

City of Port St. Lucie

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

Monday, October 14, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

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 October 14, 2019, at 6:30 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

Mayor Oravec stated that the City of Port St. Lucie has come a long way since it's incorporation and was voted one of the best places to live in the nation according to US News World Report. He dedicated the City's success story to prior City Manager Don Cooper, who wanted to move the City from a GDC Company town to a real city and who also assisted on many major projects in the city. Mayor Oravec, with great sorrow, voiced that City Manager Cooper passed away on October 14, 2019. Mayor Oravec wanted City Manager Cooper to know that he made a difference, that his life mattered, he was loved and respected and would be missed. He invited the public to the Celebration of Life on Thursday, October 17th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center Emerald Ballroom.

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** Proclamation for National Business Women Week[2019-944](#)

Mayor Oravec read the Proclamation and proclaimed October 14th-20th, 2019 National Business Women's Week. He presented it to the Port St. Lucie Business Women Group. Angela Hale, President of Port St. Lucie Business Women Group, thanked the City Council for honoring the group with the proclamation.

4.b Presentation by the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County Inc.[2019-902](#)

The City Manager stated that the EDC promoted the economic interest of the City, County, and the City of Fort Pierce and introduced Pete Tesch, President of the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County Inc., who gave his condolences for the passing of City Manager Cooper. Mr. Tesch informed the public that the mission of the EDC was to create employment opportunities in the community and had a budget of \$925,000. He stated that there were 1,031 EDC assisted companies, some of which were located within the City. In 2018 the EDC secured \$9.62 million in state and local grants and had 659 quality jobs. He said that the City was 85% of the State of Florida average for income, and he believed it was not good enough; in 2018 the actual number of jobs was 381 with wages of \$37,500. He invited the public to come on November 5, 2019 for the 2018 data and 2019 forecast. He voiced his excitement over Southern Grove's potential and hopes it will be a prosperous and viable area. He stated that the Treasure Coast Skills Gap 2.0 was almost complete and it would provide comprehensive data. Vice Mayor Martin thanked Mr. Tesch, Jill, and their team for their partnership, hard work and dedication. Councilwoman Caraballo concurred with Vice Mayor Martin's comments and requested specific data to the City with regards to average annual salary, wages, and household income, etc. Mayor Oravec responded that it would be easier to gather the total number of jobs created in the City versus average or median wage in the City because the state and federal government track it over the MSA. He stated that the City functioned as a market area, and businesses were not concerned about City or County limits.

5. Public to be Heard

Robert Mizell spoke regarding the Crosstown Parkway Bridge and Floresta Superstreet. He stated that he had over 1,280,000 miles of driving experience and believed that the U-turn was a hazard. He suggested that the City implement a fly over bridge.

Mark Gotz spoke regarding the City's real estate deals, and debt. He stated that the citizens pay \$20 million a year for the debt and added that the City was \$265 million in debt because of real estate. He suggested that the City stop investing and developing land.

Councilwoman Caraballo stated that residents are parking in the extra spaces for the U-turn on the Crosstown Parkway and requested that police patrol the area if possible, and that proper signage be installed. Councilman Carvelli requested extra patrol units on Crosstown Parkway to help manage the speeding issues on the bridge since it still required additional work underneath and around it. He added that the Superstreet, at the time, was added because a fly over bridge would provide no access for the Floresta residents. Vice Mayor Martin felt that the debt should not be mentioned anymore, she felt that they inherited the debt and that the City Council made it a top priority. She felt that the City was moving forward and were addressing it as best they could and wanted to celebrate a positive outlook for the City. Councilman Carvelli agreed and added that the City Council established safeguards, policies, and ordinances to protect the City from those types of bad investment deals in the future. Mayor Oravec stated he believed that negativity should not be the mantra for the City and stated that property taxes were lowered 4 years in a row, the City Council, twice a year, provided a presentation on the state of the debt, and have been paying down the debt faster. He stated that a special impact fee was developed for Torrey Pines which paid for the building and generated a surplus.

