MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
JANUARY 13, 2025
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Campbell Rich
Vice Mayor Christopher Collins
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Laura Giobbi
Commissioner Sean Reed

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

ROLL CALL

4:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Rich, Vice Mayor Collins, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Giobbi, and Commissioner Reed (late, arrived at 4:08 pm)

INVOCATION

Chaplain Edward Skiba, Stuart Police Department, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. ARBOR DAY - JANUARY 17, 2025

Jennifer Pelham, County Extension Director & Urban Horticulture Agent IV Associate District Extension Director, received Proclamation.

2. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - JANUARY 20, 2025

Jimmy Smith and Nina Dooley accepted the Proclamation and announced the festivities planned for MLK Jr. Day.

3. CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK - JANUARY 27-31, 2025

Kiana Kelly, Martin Reads Coordinator, received Proclamation and provided all Commissioners a small toy construction truck, in reference to developing reader leaders in our community.

PRESENTATIONS

4. SERVICE AWARDS - JANUARY 2025

Kathleen Martin	Community Services Dept.	25 years	Present
Claudy Angervil	Police Department	10 years	Present (Late)
Cody Zonkoski	Public Works Dept.	5 years	Present

5. HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION

Lynne Barletta, Founder and CEO Florida Faith Alliance, Founder Visionary, Visionary School of Arts, did a presentation with statistics on Human Trafficking and was presented a Proclamation.

Police Chief Tumminelli commented on the IPAC Task Force, reported that Stuart is working with Broward County.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Rich

- Commented on the new digital light system on the dais, used for the Commissioner notice request to speak.

Commissioner Reed

- Commented that it took him thirty (30) minutes to drive to the meeting today.
- Commented that there should be an amicable agreement on the Hamilton property soon.

Commissioner Giobbi

- Commented on the trafficking, homeless population, and the loss of the maternity and neonatal intensive care service in our area.
- Addressed concerns pertaining to the homeless problem, the new bill passed and affordable housing.
- Commented on the Cleveland Clinic loss of neonatal and labor and delivery.
- Commented on the County threatening legal action.

Vice Mayor Collins

- Commented on the County letter and is not in support. Reviewed the Commission's decision, read Section 6 of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

- Recommended to amend ILA with language that absolves both parties because neither can fulfill the obligations, not in favor of a letter of Support to the County.

Commissioner Clarke

- Wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the Police Chaplain for his Invocation.
- Commented on an article on homelessness, suggested the City work with the new Sheriff and police policies for keeping parks safe.
- Announced the MLK Events, National Holiday Day of Service, call to be involved in your community and join the festivities.
- Commented in absence of Art's Moment that the NAACP Calendar is for sale for $25 to assist with education and civil rights, the artwork is done by students in the Martin County School System.
- Recognized Jim Chrulski for the efforts of the Community Services Department.
- Invited all to attend a movie, Black Panther, at the 10th Street Recreation Center.

5:04 PM Police Officer Claudy Angervil arrived and accepted his Service Award of ten (10) years.

Mayor Rich (resumed comments)

- Commented on the Business Development Board luncheon.
- Commented on the Project LIFT.
- Attended Boat Show, noted that it was larger than ever.
- Commented that he would like the City Manager to discuss the letter that we did receive from Martin County with regard to their grant application.

<u>COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER</u>

City Manager Mortell

- Commented that he received a letter from the County asking the City for a letter of support for the Brightline Station grant application. It would be added as an agenda item on the January 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting.

A discussion ensued with Commissioners and the City Manager.

Mayor Rich passed the gavel and made a motion.

5:14 PM Motion: Provide letter of support to the County in response to their request.
Moved by: Campbell Rich
Seconded by: Eula Clarke
5:36 PM Motion withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Gail Goldy - Stuart; Commented on an article pertaining to the train station regarding the letter from Don Donaldson.

Commissioner Giobbi read a portion of an article for the record.

Commissioners discussed the support and non-support of sending the letter to the County, the Martin County Sustainability Plan, and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

No conclusion was reached to add the letter of support to an agenda or to send the letter.

5:36 PM Vice Mayor Collins passed the gavel back to Mayor Rich.

