

City of Port St. Lucie

City Council

121 SW Port St. Lucie
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Port St. Lucie, Florida
34984

Meeting Minutes - Draft

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, February 13, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

Meeting to Follow the 5:30 PM Board of Zoning Appeals

1. Meeting Called to Order

A Regular & Virtual Meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Mayor Martin on February 13, at 6:30 p.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida & via Zoom.

2. Roll Call

Council Members

Present:

Mayor Shannon Martin
Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo (via Zoom)
Councilman Dave Pickett
Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan
Councilman Anthony Bonna

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The Acting City Clerk gave the Invocation, and Mayor Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Proclamations and Special Presentations

4.a Proclamation: German American Club Month

[2023-095](#)

Mayor Martin presented the Proclamation to Ms. McFadden, Ms. Cooper and Mr. Erickson from the German American Club.

4.b Proclamation: Engineers Week

[2023-125](#)

Mayor Martin presented the Proclamation to Colt Schwerdt, Public Works Assistant Director, and Steven Frink from the Florida Engineering Society.

- 4.c** Proclamation: Black History Month [2023-155](#)

Mayor Martin presented the Proclamation to Jacqueline Fuller-Rhaheed, President of the Fort Pierce Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

- 4.d** Award Presentation - PSLinLights Holiday Light & Yard Decorating Contest Winners [2023-096](#)

Sarah Prohaska, Communications Director, showed a video to promote the upcoming Citizen Summit.

Melissa Yunis, Project Manager, and Stephanie Vernot, Engagement Manager, presented the PSL in Lights Holiday Light & Yard decorating winners.

- 4.e** Award Presentation - Neighborhood Improvement and Community Engagement (NICE) Awards [2023-150](#)

Bolivar Gomez, Project Manager, presented the winners for the NICE awards.

5. Public to be Heard

Caleta Scott spoke regarding the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary projects.

Stuart Grifel spoke regarding the new City Manager's salary, to which the City Council explained and broke down the reasons for the salary.

6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 7.a** Approval of the December 12, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, January 17, 2023 Special City Council Meeting Minutes [2023-102](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.b** Approve Sponsorship Request from Carebag Inc., for City [2023-143](#)

Logo use and Two Health Fair Events.

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.c** Approve Sponsorship Request from the PSL Crosstown Running Club for their Annual Shamrock 5K Run. [2023-144](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.d** Termination of the Amended and Restated Restrictive Covenant Executed by Bruno Scaccia and Paola J. Scaccia with Respect to Lots 13 and 14, Block 341, Port St. Lucie Section Twenty-Five, and Recorded in Official Records Book 4157, Page 483, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida [2023-128](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.e** Approve 2023 St. Patrick's Day Heritage Event License Agreement. [2023-132](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.f** Approve the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) Grant Agreement for the Port St. Lucie Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program. [2023-146](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.g** Motion: Termination of Restrictive Covenant Executed by Dorothy G. McFadden and Frederick McFadden with Respect to Lots 21 and 22, Block 195, Port St. Lucie Section Four, and Recorded in Official Records Book 925, Page 1866, of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2023-164](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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- Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.h** Approve a Major Site Plan for Southern Grove-Anglo Retail (P22-263) [2023-050](#)
- Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.i** Request for Site Plan Extension for Copper Creek Commercial Site Plan (P06-154) [2023-158](#)
- Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.j** Approve a Major Site Plan for Store Space PSL (P22-044) [2023-091](#)
- Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.k** Award Contract #20230005 for the Mechanical Integrity Testing ("MIT") of the Southport and Westport Deep Injection Wells. [2023-034](#)
- Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.l** Approve Amendment #3 to Contract #20160120 for the Supply of Zinc-Orthophosphate for the Water Treatment Facilities with Amaya Solutions, Inc. f/k/a American Water Chemicals, Inc. [2022-1077](#)
- Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.m** Approve Amendment #2 to Contract #20220045 for the Construction of the Floresta Drive Improvement Project - Phase 2. [2023-142](#)
- Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 7.n** Approve Motorola Solutions Change Order 003 [2023-094](#)
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Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.o** Award Contract #20220115 to Furnish and Install a New SW Traffic Signal at Bayshore Blvd. and SW Lakehurst Dr. [2023-033](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.p** Award Contract #20220110 Ready Mix Concrete, Fiber Mesh & Flowable Fill with Cemex Construction Materials of Florida, LLC and Southern Underground, Inc. [2023-145](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 7.q** Appoint Mayor Martin to Serve as Chair of the Auditor Selection Committee. [2023-157](#)

