

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
MARCH 11, 2024
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Rebecca S. Bruner
Vice Mayor Campbell Rich
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Christopher Collins
Commissioner Troy McDonald

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Manager, Michael J. Mortell
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

ROLL CALL

4:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Bruner, Vice Mayor Rich, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner McDonald

INVOCATION

Pastor Edward Skiba, Police Chaplain gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ARTS MOMENT - "THE SCULPTURES OF STUART" BY GEOFFREY SMITH

Mr. Geoffery Smith exhibited his various art with a presentation on "The Sculptures of Stuart."

PROCLAMATIONS

2. IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (MARCH 2024)

Recipient, Ray Lynch, National Secretary and past Florida State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, not present to accept the Proclamation.

3. PROCUREMENT MONTH (MARCH 2024)

City of Stuart Procurement Coordinator, Alaina Knofla, accepted the Proclamation,

provided information on Procurement responsibilities, and expressed gratitude and thanked the City for the recognition.

PRESENTATIONS

4. SERVICE AWARDS - MARCH 2024

David Duran	Police Department	Police Lieutenant	20 Years
Rachael Minor	Police Department	Police Officer	10 Years
Scott Stewart	Streets Maintenance	Equipment Operator I	5 Years
Adam Baker	Fire Rescue	Firemedic	5 Years

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented that she was unable to present a video at this meeting due to a sound problem but will present it at the next meeting.
- Commented that she has received calls about train arms coming down when they shouldn't be in certain locations.
- Announced Sheriff Snyder not running for office, and would like the City to recognize the Sheriff and show our appreciation.

Commissioner Collins

- Commented that he was happy to see Item #7 - Resolution 101-2024 PFAS Resin Replacement on the agenda.

Vice Mayor Rich

- Announced the legislature ratified the new Stormwater Bill.
- Commented that the Community Redevelopment Board (CRB) meeting last week, only had three (3) board members in attendance. They did not have a quorum and business could not be conducted. Requesting input to improve attendance.

Mayor Bruner commented that changing the meeting start time may be helpful and Commissioner Collins commented that it should be the liaison changing their board member.

Vice Mayor Rich continued:

- Commented that the Commission should hold their board members accountable.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mortell

- Commented briefly on the board membership and noted the Clerk and Attorney have been working on updating the by-laws. The basis to remove a board member is being updated, allowing the appointee to serve at will.

- Announced that this week's LPA meeting had a project called Eden Mar, a letter was received from the applicant for the item to be postponed to the April meeting.
- Commented on Brightline's announcement that the Stuart submittal had been selected.
- Commented on the 5K run, the Kiwanis Club breakfast and the grand opening of the Kiwanis Playground facility; all had good turnouts.
- Announced the City Clerk, Mary Kindel, received her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) after five (5) years of education and community service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:37 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Troy McDonald

SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke

Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non-Agenda Related) (3 Minutes Max.)

1. Sally Rose - SE Riverside Dr.; Commented on the traffic increase and on City land possibly being used for 130 more apartments. She feels it is outrageous for tax dollars to be used on government-funded apartments and should not be subsidizing a Fort Lauderdale developer.

2. Albert Brinkley - Central Ave.; Thanked the Commission for listening to him about the right-of-way; wants to meet with each Commissioner to better help them understand his situation. Commented on the statement made that the City is not in the housing business, noted Palm Beach County and St. Lucie County are building low income housing. Asked Commissioners to Read Romans Chapter 13. The community did not want Form Based Code, but it was adopted anyway.

3. Helen McBride - SE Flamingo Ave.; Commented on parking at the Hudson's restaurant, counted thirty-one (31) cones and inquired as to why one business has rights over other businesses.

City Manager and Commissioners discussed Resolution 36-2022 regarding the parking at the Hudsons on the River restaurant. The Commissioners requested that the City Manager bring back pictures of the signs posted and details of the resolution for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. APPROVAL OF 02/26/2024 CCM MINUTES (RC)

6. FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION GRANT AGREEMENT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 11-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STUART TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF A COURTESY DOCK AND WAVE ATTENUATOR; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT IF AWARDED; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ANY MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAM AS APPROPRIATE;

PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

7. AWARD OF ITB #2024-101: PFAS RESIN REPLACEMENT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 18-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AWARD OF ITB #2024-101, PFAS RESIN REPLACEMENT TO THE LOWEST, AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS TO AQUEOUS VETS, LLC OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXECUTE A FINAL AGREEMENT SUBSEQUENT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

8. AWARD OF ITB #2024-104: GATEWAY AND DISTRICT SIGNAGE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 28-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AWARD OF ITB #2024-104, GATEWAY AND DISTRICT SIGNAGE TO THE LOWEST, AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER WITH A TOTAL UNIT PRICE OF \$178,900.00 TO A. THOMAS CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

9. TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES BY MARTIN COUNTY (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 30-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES BY MARTIN COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4:58 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Troy McDonald

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

10. SUPPORT OF SW PALM CITY ROAD/US 1 INTERSECTION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 26-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE SW PALM CITY ROAD/US 1 INTERSECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES.

Beth Beltran, Administrator of the Martin County MPO, came forward and reviewed the process for the scope of work.

5:02 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

11. SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CREATION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 29-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CREATION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("MPO") ADDING A FIFTH MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO THE MPO BOARD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Beth Beltran, Administrator of the Martin County MPO, reported on the board members and reasons for the 5th County Commissioner.

5:05 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

12. BINDING LETTER OF DETERMINATION FOR 213 SE ALAMANDA WAY, STUART, FL (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 32-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A BINDING LETTER OF DETERMINATION FOR 213 SE ALAMANDA WAY, STUART, FL DECLARING THAT LOT 3 WILL BE TREATED AS A LEGAL BUILDABLE LOT IN THE R1A ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Mortell provided the background for this Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Linda Shayne - SE Amanda Way; Neighbor of property and supports the project.

5:08 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF STUART'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND CODE OF ORDINANCES (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2525-2024; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE CITY OF STUART'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT); AND AMENDING PART II, CHAPTERS 2 AND 32 OF THE CITY OF STUART'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney, Lee Baggett, reviewed the purpose of the amendments.

5:20 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Troy McDonald

SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke

Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

5:20 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Rebecca S. Bruner, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 25th day of March, 2024.**