Mayor Oravec stated that the Superstreet was inserted in 2015 and the City Council, at that time, was only made aware of it in 2016, where there was much debate. He said that he supported a regular intersection, but that a regular intersection would be classified as a Grade of E. He added that some studies showed that Superstreets were more efficient and had less conflicts which resulted in less accidents and injuries. He encouraged the public to research and understand the facts to present a logical case if advocating for change. Councilwoman Caraballo stated that changing the Superstreet idea in the planning process would not have been cost effective and would have also slowed down project time.

6. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the Agenda. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 7.a** September 9, 2019 Special Council, September 9, 2019 Regular Council and September 16, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes [2019-898](#)
- 7.b** Request approval of the 2020 Meeting Schedule for City Council Regular, Special, Government Finance Corporation (GFC), Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Winter and Summer Retreats and Strategic Planning Sessions. [2019-879](#)
- 7.c** Amend Contract #20190035 for Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Services for various locations. [2019-808](#)
- 7.d** Approve 2019 Fall Fun Fest co-produced event license agreement with the Port St. Lucie Downtown Lions Foundation, Inc. [2019-885](#)
- 7.e** Approve FY 19-20 Expenditure of Police Forfeiture Funds [2019-887](#)
- 7.f** Award Contract #20190114 for Jessica Clinton Park Multi-Use Drainage Improvements to South Florida Building, Inc., dba Building Designs, Inc., and direct funding be appropriated through FY19-20 Budget Amendment #1 [2019-888](#)
- 7.g** Authorize payment to the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County for the Annual Investment Partnership. [2019-896](#)
- 7.h** Approval to participate in the State of Florida Contract #84121500-15-01 for the Procurement Card Program. [2019-901](#)
- 7.i** Proposed Use of FY 19-20 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Award Contract No. 2019-DJ-BX-0427 [2019-908](#)
- 7.j** Approve FY 2019-2020 Expenditure of Police Forfeiture Funds [2019-911](#)

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| 7.k | Approve Change Order #2 to Contract #20170131 for the Design and Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) of the Vacuum-Based Wastewater Collection System at Southport in the amount of \$127,503. | <u>2019-860</u> |
| 7.l | Award Continuing Contracts #20180148 for Engineering Services for Water and Wastewater Utilities Projects. | <u>2019-916</u> |
| 7.m | Award Contract #20190108 for Citywide Towing Services.

(Clerk's Note: This item was removed, at the request of the City Manager.) | <u>2019-858</u> |
| 7.n | Approve Shortlisted Firms and Begin Negotiations for Request For Qualifications (RFQu) #20190101 for Design Services for a New City Building. | <u>2019-913</u> |
| 7.o | Award Contract #20200001 to purchase fleet vehicles and other equipment. | <u>2019-914</u> |

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Item 7 m) removed. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. Under discussion, Vice Mayor Martin believed that they needed to review the process for Item 7 m), to which Councilman Carvelli agreed. Mayor Oravec stated that there were multiple issues and inquired as to how it would be remedied, to which the City Manager replied that an RFP process was followed through Demand Star, which was questioned and that staff would need to review the process for fraud or any other issues. Councilwoman Caraballo inquired if a new RFP would be created, to which the City Manager replied that he did not recommend rejecting all the proposals but suggested reviewing, in detail, the submissions and the process. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Second Reading, Public Hearing of Ordinances

- 8.a** Ordinance 19-66, Public Hearing, Motion to Adopt Ordinance Amending Section 158.174(G) of the Zoning Code to Modify the Provisions for Off-Street Parking and Off-Street Loading Requirements for Planned Unit Developments (PUDS).

[2019-893](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 19-66 aloud by title only. Mayor Oravec opened the Public Hearing. Patti Tobin, Long-Range Planning Administrator, stated that the requirement was contrary to the intent based on two sections of the code. She said that a parking analysis would be needed to determine the appropriate number of parking spaces for the development; it would also review the 30% availability of compact parking, as well as modifying the standard size. She said that the Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 19-66. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Ordinance 19-66. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8.b** Ordinance 19-68, Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property Located at Crosstown Parkway (pf 63-34) Lot 2, Acquired by the City on October 28, 2010, which was Identified and Approved for Surplus on April 8, 2019.

[2019-892](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 19-68 aloud by title only. Mayor Oravec opened the Public Hearing. There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve Ordinance 19-68. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Ordinance 19-68. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Other Public Hearings

There was nothing scheduled under this item.

10. First Reading of Ordinances

- 10.a** Ordinance 19-70, Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 64.09, Interceptors, of the City's Code of Ordinances

[2019-800](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 19-70 aloud by title only. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 19-70. Councilman Carvelli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote..

- 10.b** Ordinance 19-71, Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with St. Lucie County for Right-of-Way Improvements Relating to the Widening of Midway Road from Selvitz Road West to Glades Cut-Off Road and Authorizing the Conveyance of Fee Simple Title to Real Property and Authorizing the Conveyance of a Temporary Construction Easement, a Permanent Construction/Maintenance Easement, and a Permanent Drainage Easement to St. Lucie County.

[2019-839](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 19-71 aloud by title only. There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve Ordinance 19-71. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. Mayor Oravec requested a presentation for the Second Reading. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.c** Ordinance 19-72, Motion to Adopt Ordinance Abandoning a Portion of a Twenty (20) foot Utility and Drainage Easement Affecting Lot 49, Block 1750, Port St. Lucie Section Thirty-One, recorded in Plat Book 14, Page(s) 22, 22A through 22G, of the Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

[2019-889](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 19-72 aloud by title only. There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Ordinance 19-72. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 10.d** Ordinance 19-73, An Ordinance of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Establishing the Salary of the Mayor and Councilmembers; Providing for Repeal of Previous Ordinances; Providing for Conflict; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date.

[2019-900](#)

The City Clerk read Ordinance 19-73 aloud by title only. The City Manager stated that members of the public requested that staff research comparable city's Council salaries. He stated that the ordinance would adopt a model where the Mayor's salary would mirror the County Commissioner's salary and the Council's salaries would be set based on a proportion of the City's population to the County as a whole.

Mary Ann Russell spoke against the ordinance and felt that a 60% raise was too high, and not normal in business, especially for a part-time job, and added that the raise would fall back onto the residents.

Bob Polakow spoke in favor of the ordinance and suggested that the City Council follow the state formula, to remove the politics, and used Los Angeles County as an example.

Mark Gotz spoke against the ordinance, he felt that a 60% raise was too high and believed that it should be a referendum for the residents to decide. He stated that the Council received a car allowance of \$6,000 per year along with a cost of living increase. He felt that the City Council had a staff of over 1,000 people who did the work and stated that if the City Council wanted a raise, they should run for County Commission. He believed it was a part-time job and added that Council members did have full-time jobs. He felt that it was not fair to the residents and was a loophole to increase the Mayor's salary. Mayor Oravec stated that Mr. Gotz's comments were personal and asked whether the raise would apply to him personally, to which the City Manager replied that the ordinance would apply for anyone sitting as the Mayor and City Council after November 3, 2020. Mayor Oravec inquired on the total amount of impact if this ordinance was approved, to which Vice Mayor Martin replied \$90,000- \$100,000.

Steven Viera spoke in favor of the ordinance and stated that Port St. Lucie was the 7th largest city in Florida but that, based on comparable size, the Mayor was the least paid. He felt that the salary was disgraceful especially since the position turned into a full-time job to

accommodate for the City's exponential growth.

Linda Baughman spoke in favor of the ordinance since she felt that the City Council had numerous accomplishments, which included being named the Safest Largest City and completing the Crosstown bridge. She stated that the City Council were always professional and polished and thanked them for their service.

John Richardson, developer at Motor Coach Resort, spoke in favor of the ordinance and stated that taxes were down for the 4th year, \$250 million of debt was eliminated, and felt that a pay increase would attract visionaries to aid in the growth of the City.

Gloria Swanson spoke in favor of the ordinance and felt that high compensation would attract qualified individuals. She stated that years ago the City was smaller and the compensation reflected that but since then the City had rapidly grown to the 7th largest city in the state, therefore the compensation should match the full-time position.

Gary Tempas spoke in favor of the ordinance and stated that after some research he found that well paid elected officials are highly educated, gave more of their time, and that a higher pay would attract more people to run for office.

John Klosterman spoke in favor of the ordinance because he felt that the City Council had done an outstanding job which showed throughout the City.

Dan Wire spoke in favor of the ordinance and stated that the current City Council showed great leadership. He felt that there was hypocrisy in the fact that residents had complained to a previous City Council about the debt and high taxes, yet still complained about those things to the current City Council who had lowered both taxes and debt. He stated that good leaders were expensive and did not feel that the financial impact would be significant.

Councilman Carvelli thanked the residents for their opinions and stated he would donate the difference from the raise to the youth programs in the city. He said that it was not an easy job and they were on call all hours of the day. He said that he serves because he enjoys it and was committed. Councilwoman Caraballo thanked the residents and stated that she did not agree with the ordinance but clarified that the

ordinance was to support a future council. Vice Mayor Martin thanked the residents for the support and agreed that the ordinance was for the future of the City. She stated that it was not a part-time job and that the City Council did not have full-time positions and served because they loved their City. Councilwoman Morgan appreciated the residents' opinions and stated that serving was a passion. Mayor Oravec stated that it was an awkward topic and thanked the residents' for their opinions. He was thankful for residents' positive outlooks which helped the City be the best it could be. He clarified that the ordinance was to provide a formula for future Councils to follow and provided other cities as examples. He stated that it was a difficult, full-time position to hold and when the City called, the Mayor and City Council had to answer. He felt that the elected officials should be a true reflection of the people they served.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Ordinance 19-73. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote with Mayor Oravec, Vice Mayor Martin, Councilwoman Morgan, and Councilman Carvelli voting in favor and Councilwoman Caraballo voting against.

A break was called at 8:48 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m.

11. Resolutions

- 11.a** Resolution 19-R72, Public Hearing, Quasi-Judicial, A
Resolution approving a Landscape Modification application
for Grace Lutheran Church at St. Lucie West (P19-115) to
substitute landscaping for an architectural wall on the north
and south sides of the property.

[2019-825](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after Item 8 b).)

The City Attorney read the Quasi-Judicial Procedures into the record. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Testimony to staff and other interested parties and read Resolution 19-R72 aloud by title only. Mayor Oravec opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any ex-parte communications to disclose, to which Vice Mayor Martin stated that she met with Lake Forest HOA and Grace Lutheran members. Councilman Carvelli spoke with Grace Lutheran members and drove through Lake Forest to speak with residents. Councilwoman Caraballo spoke with Grace Lutheran members and a representative from Alzheimer's Community Care, she also drove by the facility and stated that the City Council received emails from Lake Forest. Councilwoman Morgan stated that she met with Mr. Gorman and Pastor Chris from Grace Lutheran Church, and she watched the Lake Forest HOA meeting.

(Clerk's Note: A slideshow was shown at this time.) Holly Price, Planner III, stated that the applicant, Grace Lutheran Church, was requesting to be exempt from the requirement for an architectural wall within the perimeter landscape buffers. She stated that there was a lake that surrounded 2 sides of the property, as well as upland preserve buffers. She said that there was an existing church on the site and that they were proposing to build an Alzheimer's day care center which would include offices. She informed the City Council that the south perimeter needed additional landscaping and the applicant was proposing 20-foot wide buffers on each side. She added that staff did recommend approval. Councilman Carvelli inquired if the applicant had to adhere to providing an updated Landscape Plan if field changes were made, to which Ms. Price responded in the affirmative.

(Clerk's Note: A slideshow was shown at this time.) Chris Escher, Pastor for Grace Lutheran Church, stated that the project served an unmet need in the community and that the Church came to an agreement with Lake Forest HOA. He said that they requested that the preserve take an 'L' shape to protect the building. Robert Gorman,

Chairman of Alzheimer's Community Care, stated that the center, the 12th center, would serve families and individuals who suffered from neuro-cognitive disorders; it would be the 3rd in St. Lucie county. He stated that the building would be multi-purpose and serve as offices for the church, use for common area, and offices for the day care center. He informed the City Council that they would raise three quarters of a million dollars from private donors to move forward with this project. He thanked the congregation of Grace Lutheran, the City Council, and Lake Forest HOA for working together to resolve any concerns. Mary Barnes, President & CEO Alzheimer's Care, provide a presentation at this time. She informed the City Council that other program centers charged between \$10,000-\$15,000 a month which most families couldn't afford. She thanked Grace Lutheran for opening their doors and hearts to families in need of care. (Clerk's Note: Ms. Barnes showed a walkthrough of the proposed building.) She stated that they would provide 10 hours of care a day and that 75% of a patient's day would consist of therapeutic activities.

Mayor Oravec inquired if the settlement agreement between Lake Forest HOA and Grace Lutheran could be incorporated into the approval order, to which the City Attorney responded in the affirmative. Councilwoman Caraballo thanked Lake Forest and Grace Lutheran for working together to resolve concerns and bringing a positive center to the community. Councilman Carvelli, Vice Mayor Martin, Councilwoman Morgan thanked everyone for working together as a community. Councilwoman Morgan stated that neighborhood meetings were important for the betterment of the community. Mayor Oravec appreciated the parties being good neighbors and requested that the agreement be included in the motion. He stated that it was a blessing for the caretakers and patients and thanked the parties for their work. Councilman Carvelli moved to approve Resolution 19-R72 to include the Lake Forest HOA and Grace Lutheran Church agreement. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion and inquired about the opening for fishing. Mayor Oravec stated that it was St. Lucie West's Services District. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R72 to include the Lake Forest HOA and Grace Lutheran Church agreement. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.b** Resolution 19-R89, Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to enter and execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Port St. Lucie and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for the purpose of developing a master plan for the approximately 1,150 acres of land located in the Southern Grove Development of Regional Impact. [2019-895](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R89 aloud by title only. Mayor Oravec stated that the City was working on a Masterplan with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to plan for the future of the Southern Grove Jobs Corridor and would host public workshops. There being no further discussion, Councilman Carvelli moved to approve Resolution 19-R89. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R89. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.c** Resolution 19-R94, A Resolution Approving the Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat with Construction Plans for Verano South PUD 1 Pod C Plat No. 2 (P19-005) [2019-631](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R94 aloud by title only. Teresa Lamar-Sarno, Assistant to the City Manager for Land Development Services stated that this plat would create 161 single-family lots, 3 water management tracts, private road right-of-way, and access to the lots. She stated that the plat which was 45.59 acres, was located south of the C-24 Canal, east of Rangeline Road, and west of I-95. She added that staff and the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve Resolution 19-R94. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R94. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.d** Resolution 19-R95, A Resolution Approving the Preliminary Subdivision Plat and Construction Plans for Verano South - Pod E - Plat No. 1 (P19-012)

[2019-632](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R95 aloud by title only. Teresa Lamar-Sarno, Assistant to the City Manager for Land Development Services stated that this provided for construction of 2 rights-of-way; Verano Parkway and Appian Way which would connect Verano North with Crosstown Parkway and act as a spine road for the Verano South Development. She said that it was approximately 25 acres that was located within the Verano DRI, south of C-24 Canal, east of Range Line Road, and west of I-95 and did not contain parcels for development that would be subject to the Concurrency Management and the conditions of the Verano DRI.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 19-R95. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R95. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.e** Resolution 19-R96, A Resolution approving the Final Subdivision Plat with Construction Plans for Mattamy at Southern Grove Plat No. 1 (P19-088)

[2019-863](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R96 aloud by title only. Patti Tobin, Long-Range Planning Administrator made a presentation and stated that the replat would create 90 single-family lots, a recreation tract, and a parcel for future lots; the total number of dwellings was 173 single-family lots. It was located at the northwest corner of SW Community Boulevard and SW Discovery Way and was recommended by the Site Plan Review Committee. Mayor Oravec inquired if it was Mattamy's first plat, to which Ms. Tobin responded in the affirmative.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Resolution 19-R96. Councilman Carvelli seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R96. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.f** Resolution 19-R98, A Resolution providing for the Adoption of an Amendment to the City of Port St. Lucie's ICMA-RC Governmental Money Purchase Plan & Trust (401A Money Purchase Pension Plan(s)) for the purpose of Amending the Final Pay Deferral Plan Option

[2019-912](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R98 aloud by title only. The City Manager stated that the item related to individuals who were part of the City's defined contribution plan who entered the DROP and identified how their sick leave and annual leave hours would be accounted for; as well as how much would be deposited into the compensation plan.

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 19-R98. Councilman Carvelli seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R98. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11.g Resolution 19-R99, Interlocal Agreement for Operation of
Temporary Animal Shelter

[2019-909](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R99 aloud by title only. The City Manager stated that the City did not contract with the St. Lucie Humane Society for an animal shelter since there were major concerns; this interlocal agreement was between the City, the City of Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie County. Vice Mayor Martin expressed her appreciation for the creation of the public video that provided some answers to questions and rumors. Mayor Oravec inquired on whether there was a permanent provider, to which Keri Norbraten, Senior Deputy City Attorney, replied that Fort Pierce would release the RFP in November and that the joint proposal was being reviewed. She stated that St. Lucie County, and the City of Port St. Lucie have a member stand in on the committee. Mayor Oravec inquired if the base of operations would be at Savannah Road in Fort Pierce, to which Ms. Norbraten responded in the affirmative. Mayor Oravec inquired on the status of the lawsuit, to which Ms. Norbraten replied that she was unaware of the status and added that there was no possession as of yet, as there was a lot of work needed to the building; the RFP proposed that whomever responded would be liable for the estimated \$1 million renovations. Ms. Norbraten stated that staff was not advised on whether they should proceed with the joint RFP. Chief Bolduc responded that they were waiting on the details of the RFP, before bringing it for a Council decision. Mayor Oravec requested to be kept up to date as information becomes available. Vice Mayor Martin expressed her concerns on whether it would be a temporary or permanent shelter and voiced that it was a difficult situation since it was outside the City's control. Ms. Norbraten apologized for not having the exact date of the RFP but stated that she believed it was not a lengthy process time, since the vendor would be chosen in December. Vice Mayor Martin inquired if the RFP anticipated the facility being provided by Fort Pierce or the provider having their own facility, to which Ms. Norbraten replied that the RFP anticipated Savannah Road being the facility.

Vice Mayor Martin stated that the Savannah Road facility had an issue with space in the past and could be an issue in the future. Chief Bolduc stated that the County did not want to have a shelter at the airport, the airport was a temporary solution. He stated that Animal Control procedures were changing county-wide, and that TNVR would lower the amount of shelter animals which made knowing shelter needs very difficult. He said that the temporary shelter was a last option for the

City, to which Vice Mayor Martin replied that the City paid the County \$12,000 and she was concerned that their shelter wasn't being used. Chief Bolduc responded that the process was changing and they were using non-profits and rescues, therefore there hasn't been a need to use the temporary shelter. Mayor Oravec agreed with Vice Mayor Martin's comments regarding the space, need, and location of the Glades Cutoff Shelter. He felt that the Savannah Road Shelter was not the best location and stated that Glades Cutoff shelter served the whole county. He believed that a qualified operator could operate a facility where "best practices" are implemented in the City. Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 19-R99. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. Councilwoman Caraballo stated that it was positive that pets were being adopted. Chief Bolduc stated as long as space allowed, Animal Control would extend the 5-day stray hold to find solutions and agreed that the goal is a world-class animal shelter in the City. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R99. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.h** Resolution 19-R100, A Resolution approving the preliminary and final plat with construction plans for Riverland Parcel A - Plat Twelve (P19-050)

[2019-752](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R100 aloud by title only. Ms. Tobin stated that the item was a continuation of the development heading west, was approximately 30 acres that contained 141 lots and added that the Site Plan Review Committee recommended approval.

There being no further comments, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve Resolution 19-R100. Councilwoman Caraballo seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: for approval of Resolution 19-R100. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 11.i** Resolution 19-R101, Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property located at 2692 SW Port St Lucie Boulevard to Improve Access to the E-8 Canal.

[2019-903](#)

The City Clerk read Resolution 19-R101 aloud by title only. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to approve Resolution 19-R101. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion. The City Clerk restated the motion as follows: to approve Resolution 19-R101. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

12. Unfinished Business

There was nothing scheduled under this item.

13. New Business

- 13.a** Grace Lutheran Church at St. Lucie West Major Site Plan
Amendment (P19-060).

[2019-773](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after Item 10 a). Testimony from Item 11 a) was entered into the record.)

There being no discussion, Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve Item 13 a.) Councilman Carvelli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

14. City Manager's Report

The City Manager stated that Mayor Oravec and staff would be lobbying in Tallahassee for the Hegner Drive Extension, as well as the 4 major priorities under the Legislative Plan. He informed the City Council that the C-24 bridge was 94% complete which would increase mobility in the community. He congratulated Ms. Lamar-Sarno on her new title as the Assistant to the City Manager for Land Development Services. He informed the City Council that over 10,000 residents attended the grand opening of the Crosstown Bridge and thanked staff for their hard work. He added that they were still working on signal timing and final milling and resurfacing. Councilwoman Caraballo thanked the City Manager for his leadership on the Crosstown Grand Opening, as well as Kristina Ciuperger and the Car Clubs.

15. Councilmembers Report on Committee Assignments

Councilwoman Morgan- September 24th Chamber Breakfast, September 25th Chamber Government Affairs Committee and the Bayshore Selvitz Art Roundabout Community Meeting, September 28th Crosstown Bridge Grand Opening, October 1st EDC Luncheon, October 2nd Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments and the Transportation Planning Organization, October 3rd State of Jobs Conference and Bayshore Selvitz Art Roundabout Ad-Hoc Meeting, October 4th Roundtable of St. Lucie County, October 7th St. Lucie County Legislation Delegation and the Habitat for Humanity Ribbon Cutting for the 50th Roof Replacement, October 8th Tour of the Historical Structures with staff.

Councilman Carvelli- Thanked the City Manager for his hard work on the Crosstown Bridge Grand Opening and stated that he was receiving positive feedback on the decrease in traffic on St. Lucie West and US 1 since the bridge opening. He requested informational signs since speeding was an issue. He attended 2 meetings with Council for Aging in which a new roof was voted on, a financial audit was held and they discussed the transportation contracts. He discussed how School Board salaries were based on state formulas.

Councilwoman Caraballo- September 28th Crosstown Bridge Grand Opening, October 2nd TPO Board Meeting, October 4th Oktoberfest, October 7th St. Lucie County Delegations, October 8th Jag Challenge, October 9th Area Council and City University.

Vice Mayor Martin- She thanked staff and the City Manager on the September 28th Crosstown Bridge Grand Opening and she attended the Winterlakes Park ground break.

Mayor Oravec- He thanked staff for the September 28th Crosstown Bridge Grand Opening and said that it was a beautiful drive/walk over the preserve. He requested that the City have a person designated as a full-time Social Media representative to answer factual questions. He stated that in September he lobbied with the Florida League of Mayors and attended over 12 meetings in 3 days. He said the if the Federal Government continued to fund their portion of the Everglades Restoration, at current levels, it would not be completed until 2066 and hoped to keep pushing the important issue. He stated that he appreciated the City Council for their hard work and did not take them for granted. Councilwoman Caraballo thanked Mayor Oravec for his words on the passing for prior City Manager Don Cooper.

16. Public to be Heard - (if necessary as determined by City Council at conclusion of public to be heard)

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

Shanna Donleavy, Deputy City Clerk