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Second Reading of Ordinances, Public Hearings

- 8.a** *Withdrawn by Applicant at 1st Reading* Ordinance 23-07, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Amending Title XV "Land Usage", Chapter 158, "Zoning Code", Section 158.073, Single-Family Residential Zoning District" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Port St. Lucie (P22-334). [2023-060](#)

This item was previously withdrawn and there was no vote taken.

- 8.b** Ordinance 23-08, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, An Ordinance to Rezone 31.788 Acres of Property Located South of Paar Drive, East of Community Boulevard, North of Becker Road, and West of SW Village Parkway from the Zoning Designation of SLC Agriculture -5 (AG-5) to a City MPUD and to Amend the Existing Southern Grove 4 MPUD (P22-227). [2023-074](#)

The City Attorney read the Quasi-Judicial Procedures into the record

for items 8 b.), 8 d.), 8 f.), 8 g.) & 8 h.). The Acting City Clerk administered the Oath of Testimony to staff and other interested parties & read Ordinance 23-08 aloud by title only. Mayor Martin inquired if there was any ex-parte communication, to which the City Council responded in the affirmative. Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Bridget Kean, Senior Planner, stated that she had been sworn in and added that the official file was submitted to the City Clerk's Office 5 days before the meeting and requested that it be entered into the record. She explained that the request was to rezone property from St. Lucie County AG-5 to City MPUD and amend an existing MPUD in Southern Grove. She showed a location map, an aerial, the existing Concept Plan and a Revised Concept Plan and explained the Future Land Use & Zoning. She informed the City Council that the land was supposed to be a school and park site in the Southern Grove DRI but the sites were relocated. Therefore the applicant was now requesting to add the property into the MPUD. She explained that the proposed amendment allowed for up to 1,300 units, includes the Cottages at Tradition, Kenley single-family subdivision, an adult community and a school site. She stated that the Site Plan Review Committee and the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended approval.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Steve Garrett, Lucido & Associates, stated that he had been sworn in and said that the request was more of a housekeeping item. He showed the existing Concept Plan with the Revised Concept Plan.

Mayor Martin asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak on the item, to which there was no one, therefore the Public Hearing closed. Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 23-08. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.c** Ordinance 23-09, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Include a Small-Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map for Property Owned by Crb of Florida, Inc. to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 3.05 acres from Utility (U) to Service Commercial (CS) for a Property Legally Described as a Portion of Lot 2, Block 1, of St. Lucie Gardens Plat 1 and Located at 3771 SE Jennings Road (P22-335).

[2023-088](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-09 aloud by title only. Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. (Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Bethany Grubbs, Planner III, explained that the request was for a small-scale comprehensive plan amendment to change the Future Land Use designation for 3.05 acres from Utility to Service Commercial. She explained the difference between Future Land Use and Zoning & stated that there was a concurrent rezoning application and the corresponding small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment. She showed the location, an aerial, and the surrounding Land Use and Zoning. She informed the City Council that there would be a reduction in daily and PM Peak hour trips based on the traffic analysis.

Mayor Martin asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the item. There being no one else to speak the Public Hearing closed. There being no further discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 23-09. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.d** Ordinance 23-10, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, An Ordinance to Rezone 1.35 Acres of Property Located South of Commerce Center Drive and East of Commerce Lakes Drive from the Zoning Designation of Industrial (IN) to Service Commercial (CS) Zoning District for a Project Known as Fresno Enterprise, Inc. (P22-333).

[2023-085](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-10 aloud by title only. Mayor Martin inquired if there was any ex-parte communication, to which the City Council responded in the negative. Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Francis Foreman, Planner II, stated that he had been sworn in and added that the official file was submitted to the City Clerk's Office 5 days before the meeting and requested that it be entered into the record. He explained that the request was to rezone approximately 1.35 acres from Industrial to Service Commercial to allow for a warehouse facility. He showed a location map, an aerial and explained the Future Land Use, the Zoning and the surrounding uses. He informed the City Council that the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended approval.

Mayor Martin asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the item. There being no one else to speak the Public Hearing closed.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 23-10. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.e** Ordinance 23-11, Public Hearing, An Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Amending Ch. 56 Stormwater Management, Art. III, Requirements, Section 56.22 Roadway Swales of the Code of Ordinances; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; Providing an Effective Date.

[2023-028](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-11 aloud by title only. Mayor Martin requested that staff send out notices informing the residents as to why the swale liner program was discontinued & requested that the Public Works and the Communication Departments work together on an educational campaign. Vice Mayor Caraballo shared the DEP's excitement over the fact that the City was discontinuing with swale liners since it was more environmentally friendly.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing & asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the item. There being no one else to speak the Public Hearing closed. There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 23-11. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.f** Ordinance 23-12, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Approving a Conceptual Plan for Approximately 1.18 acres of Property Located Northwest of the Intersection of Port St. Lucie Boulevard and South Globe Avenue Within the LMD (Limited Mixed-Use) Zoning District for a Project Known as Jensen MHP, LLC (aka Globe Avenue Restaurant) (P22-226).

[2022-1008](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-12 aloud by title only. Mayor Martin inquired if there was any ex-parte communication, to which the City Council responded in the negative. Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Mr. Foreman stated that he had been sworn in and added that the official file was submitted to the City Clerk's Office 5 days before the meeting and requested that it be entered into the record. He explained that the applicant was requesting to reconfigure the 1.17-acre Limited Mixed

Use (LMD) site conceptual plan as the proposed project was to create a 2,500 square foot restaurant with outdoor seating. He showed a location map, an aerial & a Conceptual Plan and explained the Future Land Use, the Zoning and the surrounding uses. He informed the City Council that the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended approval.

Mayor Martin asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the item. There being no one else to speak the Public Hearing closed. There being no further discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 23-12. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.g** Ordinance 23-13, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Rezoning 3.23 Acres of Land Zoned IN (Industrial) to 2.46 Acres of the CS (Service Commercial) and 0.77 Acres of the OSC (Open Space Conservation) Zoning Districts for Property Located at NW Commerce Center Drive in the Go Team Industrial Park for a Project Known as A Great Home, LLC (P22-320).

[2023-087](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-13 aloud by title only. Mayor Martin inquired if there was any ex-parte communication, to which the City Council responded in the negative. Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Ms. Grubbs stated that she had been sworn in and added that the official file was submitted to the City Clerk's Office 5 days before the meeting and requested that it be entered into the record. She explained that the applicant was requesting to rezone 3.23 acres of property from Industrial to 2.46 acres of Service Commercial and 0.77 acres of Open Space Conservation to provide compatibility between the zoning districts and land use classifications to develop the property. She showed a location map, an aerial and explained the Future Land Use and the Zoning. She informed the City Council that the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended approval.

Abraham Chabab, P.E., agent for the applicant, voiced that the location was not NW Commerce Center Drive but Commerce Lakes Drive, therefore the ordinance must be corrected.

Mayor Martin asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the item. There being no one else to speak the Public Hearing closed.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 23-13. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8.h** Ordinance 23-14, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, An Ordinance Rezoning 2.08 Acres of Land Zoned RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) and LMD (Limited Mixed Use) to the CG (General Commercial) Zoning District for Property Located Southwest of the Intersection of Gatlin Boulevard and Southwest East Calabria Circle, for a Project Known as Gatlin Pointe Phase II (P21-236).

