

# City of Port St. Lucie

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes - Final

121 SW Port St. Lucie  
Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, Florida  
34984

Shannon Martin, Vice Mayor, District III

Stephanie Morgan, Councilwoman, District I

Dave Pickett, Councilman, District II

Jolien Caraballo, Councilwoman, District IV

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**Monday, June 28, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

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**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 Oravec on June 28, 2020, at 6:31 PM, at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Members

Present: Mayor Gregory J. Oravec  
Vice Mayor Shannon Martin  
Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan  
Councilman David Pickett  
Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo

Mayor Oravec called for a moment of silence for those lost in, involved in, and responding to the tragedy in Surfside, Florida, with the collapse of the Champlain condo building.

**3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

The City Clerk gave the Invocation, and Mayor Oravec led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Proclamations and Special Presentations**

**4.a** Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens recognizing  
Mayor Oravec

[2021-533](#)

Mayor Oravec was acknowledged and honored for his longtime service, commitment and dedication to the City of Port St. Lucie and congratulated on being selected as the Village Manager of Islamorada,

Florida. Special presentations were made by Florida Representative Toby Overdorf, Dan Wire and Melissa McInturff of the Humane Society of St. Lucie County, and Jeff Chambers, President of the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, as well as by Russ Blackburn, City Manager; Kristina Ciuperger, Deputy City Manager; Vice Mayor Shannon Martin; and Sarah Prohaska, Director of Communications of the City of Port St. Lucie. (Clerk's Note: A short video was shown at this time.)

Mayor Oravec explained that he was thankful and grateful for the City of Port of St. Lucie, before leaving and turning the meeting over to Vice Mayor Martin.

The meeting recessed at 7:18 PM and resumed at 7:31 PM.

**5. Public to be Heard**

Steve Carroll, 5421 NW Bolin Street, stated the two elections for Mayor and District 3 are costly, questioned unexcused absences and full-time jobs of the elected officials, requested that the Health Department do an air quality test at the park located at Midway and the Turnpike, and inquired about the development of a park where the Torinos meet.

Vice Mayor Martin read into the record the two public comments that were submitted via email regarding Amore Pools from El-yavet Garcia, 1771 SW Whipple Avenue, and April Patterson, address exempt. Councilwoman Caraballo inquired if the Council could expect an update on Amore Pools, to which the City Manager stated that staff will provide an update in a memo to Council.

**6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the Agenda. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

**7. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 7.a** Motion: Termination of Restrictive Covenant # 362 Executed by Laura A. Meier with respect to Lots 11, 12, 13 and 18, Block 464, Port St. Lucie Section Twenty-Six, and Recorded in Official Records Book 1017 at Page 1361, of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2021-498](#)

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| <b>7.b</b> | Approve Amendment #1 to Agreement #20210076 with Mark J. Pamer, D.O., LLC for COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution & Administration to City Residents.   | <a href="#"><u>2021-485</u></a> |
| <b>7.c</b> | Motion: Termination of Amended Restrictive Covenant #361 Executed by Roy L. Lampien and Nancy L. Lampien with respect to Lots 25 and 26, Block 2114, Port St. Lucie Section Twenty-One, and Recorded in Official Records Book 2192, at Page 891 of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. | <a href="#"><u>2021-502</u></a> |
| <b>7.d</b> | Proceed with Submittal of State FDLE FY 21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application   | <a href="#"><u>2021-528</u></a> |
| <b>7.e</b> | Approve Port St. Lucie Police Department to Apply for BJA FY 2021 BWC Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant   | <a href="#"><u>2021-526</u></a> |
| <b>7.f</b> | Approve Port St. Lucie Police Department to Apply for 2021 COPS Office Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Teams Application   | <a href="#"><u>2021-527</u></a> |
| <b>7.g</b> | Approve Toray Membrane USA, as the Single Source Provider for TMG20D - 440 elements.  | <a href="#"><u>2021-486</u></a> |
| <b>7.h</b> | Award Contract #20210052 for the Fairgreen Crossings Sidewalk Construction Project.   | <a href="#"><u>2021-503</u></a> |
| <b>7.i</b> | Appoint Vice-Mayor Martin to serve as the City's elected official on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)   | <a href="#"><u>2021-522</u></a> |
| <b>7.j</b> | Award Contract # 20210036 for Alterations to the City of Port St. Lucie Interactive Water Fountain.   | <a href="#"><u>2021-513</u></a> |
| <b>7.k</b> | Proceed with RAISE Grant Application to Support "Mobility for All"  | <a href="#"><u>2021-524</u></a> |
| <b>7.l</b> | Approve Major Site Plan Amendment for Riverwalk/Westmoreland Park (P17-004-A1)  | <a href="#"><u>2021-506</u></a> |
| <b>7.m</b> | Award Contract #20210020R for the Southport Wastewater Treatment Plant Demolition Project to Lawrence Lee Construction Services, Inc.   | <a href="#"><u>2021-500</u></a> |
| <b>7.n</b> | Expand Existing Grantwriting Contractual Services to Support  | <a href="#"><u>2021-525</u></a> |
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Increased Funding Applications

- 7.o** Approve Re-Appointment of Contractor Examining Board Member [2021-530](#)

**8. Second Reading of Ordinances, Public Hearings**

- 8.a** Ordinance 21-54, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) foot Utility and Drainage Easement affecting Lot 2, Block 2429, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-Four, recorded in Plat Book 15, Page(s) 9, 9A to 9W, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2021-440](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-54 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 21-54. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Ordinance 21-54. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 8.b** Ordinance 21-55, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) foot Utility and Drainage Easement affecting Lot 11, Block 1493, Port St. Lucie Section Sixteen, recorded in Plat Book 13, Page(s) 7, 7A to 7C, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2021-441](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-55 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 21-55. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Ordinance 21-55. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 8.c** Ordinance 21-56, Public Hearing, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) foot Utility and Drainage Easement affecting Lot 13, Block 2397, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-Four, recorded in [2021-442](#)

Plat Book 15, Page(s) 9, 9A to 9W, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-56 aloud by title only.

Vice Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 21-56. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Ordinance 21-56. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

## 9. Other Public Hearings

- 9.a** Public Hearing, Approve the City of Port St. Lucie's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2021-26 and Open the Thirty-Day Public Comment Period.

[2021-523](#)

Vice Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing.

Alassandra Tasca, Neighborhood Services Deputy Director, stated that this is a standard procedure per their Citizen Participation Plan. She said a consolidated plan is put together every five years to provide an overview of the data and statistics pertinent to their City, along with draft objectives and goals for their CDBG project plans. She explained that a 30-day public comment period was opened, per the rules and regulations of the federal government and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which funds this grant program, so that people could view the draft document and submit any formal comments. She stated that two public meetings with staff, stakeholders, and citizens have been conducted and that a survey has been distributed across the City. She said 83 responses were received and that data is included in their packet. She stated the draft document will be finalized in 30 days and submitted to HUD. She indicated they have a brief presentation on how the data was collected, if the Council would like to hear it. Vice Mayor Martin indicated that a presentation was not needed.

There being no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Item 9.a, Approve the City

of Port St. Lucie's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2021-26 and Open the Thirty Day Public Comment Period. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Item 9.a. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

**10. First Reading of Ordinances**

- 10.a** Ordinance 21-57, An Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Amending Ch. 111, Art. II, Business Tax Regulations of the Code of Ordinances to Provide Adjustments in Fees [2021-462](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-57 aloud by title only.

The City Manager stated that this Ordinance officially designates Finance as the home for the Business Tax Office. Yvonne White indicated that she did not have a presentation, but was available to answer any questions.

There being no further comments, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 21-57. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 10.b** Ordinance 21-58, Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) foot Utility and Drainage Easement affecting Lot 24, Block 2182, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-Three, recorded in Plat Book 15, Page(s) 1, 1A to 1V, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. [2021-496](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-58 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 21-58. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 10.c** Ordinance 21-59, An Ordinance Rezoning 0.74-acres of Property, Located at the Northwest Corner of SW Conant Avenue and SW Domina Road, From Single-Family Residential (RS-2) Zoning District to Warehouse Industrial (WI) for Property Legally Described as Port St. Lucie Section 31, Block 1711, Lots 23, 24, and 25 (P21-083). [2021-491](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-59 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 21-59. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 10.d** Ordinance 21-60, Authorizing the Conveyance of a portion of Real Property Described as Lot 10, Block 783, Port St. Lucie Section Eighteen, According to the Plat Recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 17, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida, to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Floresta Drive Improvement Project from Southbend Boulevard to Prima Vista Boulevard, and Authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager, or their designee, to Execute the Deed Transferring said Real Property.

[2021-507](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-60 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 21-60. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 10.e** Ordinance 21-61, An Ordinance Moving the Special Election to fill Council District Three Seat to run concurrently with the Special Election for the Mayor's Seat as allowed by the Florida Elections Code which preempts conflicting provisions of the City Charter and City Code.

[2021-535](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 21-61 aloud by title only.

Jim Stokes, City Attorney, explained that this Ordinance was only changing dates, as the actual call for the election is in the Resolutions section of this Agenda. He stated that it will take effect when Council comes back in two weeks and that he could provide a presentation then.

There being no further comments, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Ordinance 21-61. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

**11. Resolutions**

- 11.a** Resolution 21-R63, Public Hearing, creating new [2021-461](#)  
ballot-successful Port St. Lucie Residential Street Lighting  
Assessment area boundaries

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R63 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 21-R63. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R63. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.b** Resolution 21-R70, Quasi-Judicial, Public Hearing, A [2021-514](#)  
Resolution Approving the Special Exception Use of Repair  
and Maintenance of Vehicles within a CG (General  
Commercial) Zoning District Pursuant to Section 158.124(C)  
(10), for a Project Known as Discount Tire. (P21-045)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R70 aloud by title only.

The City Attorney indicated this was the only quasi-judicial item this evening and read the Quasi-Judicial Procedures into the record. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Testimony to staff and other interested parties. Vice Mayor Martin asked for ex-parte communications, to which the Council stated there were none.

Laura Dodd with Planning & Zoning stated that she has been sworn in. She said the application was submitted five days prior to this hearing and requested that the City Clerk enter it into the record. Ms. Dodd explained this Special Exception Use request for Discount Tire is to allow the service and installation of automotive tires and wheels within general commercial zoning, pursuant to Section 158.124(c)(10). She stated the applicant is Halle Properties, LLC, on behalf of owners Dale and Gayle Coyne.

Ms. Dodd showed Council the subject property, which is located on the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 1 and SE Jennings; an aerial of the property, the CG zoning classification; and the CG future land use map. She also presented the conceptual site plan and conceptual elevation. She stated that a traffic impact statement was prepared and found to be in compliance with the Public Works policy, which will result in a net

decrease of trips. She noted that the Special Exception Use was reviewed and approved by the Site Plan Review Committee and recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vice Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing.

The applicant's consultant indicated he was there to answer any questions and did not have a presentation.

Councilwoman Caraballo stated that she would not be supporting this item today, as she believes the exemption is not consistent with the area. She said it is next to a Holiday Inn and she has concerns with the bays of Discount Tire facing the front entrance of the hotel. She stated that for the success of the corridor and the compatibility of the businesses next to it, she does not think it is a good fit.

Councilman Pickett stated that Council has talked about revitalizing the east side. He said that he shares the same concerns as Councilwoman Caraballo and feels a restaurant is more conducive to that corridor. He stated that he does not think it is a good fit, so he does not support it either.

There being no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 21-R70. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R70. The motion failed by roll call vote (2-2), with Councilwoman Caraballo and Councilman Pickett dissenting. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.c** Resolution 21-R72, A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD") for its Water Protection and Sustainability Program for the Tradition and Western Grove Communities Reclaimed Water Main Extension

[2021-520](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R72 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilman Pickett moved to approve Resolution 21-R72. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution

21-R72. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.d** Resolution 21-R73, A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plat with Construction Plans for LTC Ranch West Phase 1 (P20-250)

[2021-516](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R73 aloud by title only.

Laura Dodd with Planning and Zoning stated that this is the preliminary subdivision plat application with construction plans for LTC Ranch West - Phase 1 and Wilder Parkway. She said that approximately 574 single family residential lots or townhomes are being proposed for development over four phases on an approximate 158 acre parcel. She noted that there are other site improvements, including Wilder Parkway, which provides access to the development.

Ms. Dodd stated the applicant is Kinan Husainy with Kimley Horn on behalf of Midway Glades Developers, LLC. She showed Council the location of the project within the LTC Ranch West DRI, an aerial of the subject property, the ROI future land use and PUD, the recently approved Planned Unit Development for LTC Ranch West.

Ms. Dodd noted that the application was reviewed for concurrency through the Site Plan Review Committee and was found to be substantively in compliance. She said the traffic impact analysis was found to be consistent with the latest LTC Ranch DRI. She stated a signal analysis was not warranted at the time; however, conditions will be imposed upon further review of the project. She said the recommendation from the Site Plan Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Board was for approval with conditions. She stated that staff also recommends approval with the conditions as identified, which are remedial conditions and would be accomplished prior to final platting. She noted the applicant was in attendance in person and online.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 21-R73 with the listed conditions. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R73 with the listed conditions. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.e** Resolution 21-R74, A Resolution approving the Preliminary and Final Plat for L.T.C. Ranch #3 (P21-001) [2021-521](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R74 aloud by title only.

Councilman Pickett inquired if there will be a buffer between said property and the water plant. In response, Randy Rogers with Velcon Engineering & Surveying, via Zoom, indicated that there were no proposed construction plans at this time for this project, as this Resolution was just adjusting property lines.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 21-R74. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R74. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.f** Resolution 21-R75, A Resolution Approving the Final Plat with Construction Plans for Emery (P21-042) [2021-469](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R75 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 21-R75. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R75. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.g** Resolution 21-R76, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, accepting a Sidewalk Easement from Circle K Stores Inc., a Texas Corporation, located at 10780 Crosstown Parkway. [2021-504](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R76 aloud by title only.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 21-R76. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion. She thanked 7-Eleven for making the overhang adjustments and working with the community. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R76. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.h** Resolution 21-R77, A Resolution Naming the Road [2021-494](#)

Right-of-Way Legally Described as Tract R-1, Southern Grove  
Plat No. 33, SW Anthony F. Sansone Sr. Boulevard (P20-171).

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R77 aloud by title only.

Councilwoman Morgan questioned the naming of the road. In response, Bridgette Kean stated that this proposal would name it as shown on the plat, which is only to the FedEx building. She said from the FedEx building north to Paar Drive it is already named Sansone. She clarified that Hegner Way was originally proposed for this entire roadway. She stated that right now, the proposal would look at naming it Hegner from Trade Center Drive down to Paar Drive. She said she believes Council at their last meeting recommended naming Paar Drive, west of what staff is proposing to name Sansone Boulevard, west to Range Line Road, as Hegner Drive. She stated that this road will be named SW Anthony F. Sansone Sr. Boulevard from Becker Road to Marshall Parkway, and then from Marshall Parkway north it will pick up the name Tom Mackie Boulevard. She said this is how it is being proposed. She noted that Hegner Drive comes from their planning documents, as it has never been officially designated.

The City Manager stated that Council at their last meeting challenged Wes McCurry to coordinate with Ms. Kean and others, to find an appropriate section that all property owners would be agreeable to name as Hegner Way, Boulevard, or Drive, to recognize the importance of Hegner.

Councilwoman Morgan stated that she is okay with it from Marshall Parkway down, especially with Sansone and what they have done. She said it is very confusing driving on a road that changes names three or four times.

Councilwoman Caraballo stated that she wants the signs to flow. She said she was thinking that St. Lucie West Boulevard could be named Hegner, because he was such an impact in St. Lucie West. She recommended changing it to Hegner Drive or St. Lucie West Boulevard/Hegner.

Councilwoman Morgan stated that it was long name, to which Ms. Kean stated that the property appraiser approved it. Councilwoman Morgan suggested shortening it to Sansone Sr.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to

approve Resolution 21-R77. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R77. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.i** Resolution 21-R78, A Resolution Approving the Preliminary Plat and Construction Plans for Seville (P20-230). [2021-505](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R78 aloud by title only.

The City Manager stated that Bolivar Gomez was available to make a presentation. Council indicated that a presentation was not needed.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 21-R78. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R78. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

- 11.j** Resolution 21-R79, A Resolution Calling for a Special Election to fill Council seat for District Three. [2021-537](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 21-R79 aloud by title only.

The City Attorney stated that Legal received a Resign-to-Run, which is a statutory provision where the elected official prospectively resigns. He said it is an irrevocable resignation that will take place in the future. He stated the First Reading of the Ordinance that was heard earlier will change the dates to coincide with the Mayor's election, but they still need to declare Seat 3 subject to the Special Election with this Resolution.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 21-R79. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 21-R79. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Mayor Oravec left the meeting at 7:18 PM and was not present for this vote.)

**12. Unfinished Business**

**13. New Business**

- 13.a** Selection of Optional Services offered by the Supervisor of [2021-538](#)

Elections Office for the Special Elections.

Jim Stokes, City Attorney, explained that the City is working with the Supervisor of Elections on the municipal election for the Mayor's seat and District 3 seat, but the City pays for the election, including any optional items. He stated that Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections, needs to hear from the City regarding the optional items.

