

# City of Port St. Lucie

## Special City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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

Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor

Stephanie Morgan, Councilwoman, District I  
John Carvelli, Councilman, District II  
Shannon Martin, Vice Mayor, District III  
Jolien Caraballo, Councilwoman, District IV  
Dave Pickett, Councilman Elect, District II

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**Monday, November 16, 2020**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

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#### **Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

A Special Virtual Meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Mayor Oravec on November 16, 2020, at 6:30 PM, at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Members Present:

Mayor Gregory J. Oravec  
Vice Mayor Shannon Martin  
Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo  
Councilman John Carvelli  
Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan

**3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**4. Oath of Office for Councilmembers**

**4.a** Oath of Office for Council Members[2020-914](#)

Council and all those present congratulated, commended, and thanked Councilman Carvelli for his years of service. Councilman Carvelli thanked everyone and stated that it has been a pleasure working with his fellow Council members. He wished Dave Pickett the best of luck.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Caraballo and to Councilman Elect Dave Pickett.

Councilwoman Caraballo thanked the voters, citizens and residents for re-electing her and for giving her the opportunity to work with such an amazing team and serve the City. She also thanked the City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney as well as her family. She stated that this opportunity only happens in America, and that she hopes to make them proud.

Councilman Pickett thanked everyone who helped him throughout this endeavor. He stated that together they knocked on over 8,000 doors and put up over 300 signs. He said his family, wife and mother have provided the utmost support. He stated that he looks forward to serving this community. He said he worked hard in this campaign and he is going to work just as hard as their representative. He stated that Dr. Carvelli has served in this community for twenty years and has done some tremendous things. Councilman Pickett said that he aspires to do half of what Dr. Carvelli accomplished.

**5. Appointment of Vice Mayor****5.a Appointment of Vice Mayor**

Mayor Oravec stated that he would like to retain Vice Mayor Shannon Martin as the Vice Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie.

There being no discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve retaining and reappointing Shannon Martin as Vice Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Mayor Oravec stated that they have an incredible team and that Vice Mayor Martin does an exceptional job. He said he looks forward to them continuing to work hard and smart together with their community on building an even better Port St. Lucie.

The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval to retain and reappoint

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Shannon Martin as Vice Mayor. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Martin thanked everyone and stated that she looked forward to continuing to serve as Vice Mayor.

**6. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem**

**6.a** Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

[2020-917](#)

Mayor Oravec asked that they retain Councilwoman Caraballo as Mayor Pro-Tem.

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve retaining and reappointing Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval to retain and reappoint Councilwoman Caraballo to Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilwoman Caraballo thanked Mayor Oravec for reappointing her.

**7. Appointment of Board & Committee Assignments**

**7.a** Appointment of Mayor and Councilmembers to Various  
Boards and Committees

[2020-918](#)

Mayor Oravec announced the appointments/reappointments of the Council Members to serve on various Boards and Committees as follows:

Council on Aging: Councilman Pickett.

Roundtable of St. Lucie County: Councilman Pickett; Councilwoman Morgan, alternate.

St. Lucie County Chamber Board of Directors: Councilwoman Morgan; Mayor Oravec, alternate.

St. Lucie County Fire District Board: Vice Mayor Martin; Councilwoman Morgan.

Transportation Planning Organization: Vice Mayor Martin; Councilwoman Morgan; Councilwoman Caraballo; Mayor Oravec; Councilman Pickett, alternate.

St. Lucie Tourist Development Council: Councilwoman Morgan; Mayor Oravec, alternate.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments: Councilman Dave Pickett; Councilwoman Caraballo, alternate.

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities: Councilwoman Caraballo; Councilman Pickett, alternate.

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council: Mayor Oravec; Councilman Pickett, alternate.

Business Alliance for Prosperity Board: Mayor Oravec.

Port Advisory Committee: Mayor Oravec.

Port St. Lucie Area Council: Rotates.

Treasure Coast Education Research & Development Authority: Councilman Pickett.

## 8. Council Rules Discussion

This item was Approved.

### 8.a Council Rules Discussion

[2020-919](#)

Mayor Oravec stated that their Council meetings are not ruled by Roberts Rules, as they have their own rules. He indicated that after a newly seated City Council, they have sixty days to propose any changes. He asked if anyone wished to offer any changes to their Council rules at this time.

City Attorney Stokes stated the City has moved to a virtual platform due to COVID, for which they recently did an ordinance. He said he would like to incorporate that ordinance and bring some proposed language back to the Council. He indicated that the rules currently read that up to two members of Council can attend, but that the rest of Council has to make a motion and approve their attendance. He said it is fine if they still want that structure, but they could incorporate the ordinance to provide some flexibility. He stated that alternatively they could wait until they get past COVID and see if they still want to maintain the Zoom platform for applicants and representatives.

Mayor Oravec indicated that the Council would be open to a proposed

modification, to which City Attorney Stokes stated he would work on some language to bring forward.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve directing the City Attorney to propose changes to the rules for Council meetings. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**9. Public to be Heard**

County Commissioner Cathy Townsend welcomed and congratulated Councilman Pickett to the City Council. She also congratulated Councilwoman Caraballo and Vice Mayor Martin. County Commissioner Townsend stated that she looked forward to working together, as they are great group of leaders.

At this point, Mayor Oravec asked if there were any closing comments. The Council members congratulated Councilman Pickett once again and stated that they were excited to have him as part of their team.

Councilman Pickett thanked the City Manager and staff for their time at the New Council Orientation. He stated that he looks forward to going around to the departments and touring Public Works and the Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Oravec stated that this past year has been exceptionally difficult with the global pandemic. He said that when they take a step back and look across the community, there are reminders everywhere that they are lucky to live in Port St. Lucie. He stated the City is working harder, smarter and together to make it an even better place for all people, which is what their Strategic Plan is all about.

**10. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

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Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

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Traci Mehl, Deputy City Clerk

**11. Reception to welcome newly elected and re-elected Councilmembers in City Hall Lobby**