

# City of Port St. Lucie

## Special 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, April 18, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

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**\*Addition of Item 5a\***

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

A Special Meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Mayor Martin on April 18, 2022, at 9:31 a.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Members Present:  
Mayor Shannon Martin  
Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo  
Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan  
Councilman Dave Pickett  
Councilman Anthony Bonna

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Public to be Heard**

Resident Michael Moses asked the Council to adjust the Charter in regard to the City Council elections.

**5. Resolution**

- 5.a** Resolution 22-R46, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and  
Execute a Roads Impact Fee Interlocal Agreement Between  
the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County.

**[2022-343](#)**

City Manager Blackburn provided a brief opening statement and Deputy City Manager Teresa Lamar-Sarno provided an overview of the Interlocal Agreement. She stated that starting June 1st, the City would be collecting the Mobility Fee at a reduced rate of 85%, and that the City had been collecting 15% as of October 5th which would be remitted to the County no later than June 30th upon acceptance of this Agreement. She also stated that the Mobility Fee Ordinance would need to be amended by October 1, 2022 to exclude the County Roads.

Mayor Martin asked if the County's CIP would change to include what was in the Agreement, to which City Manager Blackburn replied that the Agreement obligated the County to spend the money on one or more of the 10 roads, and the money could be either expended or obligated legally and had to be done within 5 years. Ms. Lamar-Sarno stated that the Agreement was valid for 5 years and that the City Manager and County Administrator were required to meet 6 months before the expiration of the Agreement to discuss a renewal.

Vice Mayor Caraballo asked if the amount for the reserve had been verified, to which Ms. Lamar-Sarno responded in the affirmative. Vice Mayor Caraballo asked if one of the projects for allocation was listed on the Interlocal Agreement, to which St. Lucie County Administrator Howard Tipton spoke to the Council and stated that the budget had always included projects in Port St. Lucie, but that they may not have done a good job in sharing that information, and that Midway Road would use a lot of the budget. Mayor Martin asked if the County anticipated only for Midway Road being in the 5-year CIP going forward and that she wanted to make sure that the language was in the contract and that the projects were going to get done, to which Mr. Tipton replied that Impact Fees were not going to be enough to get the projects done so they would need to look into other sources of revenue.

Councilwoman Morgan asked if it was correct that Road Impact Fees could only be used for certain things, but if they changed the name to Transportation, it could widen what the monies could go toward, to which Mr. Tipton responded in the affirmative. Councilwoman Morgan asked if it was too late to look into changing the name, to which Mr. Tipton also responded in the affirmative.

The Council then thanked various staff and project members and voiced their support. Ms. Lamar-Sarno informed that they would be getting the word out to residents on how this would be implemented.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 22-R46. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**6. New Business**

**6.a** Phase Two (2) Mobility Plan - Mobility Solutions for Consideration

[2022-227](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Jonathan Paul, Nue Urban Concepts, presented on types of improvements for Phase Two of the Mobility Plan. He provided an overview of Phase One, a detailed discussion of Phase Two, and discussed various Mobility solutions as well as the next steps going forward. He also informed the Council that all County roads would be excluded moving forward.

Mr. Paul discussed the various types of street improvement options such as shared use paths, bike lanes, and multimodal lanes, and discussed safer roads with slower speeds. He also presented on Green Streets, Low-Impact Development (LID), Corridor Improvements, and Microtransit & Microbility.

Vice Mayor Caraballo asked if the City would be prohibited from doing a shared-use or low-motor speed path where the City right-of-way sidewalks were located due to Federal funding, using Crosstown Pkwy as an example, to which Mr. Paul replied that if it was a County road then the City would need permission, but if it was a City-maintained road then the statute was very flexible and it would be the decision of the Council and Public Works department. City Manager Blackburn stated that this topic would need to be looked at more specifically before providing an answer since a substantial portion of the funding came from the Federal Government. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that she hoped that the County Commissioners would look at this presentation and work together on the shared roads.

Mayor Martin stated that the process on golf cart discussions had started and that what they needed to focus on as a priority was looking at where the issues were currently and where the residents were using golf carts before they started looking at roads that golf carts were not traveling on. Vice Mayor Caraballo stated that she had a one-on-one with staff and a suggestion was made for low-speed vehicle paths due to the utilization of alternate low-speed vehicles, which she wanted to

look at instead of targeting just the golf cart piece. Mayor Martin expressed concern about children on golf carts, to which Mr. Paul informed that the Florida Statutes had an age limitation, but Local Government could also set their own minimum age. He added that the Statutes read that if scooters and bikes were not regulated by the Local Government then they were basically allowed anywhere that they would allow a bicycle.

Mr. Paul then presented on future improvements to St. Lucie West Blvd, and the Council agreed to have further discussions on this topic. Mayor Martin expressed some of her concerns for this project and City Manager Blackburn stated that they would hold a special meeting for St. Lucie West Blvd discussions.

A break was called at 10:59 a.m., and the meeting resumed at 11:14 a.m.

Mr. Paul presented on future improvements to Southbend Blvd. It was the Consensus of the Council to research multimodal improvements before widening Southbend Blvd to 4-lanes.

Mr. Paul then presented on future improvements to E. Torino Pkwy and Mayor Martin stated that she would like this topic to be a priority. Heath Stocton, Public Works Director, informed the Council that after researching it was found that since Crosstown Pkwy was Federally funded, they could not allow golf carts, and that if there was an exception, the Legal department could look into that. Mr. Paul asked if there was any feedback on Torino, to which Mayor Martin replied that they should receive input from the School District before making a decision.

Mr. Paul continued with presenting on Bayshore Blvd, California Blvd, Savona Blvd, Savage Blvd, Cashmere Blvd, Selvitz Rd, and Becker Rd. He added additional projects for consideration for Paar Dr, Rosser Blvd, Tunis Ave, and Gig Place, which included discussions on roundabouts and interchanges.

Mr. Paul then concluded his presentation with Future Roadway Design Considerations and the next steps moving forward. Mayor Martin asked if there was anything else that needed further direction, to which Mr. Stocton asked if they wanted to design the Torino round-about to be able to accommodate a 4-lane section, or if they wanted to stick to a

2-lane. He suggested that they could work with the designers to get phasing with minor reconstruction so that they could get a round-about that functions well in the short-term since the 4-lane project would be farther out, to which the Council agreed.

(Clerk's Note: Vice Mayor Caraballo departed from the meeting at this time.)

A break was called at 12:07 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 1:18 p.m.

**6.b** Hear an Update and Finalize Allocations Related to the  
American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery  
Funds

[2022-330](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Kate Parmelee, Strategic Initiatives Director, gave a presentation on funds that were allocated to the City of Port St. Lucie for COVID-19. Mayor Martin asked if the vaccine fund was listed as being reallocated in case of a future outbreak, to which City Manager Blackburn responded in the affirmative. Mayor Martin asked if they could keep it for that reason for now, but reallocate it elsewhere if needed, to which Ms. Parmelee responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Parmelee discussed additional areas where the funds were allocated, and Mayor Martin clarified that the ARPA Fund was for water and sewer infrastructure.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve the allocations to the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Councilman Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Vice Mayor Caraballo was absent for the vote.)

**6.c** Review and Update the Strategic Plan

[2022-334](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Ms. Parmelee discussed the Strategic Planning process and noted that a June workshop had been scheduled. Mayor Martin advised of the importance of having District 5 be fully implemented. Ms. Parmelee then reviewed the Strategic Planning goals.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the updated Strategic Plan. councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Vice

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Mayor Caraballo was absent for the vote.)

- 6.d** Tentatively Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23  
Capital Improvement Program.

[2022-336](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.)  
Caroline Sturgis, OMB Director, gave a presentation on the proposed CIP which included a 5-year Capital Expenditure Plan and breakdown of the various Department's requests.

Mayor Martin recommended for the City to partner with FP&L for an LED Light upgrade. She also discussed not needing 2 First Responder parks as one was already being built and the funds from the second could be utilized elsewhere. City Manager Blackburn clarified the process of how both came to be planned, and Councilman Bonna stated that he would like to speak with the Veteran's Committee before making a final call. Councilwoman Morgan recommended one park with more discussion on the topic, and Councilman Pickett responded in agreeance. Sherman Conrad, Parks & Recreation Director, explained the plans of the parks and stated that what the Council was stating made sense and that they should talk to Mattamy Homes more. Mayor Martin asked Mr. Conrad for a list or to have a conversation on how many more parks needed camera systems going forward, and City Manager Blackburn stated that they would provide a memorandum on the Mattamy Homes' Stars and Stripes Park and whether the staff believed that the needs of the First Responder's Park could be accommodated within it.

City Manager Blackburn discussed the Port District and stated that staff was recommending that their first major effort be the Tower. Mayor Martin asked how they would be tying this into their branding effort and bringing an identity to that District, to which City Manager Blackburn replied that the Tower would not take away from the brand and it would take a while to design it. Mayor Martin stated that they had already decided on branding and whatever they decided to select for the Tower would need to tie into that, to which City Manager Blackburn responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Sturgis continued the presentation with discussion on funding sources. Mayor Martin asked if they had heard a response from the County as to whether they would renew the MSTU, to which City Manager Blackburn replied that he had asked the County Administrator earlier, of whom did not have a definitive answer at that time. Ms.

Sturgis continued with a presentation and discussion on various projects. City Manager Blackburn provided closing statements on the CIP, schedule, and projects.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Capital Improvement Program. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Vice Mayor Caraballo was absent for the vote.)

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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Sally Walsh, City Clerk

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Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk