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2026

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



Santa Spotted On The
Tracks

New Communities

Spectacular
Performances



THE SUNRISE CITY
FORT PIERCE
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
Florida

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FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY CHRISTMAS TRAIN

For the 14th year, Florida East Coast Railway's Christmas train stopped in Fort Pierce, bringing joy—and toys—to our community. Several hundred people gathered to welcome the train's arrival. Along with goody bags for those in attendance, the train's cargo included toys donated to our local Toys for Tots program.

Thank you Florida East Coast Railway for making Fort Pierce a Christmas Train stop each year. Our city is honored to host your team.

**FORT PIERCE
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS PARADE

On December 7, the Fort Pierce Police Department was honored to take part in this year's Sights and Sounds Parade, showcasing some of the incredible personnel that connect with our community every day. Leading the way were our Honor Guard and Command Staff, followed by the Bike Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Community Engagement Team, Explorer Post, Community Service Officers, and the Citizen Observation Patrol Unit.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate and congratulations to Main Street Fort Pierce and Fort Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis Club on another successful event!



ELK'S LODGE SANTA COP DONATION

A big thank you to community partners at Fort Pierce Elks Lodge #1520 for their toy donation to FPPD's Santa Cop Program!



ROLL OFF CHICK SANTA COP DONATION

A huge thank you to Roll Off Chick for their incredible generosity this holiday season! Your support brings joy to children in our community and helps make the season brighter for families who need it most. We are truly grateful for your partnership and your big hearts.



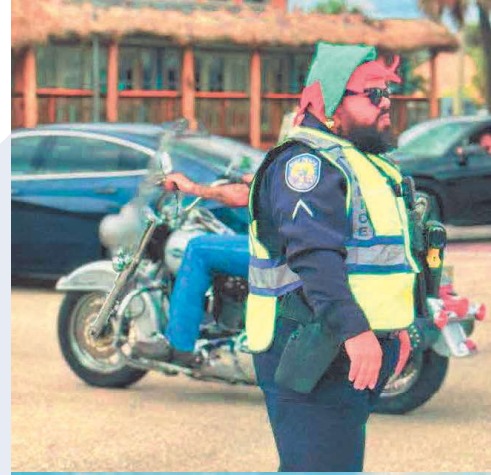
DUNN'S KIDS SANTA COP DONATION

On December 19, thank you to Dunn's KIDS Foundation for supporting FPPD's Santa Cop Program and helping us spread joy to local children this holiday season.

ST. LUCIE PAL MOTORCYCLE TOY RUN

Over 700 riders turned out once again with Christmas spirit and gifts for the St. Lucie PAL Motorcycle Toy Run. Thank you to all the riders for supporting local children and helping spread holiday cheer throughout the community.

A special thank you to our agency partners—the Port St. Lucie Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol—for assisting FPPD in keeping both riders and community members safe.



Martial Arts Update

The Martial Arts program continues to show strong performance and steady growth, with participant enrollment increasing weekly. Students consistently demonstrate discipline, dedication, and growing confidence as they train together under the guidance of the Sensei, highlighting the program's positive impact on youth development.





CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

The Firehawks cheerleading program proudly participated in the annual Sight & Sounds Christmas Parade, representing the City with enthusiasm and excellence during this community event.



Coaches Rae, Jas and Landa





FOOTBALL PROGRAM

The Firehawks football program celebrated notable success as the 10U White, 10U Red, and 12U teams were formally recognized by the City Commission for winning Super Bowl Championships in their respective divisions. Players and coaches attended the commission meeting, where they shared photos and proudly presented their championship rings to the Mayor, Commissioners, and City Manager —highlighting the program’s competitive excellence and strong sense of community pride.



Little Jim Fish Camp Conversion



Construction is underway to connect the Little Jim Fish Camp to the St. Lucie County Utilities low-pressure sanitary sewer system at the Stan Blum Memorial Boat Launch. The project replaces an aging on-site septic system that contributed to harmful seepage into the Indian River Lagoon. A new private lift station and sewer collection system will eliminate the existing on-site treatment issues. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of January 2026.

Nebraska Avenue Sidewalk

Lawnwood Circle, Phase 1: Five bids were received on December 11, 2025. The City is coordinating with Florida Department Of Transportation (FDOT) for bid concurrence. A Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) will be required for this contract.



SUN Trail Highwayman Trail Gap

Indian Hills Drive to Georgia Avenue: The City has received fully executed agreements for this project. Final coordination is underway before the project can be advertised for construction.



Indian River Drive Corridor Improvement

Full reconstruction of Indian River Drive between Seaway Drive and Avenue A includes on-street parking, sidewalks, curb and gutter, decorative streetlights, utility upgrades, Moore's Creek bridge reconstruction, improved stormwater systems, landscaping, and ADA-compliant brick paver crosswalks.

Indian River Drive Corridor Improvement

The consultant has submitted the 100% plans, and the project is currently scheduled for construction in FY 2027/2028. Staff is coordinating with FDOT to secure \$500,000 in state grant funding for the project.

New River Bridge

Construction is underway on the new Indian River Drive Bridge spanning Moore's Creek. Nine piles have been installed along the west side of Indian River Drive. Final construction is scheduled for Spring 2027.



Avenue B Reconstruction

The City has identified the remaining work items with the contractor and is coordinating to resume work from 13th Street to 8th Street.

Avenue D - 29th Street to US 1

Staff is awaiting contract documents to advance this project to the construction phase. The CEI contract is scheduled for the January 19, 2026, City Commission meeting.

2025 Street Resurfacing Program

The 2025 Resurfacing Project is complete, and final invoicing is now underway.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATES



Regatta Luxury Apartments

100 Regatta Ridge Drive

Sitework has begun for the Regatta Luxury Apartments project just North of Okeechobee Road.

Current activities include construction of stormwater retention areas and drainage systems, installation of underground utilities, and land preparation for future parking and common areas. Once completed, the apartment complex will feature 312 residential units, along with a clubhouse, pool area, indoor gym, and playground.



Gateway Plaza

2053 - 2111 S US Highway 1

Interior buildouts have recently been completed for several tenants at Gateway Plaza, with additional spaces nearing completion. New businesses joining the recently renovated plaza include America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, Red Wing Shoes, Harbor Freight Tools, and Bravo Supermarket.





Holy Family Vet

514 N. US Highway 1

The exterior of Holy Family Vet has recently been painted, and interior work continues to progress. Drywall installation has been completed and inspected by the Building Department. With this phase finished, work will move forward on cabinetry, plumbing and electrical fixtures, and interior finishes.





Sunrise Lakes

The City Commission approved a rezoning and Planned Development Final Site Plan for forty-eight (48) single-family residences located at 3804 Sunrise Boulevard. The 11.54-acre property, developed at a density of 4.16 units per acre, is bordered by St. Lucie County single-family residential uses to the south and west. The White City Cemetery lies to the north, while an industrial site operated by the Florida Department of Transportation is located to the east.

The proposal includes a revised plan that reduces the number of proposed homes from 50 to 48 and incorporates several public improvements. These include the construction of approximately 1,230 feet of sewer force main along Sunrise Boulevard, improvements and ongoing maintenance of an existing drainage ditch, a school bus turnaround with a sheltered bus stop accessible to the public, a sidewalk along the property frontage extending north to the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Bell Avenue, and enhanced landscaping along the southern boundary of the site.



Gordy Road

The City Commission considered and approved the Gordy Creek Planned Development and Final Site Plan. The approved proposal consists of a residential development with 316 units, including 178 single-family homes and 138 townhome units. The property is located on Gordy Road, south of Okeechobee Road.



The application is designed to provide a transition between the surrounding natural environment and the development activity and highway intersections to the east. Ten Mile Creek is located along the western boundary of the site. The proposal incorporates a large preserved wetland into the site layout, intended to serve as a central focal point of the development.



In addition, a proposed 1.36-acre lake is planned within the northwest portion of the site. The lake will be encircled by a multi-use trail open to both the public and future residents, offering opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education. The trail is designed to promote community engagement and will include educational signage highlighting the surrounding wetland ecosystem. Public access to this natural area will be provided via a separate entry from Gordy Road, with dedicated parking available.



Red Hawk Rebar

The City Commission approved a new 24,534 sq. ft. rebar manufacturing plant on 2.92 acres, located at 4201 Bandy Boulevard in Fort Pierce. Proposed by Red Hawk Rebar II, the facility will produce metal rebars for the construction industry. The property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and has a Future Land Use designation of HI (Heavy Industrial).



Market Ave Annexation

The City Commission granted approval for a Request to review a Voluntary Application for Annexation for one (1) parcel of land at or near the intersection of E. Market Ave. and S. US Hwy 1 SITE LOCATION/AREA = 2.03 +/- acres City Future Land Use designation is General Commercial (GC) and Zoning designation is General Commercial (C-3).

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Unpermitted Construction Activity	1	1	1.9	5.8	2	2	3.0	9.2
Living In A Structure Without Utilities	–	–	–	–	1	0	0.0	0.0
Rental Housing Complaint	1	0	2.0	0.0	–	–	–	–
Animal Control	3	0	0.0	0.0	4	0	0.0	0.0
General	4	0	0.0	0.0	7	3	1.9	4.4
Outside Storage / Junk / Trash	3	0	2.5	0.0	–	–	–	–
Tall Grass / Overgrown Landscaping	1	0	0.0	0.0	–	–	–	–
Drainage Issues	1	0	0.0	0.0	2	0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	13	1	2.2	5.8	17	5.0	2.5	6.3

DTA—Days to Acknowledgement
DTC—Days to Close

Building
Community Response
Engineering
Public Works

Please use this link to view a map of the Fort Pierce City Commission Election Districts:

<https://cityoffortpierce.com/DocumentCenter/View/22378/City-Election-Districts-Map-2022>

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INDIAN HILLS GOLF COURSE

Mother Nature Report

Mother Nature has been cooperative this fall, with warm temperatures and ample rainfall helping us improve course conditions. These favorable conditions allow our team to focus daily on maintaining healthy, thriving fairway turf.

Conditions on the Green

Our greens are in excellent condition—among the best they have been in quite some time. From a maintenance perspective, we have intensified weed control efforts and updated our fertilization program to include the previously unused fertigation system, along with monthly organic granular applications. The liquid fertilizer provides immediate nutrients to the turf, while the organic granular supports the sand-based sublayer. With healthier turf across the course, the refurbished fertigation system now allows us to precisely “spoon-feed” nutrients through the irrigation system each evening.

Holiday Happenings

As 2025 comes to a close, we hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for a healthy and happy 2026. We extend our sincere thanks to our staff, members, and guests for their generosity in supporting those in need throughout our community. Through our annual Thanksgiving Golf Outing and food drive, we raised \$1,040 in cash and nearly 300 pounds of food for the Treasure Coast Food Bank—providing the equivalent of more than 8,000 meals for local families. In addition, we proudly collected over 300 toys for the Toys for Tots program.

Connect With Us

Word of mouth is our most powerful form of advertising. If you’ve played here and enjoyed the improvements, please share your experience with a friend—or two! We also welcome your feedback as we continue to improve. Thank you to our members and guests for your continued support, and be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for frequent course updates and maintenance news.



CITY MARINA

REVENUE REPORT

DOCKAGE

RESERVATIONS

MONTHLY

DOCKAGE

TRANSIENT

DOCKAGE

RETAIL

ELECTRICITY

GAS

SALES

DIESEL

SALES

	September	October	November
DOCKAGE RESERVATIONS	29	67	171
MONTHLY DOCKAGE	\$ 186,354.70	\$ 194,914.08	\$ 196,271.50
TRANSIENT DOCKAGE	\$ 17,839.05	\$ 38,718.60	\$ 90,424.00
RETAIL	\$ 1,110.50	\$ 2,341.50	\$ 7,113.50
ELECTRICITY	\$ 10,576.42	\$ 12,039.61	\$ 18,370.53
GAS SALES	\$ 30,044.91	\$ 27,346.54	\$ 56,745.90
DIESEL SALES	\$ 17,455.83	\$ 17,455.83	\$ 117,424.83
TOTAL	\$ 263,381.41	\$ 292,816.16	\$ 486,350.26

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2025

Applications Submitted

2025
283

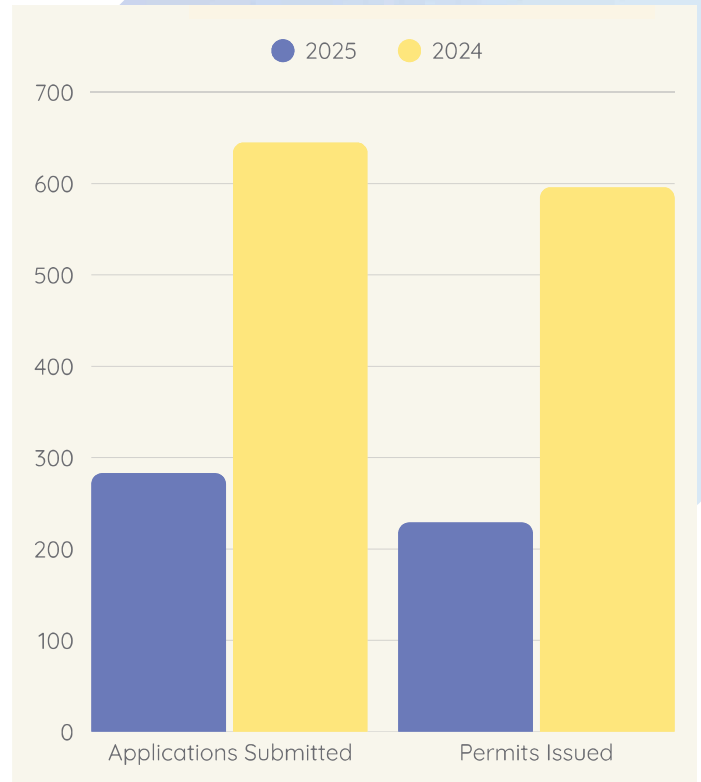
2024
645

Permits Issued

2025
229

2024
596

PERMIT ACTIVITY



INSPECTION ACTIVITY

Requested

2025
1200

2024
1140

Completed

2025
1150

2024
1006

PPI

2025
15

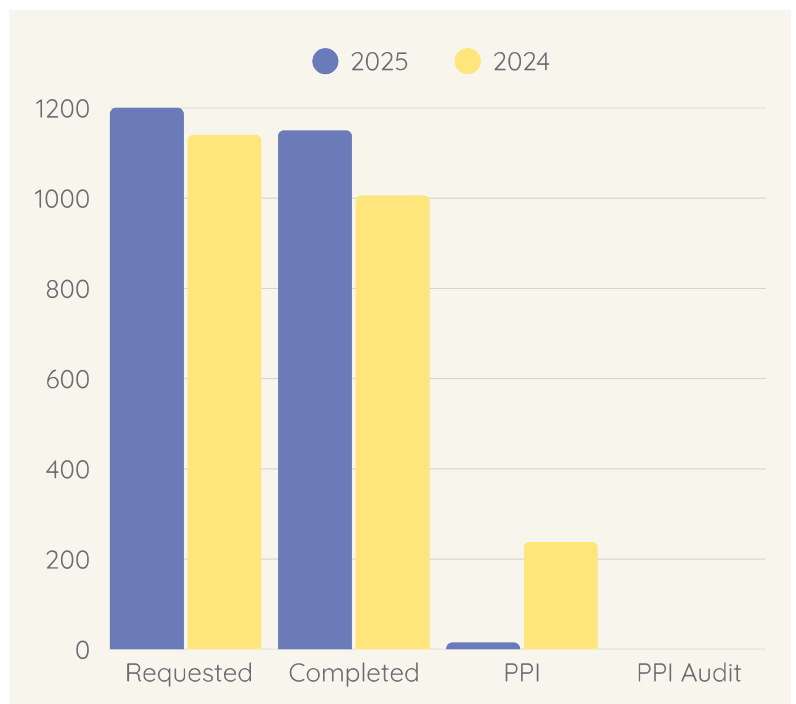
2024
238

PPI Audit

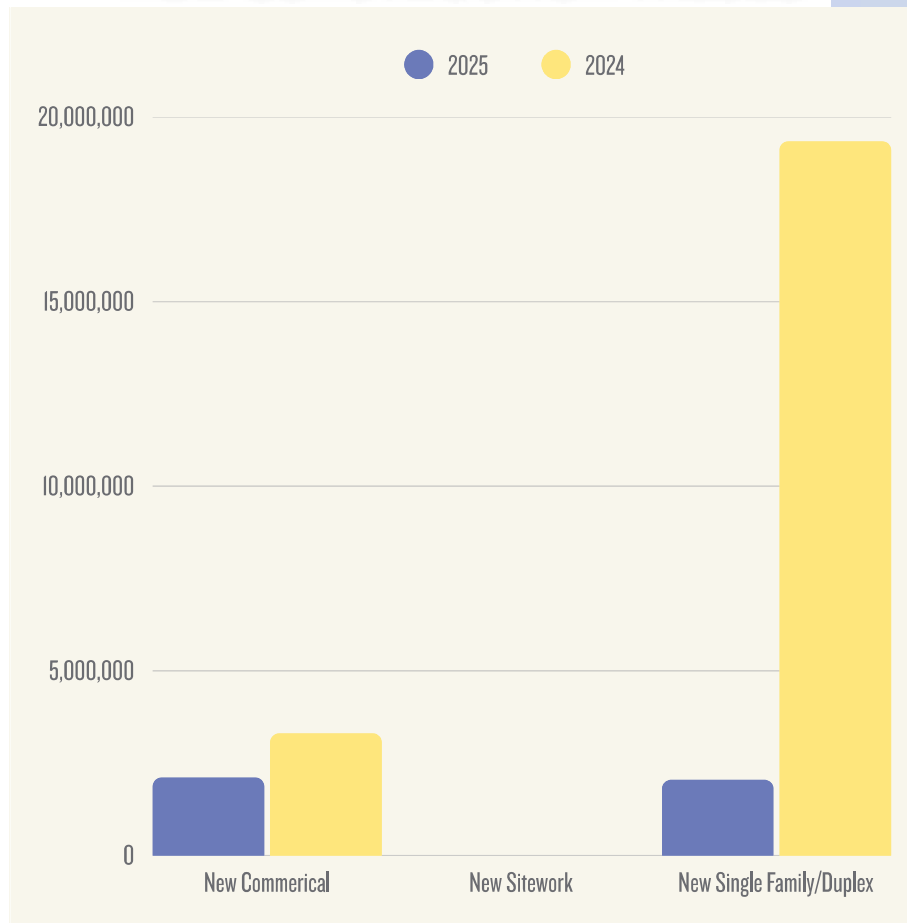
2025
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2024
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Note: Private Provider Inspection (PPI)



NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES



New Commercial



New Sitework



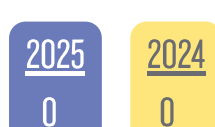
New Single Family/Duplex



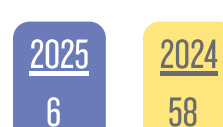
New Commercial Permits



New Sitework Permits

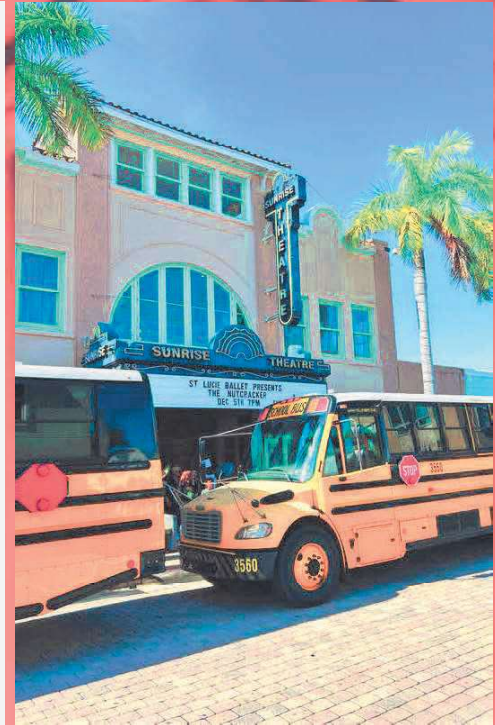


New Single Family/Duplex Permits



The Nutcracker

The Sunrise Theatre recently welcomed local students for a special field trip performance of The Nutcracker, presented by community partner St. Lucie Ballet. For the day, the historic venue was transformed into a festive classroom where approximately 1,500 children of all ages and abilities experienced the magic of Tchaikovsky’s beloved ballet up close. From dazzling costumes to graceful choreography, students were immersed in the timeless holiday story they have come to cherish. The visit offered a meaningful blend of arts education and seasonal tradition, providing young audiences with an inspiring opportunity to connect with the power of live performance.



Celtic Angels Christmas Spectacular

On December 18, we welcomed the Celtic Angels for their Christmas Spectacular, a beautiful evening filled with beloved holiday classics that delighted audiences and captured the spirit of the season.



Chelcie Lynn

The Sunrise Theatre was filled with laughter on December 6 as YouTube comedian Chelcie Lynn took the stage, delivering a high-energy performance that kept the crowd roaring all night.

Allman Betts

On December 13, we welcomed a sold-out house for the Allman Betts Family Revival, capping off an exciting week of live entertainment.

Nearly every weekend in December local dance performances are featured, supported by our discounted rental rates for nonprofits and St. Lucie County small businesses. The Sunrise Theatre is proud to help create lasting family memories on our professional stage and to host the Children’s Services Council’s annual Sounds of the Season, a free community event that fills the house and highlights local talent.

RIVER WALK CENTER

SALES REPORT

Classes **\$ 853.90**

Park Permits **\$ 1,450.00**

Special Events **\$ 2,790.00**

Facility **\$ 8,946.02**



UPCOMING EVENTS



SPECIAL EVENTS

Bridge Buster 5K Veteran's Memorial Park	January 10th 7:00 am - 9:00 am
Feeding the Homeless Moore's Creek N. 10 th & Avenue C	January 10th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
MLK Wreath Laying Dreamland Park	January 17th 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
MLK Parade 25th Street	January 19th 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

MARINA SQUARE

Every Wednesday Farmers Market	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
1st Friday of the month Friday Fest	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Every Saturday Jazz Market	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Downtown Farmers Market	8:00 am - 12:00 pm



NEW BUSINESSES

Welcome Aboard

THANK YOU FOR GROWING WITH US

- Maranatha Earth, LLC
- Eckle's Restaurant Lounge
- New Hope Enterprises, LLC
- Jed Bail Bonds Agency, LLC
- Stamm Manufacturing
- Pueblo Viejo II, LLC
- Maritime Air Co. Inc.
- Anglers Contracting
- Hello Clean Please Inc.
- Fortiline Waterworks
- JGLL Estevez Inc.
- Burger King #6334
- Wasi Drywall, LLC
- Top Shelf Floors, LLC
- Harbor Freight Tools #3644
- Manhandi
- Tile FL Pros
- Brees Delicate Care, LLC
- Pecan 4696, LLC
- Artiles Screen Repairs, LLC
- Midnight Automotive Repair
- Morning Glory Academy, LLC



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CITY OF FORT PIERCE MISSION STATEMENT:

"To provide community leadership, quality public service, and a safe environment for all citizens by an empowered team of employees motivated by pride in themselves and their work."