

City of Port St. Lucie

Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Oversight Committee

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Robert Christian, Chair
Kenneth Kroll, Vice Chair
Colleen Calvin, Member
James Ashburn, Member
Ernest Beaudoin, Member
Donna Hudson, Member
Tara Harper, Member

Friday, October 17, 2025

3:00 PM

City Hall, Room 366

1. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Oversight Committee of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Chair Robert Christian at 3:00 PM on October 17, 2025, at Port St. Lucie City Hall, Room 366, 121 Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Robert Christian, Chair
Kenneth Kroll, Vice Chair
Ernest Beaudoin
Colleen Calvin
James Ashburn
Donna Hudson, Alternate (arrived 3:07 PM)

Members Not Present:

E. Theresa Bramble, Chair Pro Tem

Others Present:

Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager
Thomas Salvador, Public Works
Breanna Vasquez, Public Works
Lillian Boles-Rees, Public Works
Mark Biegner, Finance
Charlie Proulx, Finance
Margaret Carland, Senior Deputy City Attorney
Jasmin Padova, Executive Assistant
Traci Mehl, Deputy City Clerk

3. Determination of Quorum

Chair Christian determined there was a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.a** Approve the July 18, 2025, Infrastructure Sales Tax Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes.

[2025-993](#)

There being no corrections, Committee Member Beaudoin moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2025. Vice Chair Kroll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

6. New Business

- 6.a** Approve the 2026 Committee Meeting Schedule (OC)

[2025-910](#)

Ms. Padova presented and reviewed the 2026 Meeting Schedule. The Committee approved the meeting dates of January 16 and April 17; however, July 17 is pending, and October 16 has been pushed to October 23.

Vice Chair Kroll inquired if tentative dates were set for the review of the Annual Report prior to acceptance, to which Ms. Padova indicated November 7 and November 14 were possible dates. She explained the intention is to send the report to the Committee prior to the meeting and noted the report will be more condensed this year. The Committee decided on November 7, 2025, to review the Annual Report.

Vice Chair Kroll asked if there was a date for the presentation of the Annual Budget to the City Council, to which Ms. Padova stated December 1 and December 8 were possible dates. Vice Chair Kroll explained the presentation process, and the Committee decided on December 1, 2025.

There being no further discussion, Committee Member Calvin moved to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule of the Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Oversight Committee as discussed. Vice Chair Kroll seconded the motion, which unanimously passed by voice vote.

- 6.b** Approve the One Half-Cent Sales Tax FY25 Fourth Quarter Update.

[2025-994](#)

Mr. Salvador presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Half-Cent Sales Tax FY25 4th Quarter Update to the Committee. He reviewed the completion of Floresta Drive Phase 1 and Phase 2. Committee Member

Beaudoin indicated there was no street sign for Polynesian, to which Mr. Salvador stated he would look into it.

The Committee and Staff discussed bio-swales at this time.

Mr. Salvador indicated Floresta Drive Phase 3 is underway and spoke to the current activities. He discussed the status of the various sidewalk projects taking place in the City, repaving, and traffic signal coordination. Mr. Salvador reviewed the US-1 improvements and the SLC Prima Vista Blvd improvements. He noted the Prima Vista project will be completed at the end of 2027, with the County having more work to do after that. Mr. Salvador also reviewed the Implementation Schedule of projects from 2019 to 2029, Budget & Expenditures, and Miscellaneous Expenses.

Mark Beigner, Finance, presented the Revenue Summary to the Committee. Vice Chair Kroll asked how the cost of construction has affected the revenue. Mr. Salvador indicated it was offset by the increase in revenue, as the City is not losing money.

At this time, Mr. Salvador discussed and explained the Oak Hammock project, per Chair Christian's prior inquiry. It was requested that a presentation with photos be presented to the Committee at their next meeting.

Committee Member Beaudoin inquired about the paving schedule for Westmoreland. Mr. Salvador indicated that Westmoreland was resurfaced in 2010. He explained the City is trying to repave roads every 20 years, but there are roads that have not been paved in 36 years. He stated Westmoreland is on the list, but it will receive some temporary patching in the meantime.

Committee Member Beaudoin expressed his concern regarding Community Blvd by Rowley Way, as the landscaping goes to the crosswalk. Mr. Salvador stated he will have it looked at.

Vice Chair Kroll advised that the holes in the bike path on Westmoreland need to be repatched. Mr. Salvador stated he will be talking to them tomorrow.

Chair Christian noted that it looks like water is being pumped out of the retention pond at the WaWa in Tradition. Mr. Salvador stated he will look into it.

There being no further discussion, Committee Member Beaudoin moved to

approve the Half-Cent SalesTax FY25 4th Quarter update. Chair Kroll seconded the motion, which unanimously passed by voice vote.

7. Unfinished Business

Vice Chair Kroll inquired if there was any movement for the next half-cent sales tax. Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager, responded and noted that she will be attending these meetings along with Stephen Okiye going forward. Ms. Parmelee indicated the City and County Staffs met this morning on the half-cent sales tax. Mr. Salvador stated that City Staff will be going in front of Council on Monday to provide an update on the half-cent sales tax as well as provide a future list of proposed projects. Ms. Parmelee explained that the list of projects comes from the National Community Survey and the Citizen Summit, as the City is trying to use data to deliver what residents want.

Vice Chair Kroll stated he reviewed the City of Ft. Pierce's annual report for last year, and they have only used a small amount of their surtax funds. He inquired if the City and the County would be able to get this referendum to pass without the residents of Ft. Pierce, as they have not seen the benefits and many of the County projects are old infrastructure projects. He indicated he sits on the County committee as well. Vice Chair Kroll stated they can see where the money is going in Port St. Lucie. He thought it may be more difficult this time to get it to pass, but it would not be based on what the City has done.

Ms. Parmelee thanked Vice Chair Kroll for the information and insight, as the City needs to work and communicate with their partners. She stated they will be having a joint meeting with the St. Lucie County Board of Commissioners, where items such as this can be discussed.

Chair Christian stated he did not notice the half-cent sales tax, as he was concerned about the property tax increasing. Ms. Parmelee explained the City's growth and that Council has reduced the millage rate for the last ten years. She suggested having Caroline Sturgis, Director OMB, provide a presentation on the budget and property tax to the Committee. Vice Chair Kroll noted that residents and visitors are paying the sales tax.

At this time, Ms. Parmelee showed a brief video to the Committee regarding the City's revenue and tax bill.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Committee Member Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM. Committee Member Beaudoin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Robert Christian, Chair

Traci Mehl, Deputy City Clerk