

RESOLUTION 25-R___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN IDENTIFYING UNNECESSARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, CREATING EFFICIENCIES, AND SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, one of the core goals of the City of Port St. Lucie’s (“City’s”) strategic plan is to operate as a high-performing government organization, with a focus on providing excellent value to the community, reducing millage for taxpayers, and enhancing customer service; all of which are benchmarks of efficiency for local government operations; and

WHEREAS, some notable examples of the City’s accomplishments in local government efficiency include:

- Successfully reducing its millage rate for nine (9) consecutive years, a 23.7% reduction and securing the third-lowest city millage rate among the top twenty largest cities in Florida;
- Reducing its long-term debt by approximately 41% (*i.e.*, over \$1.042 billion in fiscal year 2010 to \$619 million in fiscal year 2024) through strategic principal payments and refinancings;
- Upgraded credit ratings from both Fitch Ratings and Moody’s Investor Services as a result of the City’s conservative management of federal funds and the proactive management of its long-term liabilities;
- Regular preparation of annual audits and financial reports which are submitted to the State’s Auditor General as required by law, addressing all resulting comments and recommendations with no adverse findings or rulings;
- Utilization of modern technology for improving efficiency and enhancing the City’s practice of data-driven decision-making;
- Recipient of numerous prestigious awards in governmental innovation and efficiency, some of which have been awarded over multiple consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the City remains committed to reducing taxes, improving fiscal and operational efficiency, and providing quality essential services and infrastructure for its residents in a fiscally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, the City values transparency, accountability, public trust, and active public engagement, acknowledging that the accomplishments listed herein and those yet to occur are the result of collaborative efforts between elected officials, staff, and residents working together toward a shared vision for the City’s future; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 25-44, entitled “Ensuring Government Efficiency”, which established the Department of Governmental Efficiency Team (“EOG DOGE”) within the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor; and

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WHEREAS, the EOG DOGE Team is tasked with assisting local governments in identifying unnecessary spending, eliminating waste, and finding opportunities to save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City has and continues to make strides in identifying unnecessary spending, creating efficiencies within the City’s operations, and saving taxpayer dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Port St. Lucie, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Support for Efficiency Efforts. The City Council supports efforts to identify and eliminate unnecessary government spending, create operational efficiencies, and save taxpayer dollars. This includes, but is not limited to, regularly reviewing and streamlining programs, grants, and contracts that may be redundant or misaligned with state and federal regulations.

Section 3. Direction and Appointment. The City Council hereby designates the City Manager, or his written designee, as the City’s point of contact for any and all coordination with, as well as inquiries and requests from, the EOG DOGE Team.

Section 4. Conflict. If any resolutions, or parts of resolutions, are in conflict herewith, this Resolution shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard Berrios, City Attorney