Mr. Stokes noted that Ms. Walker provided the cost for sample ballot printing and sample ballot postage. He stated the \$45,000 early voting period includes the drop boxes, which goes along with the \$6,000. He explained the Legal Services will be for any litigation dealing with the City's particular election. He indicated his last memo was more comprehensive and included statutory language, but the options are all subject to the will of the Council.

Councilwoman Caraballo stated she understands the election will be expensive but recommended that they move forward and approve the additional costs. She said it is important to have an election that cannot be questioned, especially when it is not a normal election cycle. She stated it would be prudent to make the investment to make sure everyone knows that the election is happening, they are getting their sample ballots, they have early voting periods, and they are confident it is a fair election.

Councilwoman Morgan stated that she agreed, because it is a savings to have the seats for District 3 and the Mayor done simultaneously. She said she is in favor of the options, as it is important for the City to do everything legally.

Vice Mayor Martin stated that she agreed with Councilwoman Caraballo's and Councilwoman Morgan's comments.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Item 13.a with all the services included as listed by the City Attorney. Councilman Pickett seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Item 13.a with all options selected. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **14. City Manager's Report**

The City Manager reported that their Emergency Management staff and Billy Weinshank were in attendance for most of the meeting. He stated that Mr. Weinshank continues to work with Dr. Pamer, whose contract was extended and

approved by Council this evening to provide vaccinations for COVID-19, and look at different ways to make vaccinations available in their community. He announced that one opportunity for people to get vaccinated is at Freedom Fest on the 4th of July, as Dr. Pamer and Mr. Weinshank will have a booth offering free, no charge, COVID-19 vaccines. He said the City's vaccination rate is not as high as they would like, so they are encouraging people to take advantage of this.

The City Manager stated that Council has discussed and has received a lot of input regarding Waste Pro's performance recently. He said that solid waste companies are having a hard time across the state and even nationwide. He indicated he had a Zoom call last week with Carmen Capezuto, Mike Lubeck, and Keith Banasiak, COO of Waste Pro to review the City's issues. He said Mr. Banasiak was very receptive and indicated a desire to attend Council's July 12, 2021, meeting. The City Manager stated that staff will provide and propose some additional information and Waste Pro will propose how they plan to address their service to the City.

The City Manager stated that they have been working for years on the C-23 water quality project and that their legislative delegation secured almost \$700,000 in appropriation for Cell #4 for the C-23 canal. He said the City also received notification from the Water Management District that a 319 Grant in the amount of \$682,000 has been received for the C-23 Water Quality Improvement project. He reminded everyone that when all seven cells are complete, 21% of the water flowing through the C-23 canal will be diverted into those cells for cleansing. He stated that longer term, they will look to perhaps improving that as part of their drinking water. He said this is a very good start to an environmental cleanup of the C-23.

#### **15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments**

Councilwoman Morgan reported that she attended the :

- Dunkin' Donuts Grand Opening at Prima Vista and US-1 on June 18, 2021;
- St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Update on June 23, 2021;
- Board of Directors Meeting for the St. Lucie County Chamber on June 24, 2021;
- Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity (TCSHCME) meeting on June 25, 2021.

Councilwoman Morgan wished a Happy Birthday to Tanya Oravec, Karen Sweeney, and Peppy. She also announced that she became a grandma for the second time, and her granddaughter's name is Madison Grace.

Councilman Pickett reported that he attended the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on June 18, 2021.

Councilwoman Caraballo reported that she:

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- Attended the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities meeting on June 16, 2021;
  - Met with Tarpon Bay to discuss their issues with Waste Pro on June 17th. She thanked Waste Pro for coming out and meeting on-site. She said they had a follow-up meeting and Waste Pro will be working with that community.
  - Presented Indiantown's Home Rule Hero Certificates to Janet Hernandez and Jackie Cark on June 24, 2021.

At this point, Councilwoman Caraballo congratulated Councilwoman Morgan on completing IEMO and that she looked forward to serving with her on the Board of Directors for the Florida League of Cities.

Vice Mayor Martin stated that she attended the Fort Pierce Women's Club breakfast where they honored a firefighter. She said she was glad to hear about Waste Pro and the progress that has been made, so they can move forward. She stated she also attended the Dunkin' Grand Opening.

Vice Mayor Martin shared that she spoke before the Women's Council of Realtors and provided an update on the City. She said when she got to the end, they were all amazed about how much the City has accomplished. She congratulated the Council, the City's team, City staff, and Mr. Blackburn, because the realtors were very impressed and she is very proud of that.

**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 8:26 PM.

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Sally Walsh, City Clerk

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Traci Mehl, Deputy City Clerk