[2023-089](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-14 aloud by title only. Mayor Martin inquired if there was any ex-parte communication, to which Vice Mayor Caraballo responded in the affirmative. Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Ms. Grubbs stated that she had been sworn in and added that the official file was submitted to the City Clerk's Office 5 days before the meeting and requested that it be entered into the record. She explained that the request was to rezone 2.08 acres of Single-Family Residential and Limited Mixed District property to General Commercial to allow for a commercial development consisting of restaurants, including drive-through services, retail, professional, or personal service uses. She added that a previous Comprehensive Plan Amendment was approved by the City Council. She stated that the house currently on the property would be demolished. She showed a location map, an aerial and explained the Future Land Use and the Zoning. She informed the City Council that the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended approval.

Mayor Martin asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the item. There being no one else to speak the Public Hearing closed. There being no further discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 23-14. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A break was called at 7:53 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

9. Other Public Hearings

There was nothing scheduled under this item.

10. First Reading of Ordinances

- 10.a** Ordinance 23-16, An Ordinance Rezoning 3.05 Acres of Land Zoned GU (General Use) to the CS (Service Commercial) Zoning District for Property Located at 3771 SE Jennings Road (P22-341). [2023-084](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-16 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 23-16. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.b** Ordinance 23-17, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 158 "Zoning Code", Article VIII - "Commercial Districts", Article IX - "Industrial Districts", Article XI - "Supplementary Use Regulations" and Chapter 153 "Definitions" (P22-307). [2023-153](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-17 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 23-17. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.c** Ordinance 23-18, Petition to Contract the External Boundaries of Tradition Community Development District No. 8 [2023-107](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-18 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 23-18. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.d** Ordinance 23-19, Petition to Establish Tradition Community Development District No. 11 [2023-108](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Ordinance 23-19 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 23-19. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

11. Resolutions

- 11.a** Resolution 23-R11, A Resolution Approving the Final Plat with Construction Plans for Verano South - POD G - Plat No.4, on the Request of Aster Creek Development LLC [2023-149](#)

(P22-213)

The Acting City Clerk read Resolution 23-R11 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Resolution 23-R11. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.b** Resolution 23-R12, A Resolution Approving and Accepting the Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat for Gatlin Pointe (P22-012)

[2023-154](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Resolution 23-R12 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 23-R12. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.c** Resolution 23-R13, A Resolution Approving and Accepting the Veranda Preserve East Final Plat and Construction Plans, as Requested by AG EHC II (Len) Multi State 1, LLC (P22-329)

[2023-092](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Resolution 23-R13 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 23-R13. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.d** Resolution 23-R14, Approve a Resolution of The City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Designating the City Officials Authorized to Withdraw Funds from the Depository Accounts; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date.

[2023-151](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Resolution 23-R14 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Resolution 23-R14. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.e** Resolution 23-R15, a Resolution of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, to Authorize the Addition of a 401a and 457b Special Pay Plans.

[2023-163](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Resolution 23-R15 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 23-R15. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. Under discussion, Councilman Bonna stated that this change was saving the City a substantial amount of money. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 11.f** Resolution 23-R16, Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Described as Lot 4, Block 1991, 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, for the Savona Boulevard/Alcantarra Boulevard Intersection Improvements.

[2023-113](#)

The Acting City Clerk read Resolution 23-R16 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 23-R16. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

12. Unfinished Business

There was nothing scheduled under this item.

13. New Business

- 13.a** Approve a Site Plan Amendment with Major Revisions for Fresno Enterprises, Inc. (P17-247-A1)

[2022-957](#)

Mr. Foreman explained that the request was a Site Plan Amendment for a major revision to the 1.35- acre site located in the G.O. Team Industrial Park to add in an 8,700 square foot warehouse divided into six bays with an office in each bay. He showed a location map, an aerial, a Site Plan, a Landscape Plan and an Elevation Plan. He explained the Future Land Use, the Zoning and the surrounding uses. He added that there was no significant traffic impact per the traffic analysis. He said that the Site Plan Review Committee had recommended approval. Councilwoman Morgan questioned the traffic analysis, to which Mr. Schwerdt replied that the bays would be used very infrequently.

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve item 13 a.). Councilman Bonna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 13.b** Approve Swale Liner Discontinuation Plan

[2023-159](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Amy Eason,

Storm Water Executive Project Manager, gave a brief background on swale liners as well as what steps would be needed next for the discontinuation. She stated that no new swale liners would be installed and that the Residential Review and Permitting Guidelines would be modified. She said that the City would remove the swale liner and apply the new swale section. She offered three options for swale liner maintenance, option one is to cancel maintenance contracts in the next 60 days, make it the landowner's responsible for the cleaning & to leave swale liner in until the re-work program occurs. Option two, which is recommended by staff, is to continue maintenance for this Fiscal Year, 2022-2023, and to reduce the amount in next Fiscal Years (3 cleanings in FY 2023-2024, 1 cleaning in FY 2024-2025 and 0 cleaning beyond). Option three is to remove all swale liners with current maintenance contractor, and to either add sod or leave until re-work program occurs. She broke down the communication plan that was in place which would include social media, a press release, letters, utility bill inserts, an e-mail blast and videos.

Councilwoman Morgan and Ms. Eason discussed how the swales would grow from nine inches to two feet, and Councilwoman Morgan felt that option three was the best way forward. Councilwoman Morgan inquired if a resident could keep the liner in until the re-work occurred, to which Ms. Eason responded in the affirmative. Councilman Pickett did recommend removing the swale liners in stages. Mayor Martin voiced her concern over ripping out the liners without a re-work program in place. Councilman Bonna preferred option two since it was a responsible transition plan. Vice Mayor Caraballo was unsure if any of the options were a good choice. Jesus Merejo, Chief Assistant City Manager, stated that staff would come back with new options for a re-work plan.

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the discontinuation of installing new swale liners. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve new recommendations from staff as well as a rework plan. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The City Council agreed that no repairs should be made to the liners.

- 13.c** Request for an Attorney/Client Session with the City Council to Discuss Disposition of Funds from Opioid Litigation

[2023-169](#)

The City Attorney stated that checks had been received from other

settlements outside of the Interlocal Agreement, therefore the Legal Department needed to speak with the City Council on all available options. Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve item 13 c.). Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

14. City Manager's Report

The Chief Assistant City Manager informed the City Council that the Utilities Department had received \$50,000 for septic to sewer and \$8.7 million for the Westport Waste Water Treatment Plant, Public Works received \$500,000 and West Port received \$15 million which equaled a total of over \$24 million.

15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments

Councilwoman Morgan- She attended the EDC Farewell to Russ Blackburn, a Florida League of Cities Advocacy Committee meeting, a Transportation Planning Organizational meeting and the EDC Luncheon.

Councilman Pickett- He attended the EDC Farewell to Russ Blackburn, a TPO Board Meeting, a Roundtable Meeting, the Bonfire, was a guest speaker, Rivernights, a concert at MidFlorida Event Center and ran a 5k at Met Stadium.

Vice Mayor Caraballo- She attended the EDC Farewell to Russ Blackburn, a Palm Beach League of Cities meeting, a Florida League of Cities Advocacy Committee meeting, Russ Blackburn's City Retirement Party, a Southern Coast League of Cities mtg, a TPO Board meeting, a meeting with a representative from Mr. Rubio's office, a Port St. Lucie High School Musical, city meetings in Washington D.C., bake sale and attended meetings in Tallahassee.

Councilman Bonna- He attended the EDC Farewell to Russ Blackburn, Russ Blackburn's City Retirement Party, two Port St. Lucie Police Swearing-In, a Port St. Lucie High School Musical, a ribbon cutting at the Clerk of Court, spoke to a Cub Scout Pack, the EDC Luncheon, the County's Homelessness Advisory Committee meeting, the Regional Affordable Housing Committee meeting, two Father-Daughter Dances, a concert at MidFlorida Event Center and held a Drug-Free St. Lucie County Hidden in Plain Sight event.

Mayor Martin- She attended the EDC Farewell to Russ Blackburn, Russ Blackburn's City Retirement Party, TPO Meeting and she thanked staff for the City's Father-Daughter Dance. She invited the Public to Jesus Merejo's Swearing In.

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

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Bryan Pankhurst, Acting City Clerk

Shanna Donleavy, Deputy City Clerk