

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, October 14, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

Request to Table Item 10C* *Addition of Item 8H

1. Meeting Called to Order

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Vice Mayor Caraballo at 1:00 PM on October 14, 2024, at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present:

Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo
Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan
Councilman Dave Pickett
Councilman Anthony Bonna

Council Members Not Present:

Mayor Shannon M. Martin

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The City Clerk delivered the Invocation, and Vice Mayor Caraballo led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Proclamations and Special Presentations

There were no Proclamations or Special Presentations.

5. Public to be Heard

Vice Mayor Caraballo opened Public to be Heard and called on those who wished to speak:

1. David Lipps, 2777 SE Bluem Way, spoke to and recommended a siren system to alert City residents at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million, in light of the recent tornado activity.
2. Peter Previte, Canary Terrace, provided some positive comments on recent work performed and decisions made by the Mayor, Council, City Manager, and Staff.

Vice Mayor Caraballo thanked Mr. Previte for his continued service and stated it was a team effort with the help of residents. She informed Mr. Lipps that the County was in charge of emergency services and asked the City Manager to share the suggestion in future conversations. City Manager Merejo stated the City was looking into the possibility of a siren alert system and will work with the County.

There being no further comments, Vice Mayor Caraballo closed Public to be Heard.

6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Vice Mayor Caraballo indicated it was requested that Council table Items 10.c and 10.g to October 28, 2024. She also noted that Item 8.h will not be added to the Agenda and will come back at a later date.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve tabling Items 10.c and 10.g to the 10/28/2024 City Council Meeting. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 7.a** Approval of the September 9, 2024 Budget Hearing, [2024-996](#)
September 9, 2024 Regular City Council, September 16, 2024
City Council Workshop, and September 23, 2024 Budget
Hearing Meeting Minutes

This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7.b** Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Memorandum of [2024-972](#)
Understanding Agreement between the City of Port St. Lucie
and the United Way of St. Lucie and Okeechobee for the
United Way Golf Classic. Approve the United Way of St. Lucie
and Okeechobee's Sponsorship Request to use the City's

- Logo and Marketing Support from the Communications Department for the United Way Golf Classic.
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.c** 2024 Fall Fun Fest Event License Agreement [2024-989](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.d** Annual Update Amending Exhibit B of Resolution 24-R43, Revising the Project List to Ensure Continued Access to Commercial Paper Funding [2024-1001](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.e** Approve a Grant Agreement between City of Port St. Lucie and U.S. Department of Energy for City Hall Light Fixture Upgrades to LED [2024-959](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.f** Award Contract 20240138 for Mini-Float Switches for Residential Low Pressure Sewer Grinder Pump System for Utility Systems Department. [2024-998](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.g** Approve Amendment to Recreational Trails Grant Program Agreement #T2121. [2024-1012](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.h** Approval to Participate in the NASPO Cooperative Contract #24823 for Police Radar/Lidar Speed Enforcement & Accident Scene Reconstruction. [2024-1030](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.i** Approve Extension of the Alternative Vehicle Purchasing Plan for an Additional Fiscal Year. [2024-1040](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.j** Approve a Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat for Mansion Estates Replat 2 (P23-217). [2024-958](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.k** Approve a Major Site Plan for HKA Warehouse (P24-074). [2024-985](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

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- 7.l** Approval of a Major Site Plan for TNT - Bayshore Boulevard (P24-023). [2024-986](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.m** Approve a Major Site Plan for iThink Retail Plaza (Tradition-IBM Southeast Employee Credit Union) (P24-091). [2024-981](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.n** Approve Amendment #14 to Contract #20170037 for Mowing & Grounds Maintenance - Ogden, Re-Pump Stations, City Homes, Wells and Animal Control. [2024-1020](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.o** Accept the Parks & Recreation Transition Plan [2024-916](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.p** Approval to Participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract RFP#120822 for Relocatable Building and Storage with Related Services. [2024-1042](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.q** Approval to Participate in the Lee County Contract #B240067AVR for Irrigation Parts and Related Items. [2024-1041](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 7.r** Award Contract #20240087 for Furnish and Install Asphaltic Concrete Paving Under 200 Ton, Per Project . [2024-1025](#)
- This Consent item was Approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 8. Second Reading of Ordinances**
- 8.a** Ordinance 24-37, Public Hearing, an Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Port St. Lucie to Include a Large-Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map to Change the Future Land Use Designation for Approximately 150 Acres from Utility (U) to Light Industrial (LI) for a Parcel of Land Legally Described in Attached Exhibit "A" and Generally Located South of Midway Road, Northwest of Glades Cut-Off Road, and Immediately West of McCarty Road (P24-057). [2024-654](#)
- The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-37 aloud by title only.
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Vice Mayor Caraballo opened the Public Hearing.

Bridge Kean, Planning and Zoning, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Port St. Lucie Glades WWTP adjacent lands, to amend the Comprehensive Plan to include a Large-Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map to Change the Future Land Use Designation. She stated it is a City initiated application.

Ms. Kean reviewed the request, map of subject property, surrounding Future Land Use and zoning, and proposed Future Land Use. She discussed the back ground and justification, adequate public facilities analysis, findings, and timeline of the project thus far. Ms. Kean indicated the Planning & Zoning Department staff found the petition to be consistent with the intent and direction of the City's Comprehensive Plan and recommends approval.

There being no further comments, Vice Mayor Caraballo closed the Public Hearing.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 24-37. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 8.b** Ordinance 24-50, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Authorizing a Lease Amendment Between the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC, Related to a Portion of Property Located at 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. for Relocation of Power Utility Service and Easement and Continued Use of a Monopole Communications Tower; and Authorizing the City Manager To Execute and Enter into a Cell Tower Lease Agreement; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

[2024-854](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-50 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 24-50. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 8.c** Ordinance 24-53, an Ordinance to Rezone Approximately 0.56 Acres of Property Located on the Northeast Corner of SW Whitmore Drive and Southwest Macedo Boulevard from

[2024-945](#)

the Zoning Designation of Professional (P) to Service Commercial (CS) Zoning District for Property Legally Described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 621, Port St. Lucie Section Thirteen (P24-115).

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-53 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-53. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 8.d** Ordinance 24-54, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Rezoning Approximately 0.74-Acres of Land, Located South of SW Gatlin Boulevard, on the East Side of SW Campana Street, from Single Family Residential (RS-2) Zoning District to Warehouse Industrial (WI) for Property Legally Described as Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-One, Block 1708, Lots 3, 4, And 5 (P24-080).

[2024-954](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-54 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 24-54. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 8.e** Ordinance 24-56, an Ordinance to Rezone Approximately 4.89 Acres of Property Located in the Northeast Quadrant of the Intersection of SW Tradition Parkway and the North-South "A" Road Right-of-Way for a Parcel of Land Legally Described in Exhibit 6 of the Attached Composite Exhibit "A" from the Zoning Designation of AG-5 (SLC Agriculture-5) to the City's MPUD (Master Planned Unit Development) Zoning District for a Project Known as Western Grove 4 MPUD; Providing for the Approval and Adoption of a MPUD Conceptual Master Plan and Regulation Book (P24-054).

[2024-957](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-56 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 24-56. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not

present at this meeting.)

- 8.f** Ordinance 24-57, an Ordinance Providing for the Fourth Amendment to the Master Planned Unit Development Regulation Book and Concept Plan for the Tradition Commerce Park North MPUD Located West of Interstate 95, South of SW Discovery Way, East of SW Village Parkway and North of Marshall Parkway (P24-100).

[2024-961](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-57 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-57. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 8.g** Ordinance 24-58, an Ordinance to Rezone Approximately 217 Acres of Property Generally Located West of interstate 95, East of SW Village Parkway and between Destination Way and Marshall Parkway for a Parcel of Land Legally Described in Section 6 of the Attached Composite Exhibit "A" from the Zoning Designation of Tradition Commerce Park North MPUD (Master Planned Unit Development) to the Zoning Designation of Destination at Tradition MPUD for a Project Known as Destination at Tradition MPUD; Providing for the Approval and Adoption of an MPUD Conceptual Master Plan and Regulation Book (P24-099).

[2024-963](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-58 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 24-58. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 8.h** Ordinance 24-49, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Authorizing the Lease of a Portion of Property Located at 281-TW St. James Drive (Northport Cell Tower) to DISH Wireless, LLC For Use of a Monopole Communications Tower; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Enter into a Cell Tower Lease Agreement; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

[2024-853](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was not added to the Agenda.)

9. Other Public Hearings

There were no Other Public Hearings to be heard.

10. First Reading of Ordinances, Public Hearing

10.a Ordinance 24-59, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) Foot Wide Rear Utility and Drainage Easement Affecting Lot 7, Block 572, Port St. Lucie Section Thirteen, as Recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 4 and 4A through 4M, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2024-997](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-59 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Caraballo opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, she closed the Public Hearing.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-59. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

10.b Ordinance 24-60, Public Hearing, Authorizing the Conveyance of Approximately 7.54 Acres of Real Property to the Port St. Lucie Governmental Finance Corporation for Future Development Purposes.

[2024-979](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-60 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Caraballo opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, she closed the Public Hearing.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 24-60. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

10.c Ordinance 24-61, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Ten (10) Foot Wide Public Utility Easement Affecting Lot 6, Southern Grove Plat 46, as Recorded in Plat Book 61, Page 17 of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2024-978](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was tabled to the 10/28/24 City Council Meeting under Item 6 above, Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda.)

10.d Ordinance 24-62, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Ten (10) Foot

[2024-952](#)

Wide Public Utility Easement Affecting Lot 1, Southern Grove Plat 45, as Recorded in Plat Book 121, Page 3 of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-62 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Caraballo opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, she closed the Public Hearing.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-62. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 10.e** Ordinance 24-63, Public Hearing, Authorizing the Partial Abandonment and Termination of a Blanket Flowage Easement Recorded in Official Records Book 2902, Page 1220, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2024-949](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-63 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Caraballo opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, she closed the Public Hearing.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 24-63. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 10.f** Ordinance 24-64, Public Hearing, Amend Chapter 111 Business Tax Receipts of the City Code of Ordinances. [2024-918](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-64 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Caraballo opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, she closed the Public Hearing.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 24-64. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 10.g** Ordinance 24-65, Public Hearing, Authorizing the Conveyance of Two (2) City-Owned Real Property Parcels totaling 150.37 acres generally Located North of NW Glades Cut-Off Road, West of McCarty Road, to SBR Land [2024-1029](#)

Development, LLC.

(Clerk's Note: This item was tabled to the 10/28/24 City Council Meeting under Item 6 above, Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda.)

11. Resolutions

- 11.a** Resolution 24-R78, a Resolution Allowing the Execution of [2024-917](#)
Amendment Number Three (3) to Florida Department of
Transportation, District Four (4) Inclusive Landscape
Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

The City Clerk read Resolution 24-R78 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 24-R78. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 11.b** Resolution 24-R79, a Resolution of the City Council of the [2024-1031](#)
City of Port St. Lucie Approving a Public Private Partnership
Unsolicited Proposal Fee; Providing for Conflicts; Providing
for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

The City Clerk read Resolution 24-R79 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 24-R79. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 11.c** Resolution 24-R81, Authorizing the Acquisition of Real [2024-1034](#)
Property Described as Lot 29, Block 1379, Port St. Lucie
Section Fourteen, as Recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 5, of the
Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida, for Stormwater
Management Purposes.

The City Clerk read Resolution 24-R81 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 24-R81. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

12. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to be heard.

13. New Business

- 13.a** Approval of a Three (3) Year Agreement between the City of Port St. Lucie and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, Local 6015, Representing the Officers Bargaining Unit

[2024-969](#)

Kim Sala, Human Resources, stated this is a tentative 3-year agreement that expires September 30, 2027. She indicated this agreement covers all bargaining unit members assigned to the Officers Unit and was ratified by that unit on September 11, 2024. Ms. Sala noted that a summary of changes made to the agreement has been included with the agenda item.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Three (3) Year Agreement Between the City of Port St. Lucie and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, Local 6015, Representing the Officers Bargaining Unit. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 13.b** Approval of a Three (3) Year Agreement between the City of Port St. Lucie and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, Local 6017, Representing the Sergeants Bargaining Unit

[2024-970](#)

Kim Sala, Human Resources, stated this is a tentative 3-year agreement that expires September 30, 2027. She indicated this agreement covers all bargaining unit members assigned to the Sergeants Unit and was ratified by that unit on September 13, 2024. Ms. Sala noted that a summary of changes made to the agreement has been included with the agenda item.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve the Three (3) Year Agreement Between the City of Port St. Lucie and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, Local 6017, Representing the Sergeants Bargaining Unit. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

- 13.c** Approval of a Three (3) Year Agreement between the City of Port St. Lucie and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, Local 6018, Representing the Lieutenants Bargaining Unit

[2024-971](#)

Kim Sala, Human Resources, stated this is a tentative 3-year agreement that expires September 30, 2027. She indicated this agreement covers all bargaining unit members assigned to the Lieutenants Unit and was ratified

by that unit on September 11, 2024. She noted that a summary of changes made to the agreement has been included with the agenda item.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Three (3) Year Agreement Between the City of Port St. Lucie and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, Local 6018, Representing the Lieutenants Bargaining Unit. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo thanked the team and the Union for their partnership and working together to complete these three agreements. She stated the Council is very grateful for their police department and for the service they provide to the City of Port St. Lucie, as they are the safest largest city in the State of Florida.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Martin was not present at this meeting.)

14. City Manager's Report

City Manager Merejo asked the departments to provide an update on the status of the City after enduring Hurricane Milton and the associated tornado activity.

Colt Schwerdt, Public Works Director and City Engineer, thanked everyone who worked with the EOC staff and stated the City was spared compared to the rest of the County. He provided an update on the drainage, debris cleanup and pickup, inspections of facilities and bridges, culverts and water control structures. He indicated the street sweeper machines will start going through the City this week. Mr. Schwerdt discussed the traffic signals that have been repaired and the streetlights that are in need of repair. He reminded everyone that downed signage and traffic signals are considered an emergency and need to be reported via 911.

Councilman Pickett inquired about FCC picking up the debris. Mr. Schwerdt stated the debris in the right-of-way and at the City parks is being taken to the County landfill.

Mariana Feldpausch, Solid Waste Director, stated FCC is currently caught up and working on their regular schedule. She indicated yard waste might be a bit behind, but FCC has some additional trucks servicing the areas hit by the tornadoes.

Vice Mayor Caraballo stated there are cabinets sitting by the curb on Thornhill. Ms. Feldpausch explained that people are putting out additional items after FCC has gone through and FCC will make another sweep this Thursday and Friday.

Vice Mayor Caraballo and Councilwoman Morgan expressed their concerns regarding bulk sitting out for a long period of time, to which City Manager Merejo indicated that staff will look into this.

Ms. Feldpausch noted that the landfill is accepting debris at no cost to the residents of Port St. Lucie. She explained the Cameo site will open on Wednesday and asked that any debris be taken to the landfill in the meantime. City Manager Merejo noted that no enforcement action is being taken at this time.

Vice Mayor Caraballo suggested in future discussions with emergency management, they discuss getting this rolled out a bit faster and setting a date certain for pickups, so the trickle effect does not continue. Councilman Bonna stated the key is to clarify and communicate the specifics as far in advance as possible.

Billy Weinshank, Emergency Operations Division Director, stated this was not a normal storm and the City was very fortunate. He discussed the timing of reimbursements from FEMA, which might be received quicker than in the past, and the process for residents to file or apply to get assistance. He noted the City is helping the County with resource requests.

On a personal note, Vice Mayor Caraballo thanked Mr. Weinshank for his continued service and support to the City in its emergency operations, while his family was experiencing hardship from a tornado. Mr. Weinshank thanked the City for embracing him and his family in a moment of need and for their continued support during this time.

Carmen Capezzuto, Neighborhood Services Director, stated their hearts, thoughts, and prayers were with those who had significant losses and those employees who are still servicing the community. He provided an update and stated their 1PSL call volumes are up about three times the normal average, mostly for trash and debris pick-up. Mr. Capezzuto spoke to the multi-agency resource center at the Fenn Center, where City code officers are assisting the County. For the quickest assistance, he encouraged City residents to apply on line at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), and indicated further information on state assistance is posted on the City's website as well as additional resource information. Vice Mayor Caraballo thanked the County Administrator Landry for all of their work and information.

Vice Mayor Caraballo inquired about the number of power outages and if residents could go to the Mid-Florida Event Center to charge their phones. City Manager Merejo stated they have not had that conversation, but they can get the word out. He noted that many businesses were open in Port St. Lucie.

Councilwoman Morgan stated she received an alert from FPL that everyone should be up and running by the end of today.

Brad Kean, Parks & Recreation Director, reported on the damage to park landscaping, shade/sail systems, aluminum structures, and awning of a maintenance building. He stated all parks are open to the public for normal operations, but two fields are closed. He explained the Saint's Golf Course received landscaping damage by a possible tornado, so 9 holes are currently open and 18 holes will open tomorrow. He noted the driving range is open as well. Mr. Kean indicated that a Parks & Recreation staff member's home suffered significant damage, but is able to occupy the home. He thanked all City employees who assisted the Parks & Recreation Department in an effort to clean up.

Vice Mayor Caraballo inquired about the sail system, to which Mr. Kean explained a support pole was damaged and it would be repaired after the vendor looks at it today. Councilman Pickett suggested removing the sails prior to the storms. Mr. Kean stated they have considered doing that, but it is a timing issue and they plan to take them down prior to future storm events.

City Manager Merejo noted that Staff will be re-evaluating everything that occurred during the storm, as there is a unique opportunity to improve on what was done.

Kevin Matyjaszek, Utility Systems Director, provided an update on operations and stated they fared very well with minimal damage to their facilities. He explained the grinder systems set off an alarm, so there was an influx of calls. He stated they are working on informing the customers on what type of system they have, to better assist them on what actions or decisions need to be made. Mr. Matyjaszek thanked the dedicated teams of individuals who have been working around the clock, answering calls, and assisting Spanish Lakes.

City Manager Merejo thanked the Staff for performing at a high level and stated they cannot let their guard down, as they always need to be prepared. Vice Mayor Caraballo encouraged residents to stay prepared.

15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments

Councilwoman Morgan reported she attended the grand opening of the Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center, Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, City Manager Update Luncheon, Board of County Commissioners Meeting, Transportation Planning Organization Meeting, Little Feet Event, and Roundtable of St. Lucie County.

Councilman Pickett reported that he attended the grand opening of Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center and took a trip to Korea with his

veterans group just before the hurricane. He also announced the following upcoming events: Harvest Hayride and Bonfire at McCarty Ranch, Fun Fall Fest at Mid-Florida Event Center, and Hallotween Hangout at Mid-Florida Event Center.

Councilman Bonna reported that he attended the grand opening of the Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center, Transportation Planning Organization Meeting, and DDS4Vets Annual Dinner. Councilman Bonna stated he also attended the City Manager Update Luncheon and indicated that City Manager Merejo did a fabulous job, as the format was great, informative, and enjoyable. Vice Mayor Caraballo agreed and commented on the luncheon as well.

Councilman Bonna indicated he joined the American Flood Coalition and would like the City to join as a municipality, as there is no cost to do so. He stated it is a platform for an added voice in state and federal advocacy, provides tools and resources for the City, and could help the City from a communications perspective.

Councilman Bonna stated he hosted a townhall at Keiser University and thanked Staff for coordinating the event. He indicated it was a great format, the room was full, and he received a lot of good feedback. He stated he also spoke to the Riverland Veteran's Club this weekend with a similar format and has an upcoming speaking engagement at the Southbend HOA and a mini townhall at Temple Beth El Israel.

Councilman Bonna stated he serves on the County Homeless Advisory Committee and the City awarded a \$400,000 grant to the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, which will provide emergency rental assistance to individuals at imminent risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. He indicated the City received funding through the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance ERA2 program due to high demand. He stated they have reached the maximum amount of applicants for October and, if funding is still available, the City will look to reopen the program in November.

Vice Mayor Caraballo reported that she attended the grand opening of the Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center, City Manager Update Luncheon, TPO Board Meeting, and Florida League of Cities Policy Committee Meeting.

The Council members thanked Staff for their constant updates and dedication during the storm. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated Hurricane Milton was an example of how their City pulls together when faced with challenges and indicated the City will do everything in its power to assist residents and businesses during the

recovery. She thanked the City Manager, Council, Staff, and the residents of the City.

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 2:20 PM.

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

Traci Mehl, Deputy City Clerk