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A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN ORDER TO FILL A VACANCY FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CITY COUNCIL SEAT FOR DISTRICT THREE, CREATED BY THE RESIGN-TO-RUN OF THE VICE-MAYOR SHANNON MARTIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's seat for the City of Port St. Lucie will be vacant as of July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Council has called for and scheduled a Special Election to fill that seat pursuant to Resolution 21R-68; and

WHEREAS, Vice-Mayor Shannon Martin, who holds the Council Seat for District Three has filed to run for Mayor and has submitted a Resign-to-Run letter as required by Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, this creates a future vacancy on the City Council in the District Three seat, which must be filled by Special Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Council hereby calls for a Special Election for the Council District Three seat and persons wishing to run may file effective immediately.

Section 2. The Special Election shall be administered by the Honorable Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections for St. Lucie County, pursuant to the terms of the City Charter, unless rendered inapplicable by the Florida Elections Code, in which case state law shall apply.

Section 3. Because the time frames and deadlines provided for in the City Charter render it inapplicable, the provisions of the Florida Elections Code shall control and the scheduling of this Special Election, as well as the qualifying period, canvassing, and certification of result, shall be established by Ordinance, and will run concurrently with the dates set forth in Resolution 21R-68, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 4. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and

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effect and this Resolution shall nevertheless stand and be construed as if the illegal or invalid part or portion had not been included herein.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 28th day of June, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

ATTEST:

By: _____
Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James D. Stokes, City Attorney