City Manager Mortell (continued comments)

- Commented on meeting with the Find Grant Commissioner to discuss the current open Find Grant.
- Commented on the homelessness issue and a new law that went into effect October 1st, and relayed information on the Police Department's policy in place.
- Announced that on January 7th, he attended the retirement of Sheriff Snyder and swearing in of St. Lucie's County Sheriff, Richard Del Toro, and Deputy Sheriff, David Dyess.
- Informed Commission that the City was contacted by private law firms pertaining to Environmental Attorney position and they may be reaching out to them.
- Reported that a water main failure occurred on West Ocean and US1 and created a sink hole that is now repaired.
- Announced the Martin Luther King Day Parade being held on January 20, 2025, at 11 a.m.
- Reported he sent the letter to Cleveland Clinic directed by Commission and received a response from Dr. Singh, he will attend the February 10th City Commission Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:52 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Robert Hamilton - Stuart; Commented on receiving a copy of the roof packet of information sent to Tallahassee.
2. Robin Cartwright - Stuart; Commented on Zoning in Progress (ZIP) and the City should be including water consumption projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. APPROVAL OF 12/09/2024 CCM MINUTES (RC)

7. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES BANK (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 01-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURES ON CHECKS ISSUED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

8. BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 FIRE STATION 3 TRAFFIC SIGNAL (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 04-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE FY 2025 BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FIRE STATION 3 TRAFFIC SIGNAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

9. BUDGET AMENDMENT #6 OLD CITY LANDFILL 2023/2024 ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 05-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE FY 2025 BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE OLD CITY LANDFILL 2023/2024 ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

10. LEASE AMENDMENT RENEWAL FOR 171 SW FLAGLER AVENUE (CRARY HOUSE) WITH CONGRESSMAN BRIAN MAST (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 06-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A DISTRICT OFFICE LEASE AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND CONGRESSMAN BRIAN MAST FOR THE CRARY HOUSE LOCATED AT 171 SW FLAGLER AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

11. FDLE DRONE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 10-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT No. 7 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING

THE CITY OF STUART TO ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DRONE FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6:01 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

12. APPOINTMENT/RATIFICATION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 03-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPOINTING AND RATIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VACANT POSITIONS OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND ADOPTING THE MEMBER TERMS FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

6:02 PM MOTION: Approval to appoint Frederick James and Scott Whalen to the Community Redevelopment Board and to appoint Roy Degannes to the East Stuart Historical Advisory Committee.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

6:23 PM MOTION: Approve Christina Vogl to be the At Large appointee on the CRB.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Sean Reed
Motion withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Helen McBride - Stuart; Supports the Commission decision for Mr. Clay Scherer.

6:15 PM MOTION: Approval for Mr. Scherer as our At Large representative in the CRB.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Sean Reed
Motion approved 4/1.
YES - Christopher Collins, Eula Clarke, Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed
NO - Campbell Rich

Clerks Note: Second motion resulted in Resolution 03-2025 (A).

13. ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY SCREENING COMMITTEE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 08-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY SCREENING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Lee Baggett, City Attorney provided a brief synopsis of the subject with the purpose to select the screening committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Maribel Nicholson-Choice - Environmental Attorney - Tallahassee; Commented on the option of hiring outside council on a contractual basis and reminded the board that they have worked with the City in the past.
2. Steve Conteaguero - Boca Raton; Commented on the benefits of outside council.

6:23 PM MOTION: Move that we form the committee and comprise it of Ryanne Cavo, Lee Baggett, Mac Stucky, Ed Killer, myself (Commissioner Collins) and Roz Johnson-Strong. AMENDED MOTION: Add Mark Perry 6:35 PM.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

***** 6:39 PM Recess *****
***** 6:52 PM Reconvened *****

6:53 PM MOTION: Extend (advertising for Environmental Attorney position) for another 30 days.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

14. ADDITION OF EXCEPTION TO ZONING IN PROGRESS (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 09-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, ADDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PENDING "ZONING IN PROGRESS" UNDER SECTION 1.04.04, STUART LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION 95-2024, FOR ANY COMMERCIAL PROJECT THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE A MULTI-RESIDENTIAL COMPONENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Baggett clarified that the Resolution is accepting all commercial applications that do not involve a multi-residential component.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Deb Fraizer - Treasure Coast Builders Association; Requested clarification on multi-family residential and single-family terms of the ZIP.
2. Ryan Hansen - Treasure Coast Builders Association; Also interested in the clarification.

7:03 MOTION: Approve.
7:07 AMENDED MOTION: Update the wording to be multi-family residential within the Resolution.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

7:09 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk	**Campbell Rich, Mayor**

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 27th day of January, 2024.