MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
JULY 22, 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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Clarke

INVOCATION

Aaron Meehan, Higher Purpose Pentecostal Church, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. CITY OF STUART WELLFIELD AND WATER PLANT EVALUATION

Mr. Peter Kunen, Utilities & Engineering Director, presented with Kimley-Horn Engineering on the existing water well fields and future water systems.

Andrea Carpenter and Mark Miller, Kimley-Horn Engineering, presented the contaminants found in the water supply and the expansion availability to the newly operational Reverse Osmosis Treatment Plant. A Condition Assessment was completed, determining well replacement and rehabilitation. Reviewed the options and stated option #2 is the firm's recommendation.

City Manager Mike Mortell, reviewed item and stated that he and Peter Kunen wanted to bring forth the information and plans to bring back information with an agenda item as it relates to the plan.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

None.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

- Commented that the Reverse Osmosis (RO) completion has been received from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the plant is officially up and running.
- Announced that Lisa Scott was recently named the Executive Administrative Assistant for a medium-sized police agency for the State of Florida at the Florida Chief's Police Association.
- Recognized Kathleen Lannon and Joe Hogan of the Stuart Police Department for receiving an award from the Florida Gang Investigator's Association for the Cops and Bobbers Program.
- Announced that the Police Department also received the Willian Nealy Gang prevention award from the State of Florida.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6:13 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Campbell Rich
SECONDED BY: Troy McDonald
Motion approved unanimously.

City Manager Mortell added a comment that the City of Stuart was contacted by Ashley Capital to advise that after reviewing the landfill property it was determined that an easement for an access road designed for the Fire Department was not recorded, it is in the PUD and the City could record. Will bring back as an agenda item on August 12.

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

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. APPROVAL OF 07/08/2024 SCM MINUTES AND 07/08/2024 CCM MINUTES (RC)

3. AWARD OF ITB# 2024-106: WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY HEADWORKS REHAB-PHASE 1 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 67-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AWARD OF ITB #2024-106, CITY OF STUART WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY HEADWORKS REHAB-PHASE 1 S TO THE LOWEST, MOST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER WITH A TOTAL UNIT PRICE OF $1,497,250.00 TO RAZORBACK LLC.

OF TARPON, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FLORIDA DEP TRAIL-GO PROGRAM GRANT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 68-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STUART TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TRAIL-GO PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CITY TRAILS; 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.

5. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MARTIN ARTS GRANT APPLICATION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 70-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MARTIN ARTS TO ACCOMPANY THEIR NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS OUR TOWN PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

<u>END OF CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

6:15 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Campbell Rich
SECONDED BY: Troy McDonald
Motion approved unanimously.

<u>COMMISSION ACTION</u>

6. ACCEPTING A STATE APPROPRIATION FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR GUY DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 62-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ACCEPTING A STATE APPROPRIATION OF $500,000.00 FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT GUY DAVIS PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AS A CONDITION OF AWARD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ben Hogarth, Community Affairs Liaison, provided a brief history of the funding, and Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Executive Director, presented the item.

Mr. Gianno Feoli, Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc., displayed the Guy Davis Community Park improvements in a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner McDonald requested that we send a letter of appreciation from the Mayor to Representative Snyder and Senator Harrell.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Joe Cooper - Stuart; In favor of the public park; encouraged the Commission to budget it and fund it.

6:40 PM MOTION: Approve with letters being sent to Representative Snyder and Senator Harrell from the Mayor thanking them for getting the appropriation completed and getting it to the Commissioners.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

7. RELEASE OF UNITY OF TITLE FOR LOTS 1 AND 2 OF THE NORTON'S LANDING PLAT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 69-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA RELEASING A UNITY OF TITLE FOR LOTS 1 AND 2 OF THE JANUARY 1988 NORTON'S LANDING PLAT, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Mortell provided the history of the property. The property owner has a house under construction on Lot 2, while his primary residence is on Lot 1.

Tyson Waters, Esq., Attorney for resident, Robert Stancavich, stated the Unity of Title includes Lots 1, 2, and 3. They are requesting the City release the Unity of Title.

Commissioner McDonald commented that he is focusing on the last, "Whereas" clause of the Resolution, would like a final date identified in place of "reasonable time".

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Barbara Taylor - Stuart; Commented on the excuses of the owner and her concerns.
2. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented that a year is too long.

7:22 PM MOTION: Approve with condition of 30 days to apply for permit, 12 months to complete exterior of the property, landscaping, and stormwater, if not completed by City's discretion, the City can demo property and owner must pay a $25,000 bond for the demo.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

7:32 PM

7:34 PM Meeting Reconvened

City Manager Mortell requested the Commission set the not to exceed millage rate.

7:35 PM MOTION: Approve the not to exceed millage rate at 5 mills.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

7:35 PM Adjourned

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

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 12th day of August, 2024.