MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
JUNE 24, 2024
AT 5:30 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

5:31 PM

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

INVOCATION

James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on the Town Hall meeting held on June 13, 2024, as one of the best Town Hall meetings, and commended the staff and community on their involvement.
- Asked to pull Items #4 and #5 under the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner McDonald

- Commented that at the last Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting, MPO approved the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the next five year funding cycle.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Michael Mortell

- Commented that at the Town Hall meeting misinformation was disseminated and since the Boys and Girls Club open house, he has not received any complaints.
- Announced the Fire and Ice Event on July 4th, 2024, being held at Flagler Park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:42 PM MOTION: Approve Agenda pulling Items #4 and #5 from the Consent Calendar.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Troy McDonald
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Ellen Murphy - Stuart; Asked if there were any updates on the Brightline.
2. Robin Cartwright - Stuart; Commented on voting for upcoming election and reminded everyone to register to vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF 06/10/2024 CCM MINUTES (RC)

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2. LAKESIDE MARKETPLACE REPLAT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 51-2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA TO APPROVE A PLAT TITLED “MARKETPLACE AT STUART PARK”, BEING A REPLAT OF A PORTION OF LOT B, THE EXPOSITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 17, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, CITY OF STUART, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 4.02 ACRES, MORE OR LESS PREPARED BY CHRISTIAN FELIX AND MAPPER NO. 5102 FOR LAKESIDE MARKET PLACE CPUD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. B/A #11-2024, FDLE S.A.F.E. GRANT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 57-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #11-

2024 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING GRANT EXPENDITURES FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S STATE ASSISTANCE FOR FENTANYL ERADICATION (S.A.F.E.) IN FLORIDA PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

*** **PULLED ITEM #4** ***

4. AWARD OF WO#1 TO RFQL#2023-400, ROOFING CONTRACT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 58-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF WORK ORDER NO. 1 TO RFQL# 2023-400, ROOF REPLACEMENT TO REPLACE ROOF OF EXISTING METAL BUILDING LOCATED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX TO THE LOWEST, MOST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, NOT TO EXCEED $126,160.00 TO ADVANCED ROOFING, INC. OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*** **PULLED ITEM #5** ***

5. BUDGET AMENDMENT #12; ROOF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING METAL BUILDING (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 59-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 12 TO THE 2023-2024 BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING METAL BUILDING LOCATED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5:41 PM MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar, less Items #4 and #5.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

*** **ITEM #4 PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR** ***

4. AWARD OF WO#1 TO RFQL#2023-400, ROOFING CONTRACT (RC):
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City Manager Mortell gave an explanation of the Resolution and the scope of work.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Sean Read - Stuart; Commented on cost and the scope of work of the project.

City Manager Mortell responded, that when this project was in procurement, it went out to bid, and by law, we had to select the lowest bid response.

Mr. Milton Leggett, Public Works Director, came forward and stated he is in agreement with this project. The building is in need of repair and the equipment located in the garage is getting wet and damaged.

5:52 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

*** **ITEM #5 PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR** ***

5. BUDGET AMENDMENT #12; ROOF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING METAL BUILDING (RC):
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Walter Loyd - Stuart; Questioned what the context is in a Resolution, "for other purposes".

5:57 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Troy McDonald
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

6. AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION - LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

City Attorney, Lee Baggett, gave an explanation of the Marijuana Legalization Initiative, Amendment 3 to the Florida Constitution - Legalizing Recreational Marijuana, and opened the discussion.

City Manager Mortell informed the Commissioners of the benefits of regulating the zoning now rather than after Amendment 3 is voted on.

Commissioner McDonald agreed that this should be regulated in advance, and should be restricted from the historic downtown, Colorado, Potsdam, East Stuart and the Creek District. The location should be carefully decided, as there is the potential for over-competition.

Commissioner Clarke requested that staff work on this and provide information to the Commission.

Commissioner Collins commented that the City should limit the size of the business, signage and location.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Caryn Hall Yost-Rudge - Commented that the City should not put a hotel downtown and then restrict other businesses.
2. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented that we do not need a dispensary in our town, and we should have our rules and regulations in place.

City Manager Mortell stated that there will be zoning maps, when brought back for discussion, that can identify where the current dispensaries are located.

ADJOURNMENT

6:15 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk	**Rebecca S. Bruner, Mayor**

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 8th day of July, 2024.