF Petroleum Group. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**8. Second Reading of Ordinances, Public Hearings**

- 8.a** Ordinance 22-45, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) Foot Utility and Drainage Easement Affecting Lot 20, Block 1555, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty, Recorded in Plat Book 14, Pages 10, 10A to 10I, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2022-421](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after 11a.)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-45 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 22-45. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.b** Ordinance 22-46, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) foot wide Rear Utility and Drainage Easement affecting Lot 24, Block 1993, Port St. Lucie Section Nineteen, as Recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 19, 19A through 19K, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2022-433](#)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-46 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no one, she closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 22-46. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.c** Ordinance 22-47, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) Foot Wide Rear Utility and Drainage Easement Affecting Lot 7, Block 1653, Port St. Lucie Section Five, as Recorded in Plat Book 12, Pages 15, 15A through 15E, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2022-434](#)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-47 aloud by title only.

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 22-47. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.d** Ordinance 22-48, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Calling for a Referendum to Amend the City's Charter at the Next General Election on November 8, 2022 and Approving the Ballot Language. [2022-446](#)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-48 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. City Attorney Stokes stated that the items had been discussed in the City Retreat and provided a brief summary. Mayor Martin closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 22-48. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.e** Ordinance 22-51, Public Hearing, an Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Port St. Lucie to Include a Small-scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map for Property Owned by Larry and Sally Olsen (P22-103) to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 6.67 acres from Commercial General (CG) and Utility (U) to Service Commercial (CS) for a Property Legally Described as Portions of the West One-half of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 1, of the St. Lucie Gardens Subdivision and Generally Located South of Jennings Road and West of Lennard Road. [2022-436](#)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-51 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. (Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Stephen Mayer provided a brief presentation on the item. Mayor Martin closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 22-51. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.f** Ordinance 22-50, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Rezoning 6.67 acres of Property, Located South of Jennings Road and West of Lennard Road, from Commercial General (CG) and General Use (GU) Zoning Districts to Service Commercial (CS) for Property Legally Described as Portions of the West One-half of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 1, St. Lucie Gardens Subdivision (P22-112). [2022-437](#)



The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-50 aloud by title only.

City Attorney Stokes read the Quasi-Judicial rules and the Assistant City Clerk swore in all participants. Mayor Martin asked if the Councilmember's had any ex-parte communications, to which Vice Mayor Caraballo responded in the affirmative and Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Pickett, and Councilman Bonna responded in the negative. Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. (Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Stephen Mayer provided a brief summary of the project. Mayor Martin closed the Public Hearing.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 22-50. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.g** Ordinance 22-52, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Port St. Lucie to Include a Small-scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map for Property Owned by the Diocese of Palm Beach (P22-125) to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 12.76 acres from Residential Medium Density (RM) to Institutional (I) for Property Legally Described as a Portion of Tract C, First Replat of Section 42, Located at 930 SW Tunis Avenue, Which is East of Port St. Lucie Boulevard and South of Tunis Avenue.

[2022-438](#)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-52 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. (Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Stephen Mayer provided a brief summary of the project. Mayor Martin closed the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 22-52. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.h** Ordinance 22-49, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Rezoning a 12.76-acre Property, Located South of Tunis Avenue and East of Port St. Lucie Boulevard, from Multiple-family Residential (RM-11) to Institutional (I) zoning district for Property Legally Described as a Portion of Tract C, Port St. Lucie Section 42 (P22-126).

[2022-441](#)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-49 aloud by title only.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any ex-parte communications, to which Councilman Bonna responded in the affirmative and Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Pickett, and Vice Mayor Caraballo responded in the negative. (Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Stephen Mayer provided a presentation on the project. Mayor Martin closed the Public Hearing.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 22-49. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 10b was heard next.)

**9. Other Public Hearings**

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

**10. First Reading of Ordinances**

- 10.a** Ordinance 22-53, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Galleria Farms, LLC, and Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property Described as Parcel 3, L.T.C. Ranch P.U.D. #1, as Recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 1, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida, which was Identified and Approved for Surplus on March 22, 2021, to Galleria Farms, LLC.

[2022-472](#)

Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 7.)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-53 aloud by title only.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Elijah Wooten, Economic Development Administrator, presented to the Council on the background and project overview.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 22-53. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 11f was heard next.)

- 10.b** Ordinance 22-54, Approve Easement over VGTI Driveway for

[2022-498](#)

Benefit of Parcel 3 of Southern Grove Plat No. 8

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 8h.)

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-54 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 22-54. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.c** Ordinance 22-55, Authorizing the Conveyance of Six (6) [2022-477](#)  
Residential Real Property Parcels to the Community Land  
Trust of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast, Inc., a  
Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, for the Sale to the  
Approved Applicants of the PSL Homeownership Program.

The Assistant City Clerk read Ordinance 22-55 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 22-55. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 11b was heard next.)

## **11. Resolutions**

- 11.a** Resolution 22-R64, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, A [2022-493](#)  
Resolution Approving a Landscape Modification Plan in Lieu  
of an Architectural Wall for Tract F2 of the Winterlakes Tract  
"F" Replat on the Request of Hanlex Port St. Lucie, LLC  
(P22-148)

(Clerk's Note: This item was tabled to the June 27, 2022 City Council meeting during item 6.)

- 11.b** Resolution 22-R65, Authorizing the Acquisition of Real [2022-445](#)  
Property Described as a Portion of Lot 26, Block 257, Port St.  
Lucie Section Twenty-Four, as Recorded in Plat Book 13, Page  
31, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida, for the  
Floresta Drive Improvement Project from Southbend  
Boulevard to Prima Vista Boulevard.

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 10c.)

The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 22-R65 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 22-R65. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.c** Resolution 22-R66, Authorizing The Final Acceptance of [2022-439](#)  
Public Roadway Improvements for SW Community Boulevard  
at Riverland Parcel A Phase 1 (P16-206), Constructed by  
Riverland Development Company, LLC  
(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 11f.)

The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 22-R66 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 22-R66. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 8a was heard next.)

- 11.d** Resolution 22-R67, A Resolution Approving the Final Plat [2022-444](#)  
with Construction Plans for Belterra Phase 1 Plat 2 (21-271)

The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 22-R67 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 22-R67. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.e** Resolution 22-R68, Supporting Sidewalk/Trail Improvements [2022-490](#)  
on Volucia Drive from East Torino Parkway to West Blanton  
Boulevard.

The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 22-R68 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 22-R68. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.f** Resolution 22-R69, A Resolution Approving Artwork [2022-485](#)  
Submitted by Mattamy Palm Beach, LLC, in Connection with  
the Approval of an Alternative Equivalent Proposal for Public  
Art For a project known as "HEART to HEART" (P22-109)

The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 22-R69 aloud by title only.

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 10a.)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.)  
Planner Bridget Kean presented to the Council on the Heart to Heart Project, informing of the Public Art Requirements. Steve Garrett, Lucido & Associates, expanded on the vision for the project and provided a background. Artist JEFRE spoke on behalf of the project and a small-scale replica sculpture for the project was unveiled. The Councilmembers voiced their support for the project.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 22-R69. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 11c was heard next.)

- 11.g** Resolution 22-R70, A Resolution Approving the Preliminary and Final Plat with Construction Plans for Telaro at Southern Grove Phases 2 and 3. (P21-244)

[2022-494](#)

The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 22-R70 aloud by title only.

Planner Laura Dodd discussed the 2 condition options for approval, with Option 1 including Mattamy Homes' relief from the prior conditions set forth and Option 2 not providing relief. Heath Stocton, Public Works Director, provided clarification on the project.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 22-R70 with the condition of Option 1. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**12. Unfinished Business**

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

**13. New Business**

- 13.a** City Attorney's Annual Review

[2022-385](#)

The City Council discussed City Attorney Stokes' performance review.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve a 5 % increase to the City Attorney's salary. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 13.b** Approve O.L. Peacock Sr. Park and Duck Court Park - Conceptual Site Plans & Phasing Recommendations

[2022-247](#)

At this time, City Attorney Stokes asked the City Council to entertain a motion to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.)  
Dennis Murphy, Culpepper and Terpening, provided a brief presentation on the project including an overview and the masterplan elements.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve O.L. Peacock Sr. Park and Duck Court Park - Conceptual Site Plans & Phasing Recommendations. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 13.c** Discussion Regarding Solid Waste Credit to Residents for the upcoming FY 2022-2023 Budget

[2022-506](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 4d.)

Mayor Martin discussed the funds, explaining what they are used for, and stated that they had to keep paying for all of the supplemental services, but if there were funds left over then they could have a discussion on what they could do to provide relief to residents. She explained where the preliminary numbers come from and stated that the City had a 19% taxable increase this year, and the budget that was built had used only a 10% increase. Mayor Martin stated that City Manager Blackburn and the City Council would look into a one-time credit for residents. Councilman Bonna stated that he supported providing relief to residents. Vice Mayor Caraballo asked how they would anticipate utilizing money won in the lawsuit, to which City Attorney Stokes replied that the basis of the damages would be the difference between the Waste Pro contract price and the FCC contract price, so the amount that they would be seeking would be the extra money. He added that the money would be under the City's control. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that she was concerned about using the tax dollars for a rebate, but that she would be open to the idea if that is what the taxpayers wished to do and wanted to see more options. Councilwoman Morgan stated that she would rather call it a 'credit' and wished to hold this discussion at the Summer Retreat, and Councilman Pickett agreed. City Manager Blackburn stated that if there was an interest in a credit, he would like to recommend that the Council make a motion directing him to include that as part of his overall

recommendations.

Mayor Martin open Public to be Heard, and Resident Russ Hebert asked if the City had a contract with Waste Pro to furnish services to private property like Golf Village and suggested a stipulation that the refund be passed on to the people that live there.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to direct the City Manager to include some form of a rebate in the Budget Recommendation and include a millage rate reduction, and to hold the discussion at the July 2022 Summer Retreat. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: A break was called at 8:41 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 8:53 p.m. with item 5 – Public to be Heard.)

- 13.d** Request for an Attorney/Client Session with the City Council to Discuss Pending Litigation in the Matter of ACR Acquisition, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company v. City of Port St. Lucie, a Florida Municipal Corporation and Riverland/Kennedy, LLP, Case No. 2015-CA-000337.

[2022-499](#)

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Request for an Attorney/Client Session with the City Council. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**14. City Manager's Report**

There was nothing heard under this item.

**15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments**

Councilwoman Morgan – She attended the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, the TPO Board Meeting, Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Awards, the Tourist Development Council, Astor Creek Country Club Kolter Groundbreaking, and the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors Meeting. She also attended the 104th birthday celebration of a city resident and the gifting of a new home to Sergeant Fleming.

Councilman Pickett – He attended the gifting of a new home to Sergeant Fleming.

Councilman Bonna – He attended the Treasure Coast Builders Association, Astor Creek Groundbreaking, EDC Partner Lunch, TPO Board Meeting, and Landlord Association.

Vice Mayor Caraballo – She stated that she would provide information on this item at the next meeting due to the late time.

Mayor Martin – She attended Coffee with the Mayor, Area Council, St. Lucie County Fire Board, and the Astor Creek Groundbreaking.

**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 11:09 p.m.

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Bryan Pankhurst, Assistant City Clerk

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Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk