

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, Sr., Councilman, District III

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Monday, November 10, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

Addition of Item 7K

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 at 1:00 PM on November 10, 2025, at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present:

Shannon M .Martin, Mayor

Jolien Caraballo, Vice Mayor

Dave Pickett, Councilman

Anthony Bonna, Sr., Councilman

Council Members Not Present:

Stephanie Morgan, Councilwoman

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Proclamations and Special Presentations

4.a FCC Environmental Services Franchise Agreement for the
Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Progress
Update

2025-1032

Joseph Sandora, Area Manager, FCC Environmental Services provided a

PowerPoint presentation and updated the Council on the City's Waste and Recycling Collections. He spoke to keeping up with the City's growth, missed pickups, and sponsoring local events. He also noted the compliments that FCC receives from the residents.

Mayor Martin requested that FCC provide the data for actual missed pickups or stops at their next update to the City Council, per Councilman Pickett's inquiry. She thanked Mr. Sandora for keeping up with the growth and their partnerships with the City.

5. Public to be Heard

Mayor Martin opened Public to be Heard. There being no comments, she closed Public to be Heard.

6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Mayor Martin indicated there were requests to add Item 7.k to the Agenda and to table Item 11.a.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item 7.k and tabling Item 11.a. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

7.a Approval of the October 20, 2025 Special City Council
Meeting Minutes

[2025-1033](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.b Approve Sponsorship Request from the weVENTURE
Women's Business Center for the Upcoming Strong Coffee
Strong Women Event

[2025-1051](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.c Approve the Selection of an Alternative Neighborhood
Gathering/Green Space Site

[2025-1084](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.d Approval to Participate in the OMNIA Cooperative Contract
#3341 for HVAC Products, Installation, Labor Based
Solutions, and Related Products and Services.

[2025-978](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.e Approval to Participate in the Florida Sheriffs Associations Cooperative Contract #FSA25-VEH23.0: Heavy Trucks and Buses to Purchase Pursuit, Administrative, & Other Vehicles, City Contract #20260013. [2025-1049](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.f Approve Sole Source Contract #20240149 for Temporary Technical Staffing with Operational Technical Services, LLC. [2025-824](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.g Approve the Agreement with Respect to Florida Power & Light Street Lighting for Anthony F. Sansone Sr. Boulevard Phase 3 and a Portion of Hegener Drive East with Sansone Group, LLC. [2025-1065](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.h Approval to Participate in the Charlotte County Piggyback Agreement # 20250439 for Rehabilitation of existing Stormwater Sewer Pipes City Contract # 20250220. [2025-1054](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.i Ratify Amendment #1 and Approve Amendment #2 to Contract #20240082 for the Floresta Drive Improvements Project Phase 3. [2025-1053](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.j Approve Sole Source Contract #20260045 for the Supply of Residential & Commercial Grinder Pump Systems, Parts and Repairs with Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. [2025-874](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

7.k Approve FY 2025-2026 Appropriation and Expenditure of Police Forfeiture Funds [2025-1074](#)

This Consent item was Approved.

8. Second Reading of Ordinances

8.a Ordinance 25-62, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) Foot Wide Rear Utility and Drainage Easement Affecting Lot 3, Block 1604, Port St. Lucie Section Twenty-Three, According to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 29, [2025-979](#)

29A through 29D, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

The City Clerk read Ordinance 25-62 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Ordinance 25-62. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

8.b Ordinance 25-63, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) Foot Wide Utility and Drainage Easement Located on the East Side of Lot 5, Block 3089, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-Four, According to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in Plat Book 16, Pages 23, 23A through 23U, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2025-984](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 25-63 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 25-63. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

8.c Ordinance 25-64, an Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 0.23-Acres of Land, Located South of SW Gatlin Boulevard, on the West Side of SW Fondura Road, from Single-Family Residential (RS-2) Zoning District to Service Commercial (CS) for Property Legally Described as Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-One, Block 1708, Lot 20 (P25-147). [2025-1001](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 25-64 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 25-64. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

8.d Ordinance 25-66, an Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Include a Small-Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 3.12 Acres From Open Space Recreation (OSR) to Commercial General/Institutional (CG/I) for a 0.94-Acre Area Located Between the Existing Fields and Parking Lot and a 2.18-Acre Area at the Southernmost End of [2025-1024](#)

SE Morningside Boulevard, Where the Roadway Terminates, For Property Located at 3500 SE Morningside Boulevard, Generally Located North of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, South of SE Westmoreland Boulevard, East of SE Morningside Boulevard, at the Western Terminus of SE Pine Valley Street (P25-154).

The City Clerk read Ordinance 25-66 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 25-66. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Caraballo noted and clarified for the record that this was existing commercial, as this item is approving what is already there.

The Council voted and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

9. Other Public Hearings

There were no Other Public Hearings to be heard.

10. First Reading of Ordinances, Public Hearing

10.a Ordinance 25-68, Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Authorizing the Use of Traffic Infraction Detectors to Promote Compliance with Red Light Signal Directives, Amending Title VII - Traffic Code of the City Code of Ordinances, by Creating Chapter 74, and Authorizing the Chief of Police to Take Any and All Appropriate Actions to Facilitate Enforcement; Providing for Codification; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

[2025-1046](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 25-68 aloud by title only.

Chief Leo Niemczyk provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Citywide Red Light Camera Analysis & Recommendations. He provided an overview of the City's traffic crashes, fatalities, and causes, as well as reviewed the justification for placing red light cameras at the top ten intersections as recommended. He asked the Council to consider and approve this Ordinance.

Councilman Bonna inquired about the data on fatalities to justify this Ordinance. Chief Niemczyk explained that intersections enforced with red

light cameras reduce the right angle crashes and increase the rear-end crashes. However, the overall number of crashes slightly decrease.

Vice Mayor Caraballo asked how the red cameras are operated. Chief Niemczyk indicated that most systems have a camera at the intersection with a view on the light and the stop line. He stated typically enforcement is done with a 3-second reprieve of the light being red and being across the stop line. Vice Mayor Caraballo thought it was important to educate the public. She stated she was in support because of the safety factors, the City's growth, and there is a limited amount of resources for traffic enforcement. Chief Niemczyk indicated he agreed with the education aspect.

Councilman Pickett questioned the constitutionality of this Ordinance. Chief Niemczyk stated that Florida's Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act provides Florida State Statute to do camera enforcement provided that there is an Ordinance that allows it in the City. He noted they have not looked at the procurement process, as this was just the beginning of the process.

Mayor Martin stated she concurred with Vice Mayor Caraballo's comments. Mayor Martin explained that she would like to see the Police Department move forward with the top ten most dangerous intersections for red light camera placement, as presented to Council, to reduce the crashes and bad driver behavior.

Councilman Bonna inquired about a child receiving a citation while driving the parent's car and the process to dispute the citation. Chief Niemczyk stated the procedure has not been established, but the intention would be that it is an administrative fine and the registered owner would be responsible for that fine. He noted there will be an appeal process.

Councilman Pickett asked if the fines would be split with the red light vendor. Chief Niemczyk stated that would be negotiated, but typically the vendor supplies the equipment and reviews the violations for a percentage. Mayor Martin added that it would part of the RFP and procurement process.

Councilman Bonna inquired if the vendor would assist with public record requests. Chief Niemczyk indicated the public records requests would be the responsibility of the agency, so there will be costs for Staff time. He stated he did not anticipate a large increase in public records requests.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to

approve Ordinance 25-68. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion.

Councilman Bonna stated he was on board with Target Zero, but he does have some questions and will be voting no.

The Council voted and the motion passed by voice vote, with Councilman Bonna dissenting. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

11. Resolutions

11.a Resolution 25-R75, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into and Execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation for Federal Funds Concerning the Rehabilitation of Asphalt Shared Use Path on the East Side of SE Green River Parkway from SE Walton Rd. to the Martin County Line; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date. [2025-966](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was tabled under Item 6, Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda.)

11.b Resolution 25-R77, Authorizing the City Council to Resolve the Irrevocable Letter of Credit for River Place on the St Lucie No. 10 1st Replat. [2025-1034](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 25-R77 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Bonna moved to approve Resolution 25-R77. Vice Mayor Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

11.c Resolution 25-R79, Approving Agreement to Rebate Stormwater Assessments and Provide for Maintenance of Stormwater Management System for the Wylder Community [2025-1070](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 25-R79 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 25-R79. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

11.d Resolution 25-R80, Riverland Reflection Garden - Alternative Equivalent Proposal for Public Art (P22-001). [2025-1076](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 25-R80 aloud by title only.

Bethany Grubbs, Planning and Zoning, reviewed the process of the public art proposal. She introduced Azlina Goldstein, Vice President of Entitlements, Riverland by GL Homes, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Riverland Reflection Garden public art project for the Riverland Town Center. She introduced the design team; Bret Ashley, Director of Landscaping; Michael Friedman, President of GL Commercial (via Zoom); and Artist Jeppe Hein (via Zoom) and Design Partners Andrew Overmyer and Benjamin Fink with Parker Yameti Design Group. Ms. Goldstein presented and discussed the photos, details, and amenities of the public art piece. At this time, she presented a brief video of Artist Jeppe Hein, who presented and spoke to some of his art pieces.

Ms. Golstein concluding her presentation by reviewing the project's cost, completion timeline, and safety aspects. She stated that Riverland Commercial Associates I, LLC, will be responsible for all ongoing maintenance of the art piece. She requested that the full monetary value as allowed under the Code for the Riverland Reflection Garden installation, featuring Jeppe Hein's Riverland Spiral Reflections, be credited towards Riverland's public art requirement.

Councilman Pickett stated he was concerned with the sun reflecting off the panels, to which Artist Hein explained that the sun will reflect on the ground and not in someone's face.

Vice Mayor Caraballo thought this was a beautiful and inactive art piece, noting that it complements other art pieces throughout the City. She suggested having Communications interview the artist on PSL on the Mic and stated she was in support of the item.

Mayor Martin stated she liked the art piece, but she requested more shade trees over the benches due to the heat in Florida. Andrew Overmyer, Landscape Architect, explained oak trees were considered but the leaves present a maintenance issue. Vice Mayor Caraballo suggested using sails over the benches for shade coverage. Artist Hein indicated they will work creatively to find a solution combined with artistry and nature.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 25-R80 with the condition that the applicant provide adequate shade for the areas where people will be resting. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion.

At this point, Bert Ashley, Director of Landscaping, stated it would not be

an issue to look at something that would provide more shade.

Councilman Bonna inquired who would determine adequate shade. After some discussion, the Council decided to let the City Manager approve the adequate shade for this project.

Vice Mayor Caraballo amended her motion to approve Resolution 25-R80 with the condition that the applicant provide adequate shade, as approved by the City Manager, for the areas where people will be resting.

Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

12. Unfinished Business

There were no Unfinished Business items to be heard.

13. New Business

13.a Approve the Proposed 2026 City of Port St. Lucie Federal Program

2025-1057

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager, provided an introduction and Trent Lefkowitz, Mercury Public Affairs, presented to the Council. He stated that a bipartisan deal had been reached to fund the government through January 30th, and a deal was also finalized for funding for 3 specific appropriations bills; Military Construction & Veteran Affairs, Legislative Branch, and Department of Agriculture & Food and Drug Administration. Andrew Seth, Sustainable Strategies DC, stated that nothing would be happening with the requests made for new funding (earmark-wise) until early in the year, and Federal grants had been put on a pause.

Ms. Parmelee stated that they were waiting for some funding, but they had received their first reimbursement for the Raise Grant for Village Green Drive. She discussed the 2026 proposed Federal appropriations priorities and other key requests, and also briefly discussed the programs they were supporting including St. Lucie County's 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda, Florida League of Cities 2026 Federal Action Agenda, and National League of Cities 2026 Federal Action Agenda.

Councilman Bonna suggested making 3 areas of alignment, and Vice Mayor Caraballo requested that the Council Members receive the adoption policy so that they could note what they were in alignment with. Ms. Parmelee noted that the adoption would come in December. Mayor Martin thanked Ms. Parmelee and the team, as well as Representative Mast.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the Federal Program. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

13.b Artist Selection for Suspended Artwork in City Hall Lobby

2025-1075

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Planner Bethany Grubbs provided an introduction and Anna Talarico, Designing Local, presented to the Council. She provided a project summary and Ms. Grubbs clarified that the budget came from the Public Art Fund and not from taxpayers. Ms. Talarico stated that artist Talley Fisher was ranked as the top artist by the Selection Committee and Public Art Advisory Board, and she discussed the materials to be used and provided examples of Ms. Fisher's previous work.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve the artwork. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. Vice Mayor Caraballo noted for the record that she had inquired as to how it would be cleaned. (Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

14. City Manager's Report

City Manager Merejo updated the Council on attending the EDC Luncheon.

15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments

Councilman Pickett – He attended Fall Fest and announced a Veteran's Day ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Vice Mayor Caraballo – She hosted a Real Estate Symposium, and she attended the Southbend HOA meeting and City U graduation. She requested that staff provide her with an update on the meeting at Jessica Clinton Park. She announced that there would be a public meeting for Village Green Drive improvements and she requested that the public comment and input opportunities for Village Green Drive be announced and advertised to the public.

Councilman Bonna – He attended the EDC Luncheon, Fall Fest, and the local Legislative Delegation meeting. He announced the new city website for information on infrastructure improvements; pslinprogress.com.

Mayor Martin – She attended the local Legislative Delegation meeting, Meet the Mayor Event, Mayor for a Day event. She requested that an update from the meeting at Jessica Clinton Park regarding the City's roadway priorities and needs be provided to the Council. She announced the public meeting for the upcoming Torino Skatepark and 2 public meetings for East Torino Parkway's traffic flow.

(Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Morgan was not present at this meeting.)

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

There was nothing heard under this item.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

Attended & Typed By:

Traci Mehl, Deputy City Clerk

Typed By:

Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk