

# City of Port St. Lucie

## Special City Council

### Meeting Minutes

121 SW Port St. Lucie  
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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

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**Monday, September 16, 2019**

**1:30 PM**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

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**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 Oravec on September 16, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., 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 Jolien Caraballo  
Councilman John Carvelli  
Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Oravec led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Public to be Heard**

No one signed up to speak under this item.

PROCLAMATION - POW/MIA Recognition Day

(Clerk's Note: This item was added at the meeting by Mayor Oravec.)

Mayor Oravec read the Proclamation aloud and presented it to Mike Kiper, Vietnam Veteran's Association, who invited the public to attend POW/MIA Night at Veteran's Park on September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

**5. Resolutions**

- 5.a** Resolution 19-R83, Adopt a Resolution to enable amendments to the City Council's Naming Policy for City

**[2019-874](#)**

## Facilities

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R83 aloud by title only.

Kristina Ciuperger, Special Assistant to the City Manager/Chief Communications Officer/Interim Human Resources Director gave a presentation. She stated that the purpose was to provide criteria and direction for the City of Port St. Lucie to use in consideration when conferring a specific name on a City-owned property/facility.

Ms. Ciuperger stated that the first change referred to the definition of Naming Rights, which was a mutually beneficial business arrangement between the City Council and an external entity (individual, for-profit, or not-for-profit organization), wherein the external entity or organization provides goods, services, or financial support to the City in return for access to commercial and/or marketing potential associated with the public display of the external entity's name on City of Port St. Lucie property. Official Name(s)/Naming: the permanent name conferred. The second change was the Designation Method, which prohibited any activity on the naming of any City-owned facility eligible for naming prior to Council authorization. Ms. Ciuperger stated that the naming rights updated the department title, enabled multiple methods after City Manager authority and City Council permission to solicit potential proposers. She explained that there was a new section added to Military Honors and Organizations which stated that the naming or placement of any recognition, honor, commemorative work, or memorial related to a branch of the United States Military, military-related organization, or unit shall be located within the City of Port St. Lucie Veterans Memorial Park. Ms. Ciuperger stated that Section 10 added an exclusion for modest memorials or markers within City parks or approved properties through the Parks and Recreation Department, in addition to the Art in Public Places Program.

Ms. Ciuperger stated that staff recommended the proposed revisions to the Naming Policy for City Facilities and the adoption of the Resolution.

Councilman Carvelli stated that he would like to add a section recognizing youth from 16-20 years old to promote community leadership and designate a location. Mayor Oravec inquired as to if there needed to be a section in the Policy or if Councilman Carvelli could research an idea and bring a proposal back to the Council, to which Councilman Carvelli responded that he would research an idea, but there needed to be a designated location.

Mayor Oravec stated that he was interested in having a Youth Council, as many other cities had one, to which Councilwoman Caraballo agreed and stated that she would like to see more educational and cultural activities for children. Ms. Ciuperger stated that Florida Government Week was coming up and they were working with the high schools to offer a shadowing program. Councilwoman Morgan stated that there was a youth council through the Round Table, to which Mayor Oravec responded that they may disagree on the obligations and scope of the board. He asked Councilwoman Morgan to explain the scope of the leadership, to which Chief Bolduc gave a brief overview of the Youth Council through the Round Table. It was the consensus of the Council to direct the City Manager and staff to study youth council's and youth recognition and report back to the Council. Councilwoman Morgan stated that she did not agree with the new language including 'Shall', to which the City Manager responded that Veteran's Park was planned to expand over time allowing recognition of different military groups. Mayor Oravec stated that each neighborhood had something to offer, and that there was a brand-new part of the City developing out west.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve Resolution 19-R83. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R83. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.a** Consideration for SW Sultan Drive Traffic Calming Application

**[2019-656](#)**

Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Item 6a). Councilman Carvelli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. Mayor Oravec requested a history of the Traffic Calming Programs within the City, along with an access link for residents. Mayor Oravec also requested that the right-of-way be pinched, and the planters be maintained, if used, and he would like the asphalt to be layered and the striping maintained. Vice Mayor Martin requested an update regarding the traffic concerns on Fairview and an update on the sidewalk, to which Heath Stocton, Traffic Engineer responded that they were going to expand the study area over Fairgreen Crossings. Mayor Oravec inquired as to if the buffer wall was being addressed without being complaint driven, to which John Dunton, Public Works, responded that they were addressing many issues and he stated that

the residents contacted him directly.

**6.b** Review of Policy on Port St. Lucie Beautification / Street Tree Application

[2019-675](#)

John Dunton, Public Works presented the framework of the Port St. Lucie Beautiful Policy Guidelines. He explained that a propriety objective was to Create and implement plans for landscape beautification of roadways, public parks, properties and gateways into the City, including I-95, Florida's Turnpike and FPL sub-station. The City-wide Beautification Policy included conceptual and typical designs for all City streets with sidewalks, medians, roadway widenings and entryways.

Vice Mayor Martin stated that she would like the neighborhood parks to be connected to the surrounding community and suggested installing sidewalks, to which Mr. Dunton responded that he spoke with the Parks and Recreation Department. Councilman Carvelli inquired as to how they would make sure the root systems would not grow underneath the sidewalks, to which Mr. Dunton responded that there would be a root barrier. Councilman Carvelli inquired as to if the root barrier would redirect the roots or stop them, to which Mr. Dunton responded that the root barrier would redirect the roots. Mayor Oravec stated that he would like the Policy to require tighter spacing when a smaller tree is used. Councilman Carvelli stated that Dahoon Hollies were wet-root trees, to which Mr. Dunton responded that they were most likely looking at Colored Crape Myrtles. Mr. Dunton stated that all roadway projects would include conduit for any future improvements. Councilman Carvelli inquired as to if they would be using bamboo, to which Mr. Dunton responded in the negative.

Mr. Dunton presented the estimated costs, and stated that they removed the irrigation component, as the capital for outlay was very expensive. He explained that they would wrap bags around the trees and fill them with water weekly. Mayor Oravec inquired as to the unit price for an irrigation bag, to which Mr. Dunton responded that the irrigation bags were \$37.50, and they were reusable.

Councilman Carvelli requested that the PowerPoint slides showed last year's rate and this year's rate, along with the difference. He explained that it was hard for the residents to understand the information. Mayor Oravec stated that the Communications Department was working on an annual piece, which would be included with the TRIM Notice and Tax

Bill. He requested that the TRIM Notice be included in the PowerPoint showing the difference.

**7. Adjourn**

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Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

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Calleigh N. Myers, Deputy City Clerk