

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE; ORDINANCE 631: 2026 - 2027 AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE; ORDINANCE 632: 2026 - 2027 BUDGET; RESOLUTION 2026-09 UTILITY RATES; RESOLUTION 2026-10 PAY SCALE HELD IN THE WARD RIDGE BUILDING, September 28, 2026, at 5:01 P.M.

THIS MEETING IS CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 22, 2026.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Deputy Clerk Leigh Salter, Finance Director Tiffany Giddens, Police Chief Jake Richards, and City Attorney Clinton McCahill were also present.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 631 – Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate; Public Hearing; Ordinance 632 – 2026 / 2027 Budget Public Hearing; Resolution 2026-09 Utility Rates; Resolution 2026-10 Pay Scale.

Mayor Buzzett announced that this meeting is a continuation of the September 22, 2026, meeting.

City Attorney

Ordinance 631 Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate

Mayor Buzzett opened the Meeting for the Public Hearing of Ordinance 631.

Public Hearing

No one from the public spoke.

Second Reading and Adoption

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 631. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0. The Millage rate for FY 2026/2027 will be 4.0914 Mills.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 631 in its entirety.

Mayor Buzzett closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance 632 2026/2027 Budget

Public Hearing

Mayor Buzzett opened the Meeting for the Public Hearing of Ordinance 632.

Jimmy Garcia spoke to the Commission.

Second Reading and Adoption

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kerigan, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 632. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 632 by Title only.

Mayor Buzzett closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution 2026-09 Utility Rates

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adopt Resolution 2026-09 Utility Rates. Mr. Anderson noted that the rate study done in 2020 recommended an annual increase of 3% each for water and sewer, but the City has held the line and an increase has not occurred.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2026-10 Salary Scale

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Kerigan, to adopt Resolution 2026-10 Salary Scale.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Citizens to be Heard

No one from the public spoke to the Commission.

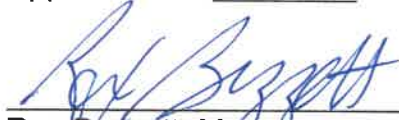
Discussion Items by Commissioners

There were no additional items to be discussed.

Motion to Adjourn

There was no additional business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 5:20 P.M.

Approved this 6th day of October 2026.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

10/6/26

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/6/26

Date