



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION

JUNE 9, 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

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(RC) next to an item denotes there is a City Code requirement for a Roll Call vote.

(QJ) next to an item denotes that it is a quasi-judicial matter or public hearing.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. GARDEN WEEK - JUNE 1-7, 2025
2. FAITH & FAMILY MONTH - JUNE 2025
3. HONORING MASON MEROLA WITH PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

PRESENTATIONS

4. SERVICE AWARD - JUNE 2025
5. STUART HOUSING AUTHORITY
6. STEM OPPORTUNITIES, WOLF-PACK CUBESAT DEVELOPMENT TEAM FROM STUDENTS AT SOUTH FORK HIGHSCHOOL
7. 10TH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. APPROVAL OF 05/12/2025 CCM MINUTES AND 05/27/2025 CCM MINUTES

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSION ACTION

9. LICENSE AGREEMENT RENEWAL #3 - HOUSE OF HOPE COMMUNITY GARDEN (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 59-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE LICENSE AGREEMENT RENEWAL NO. 3 BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND HOUSE OF HOPE FOR THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 520 SE FLORIDA STREET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

10. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STUART MAIN STREET TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO UPDATE DESIGN GUIDELINES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 61-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STUART MAIN STREET TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO UPDATE DESIGN GUIDELINES CONSISTENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN NATIONAL

REGISTER DESIGNATION AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

WHAT IS CIVILITY? Civility is caring about one's identity, needs and beliefs without degrading someone else's in the process. Civility is more than merely being polite. Civility requires staying "present" even with those persons with whom we have deep-rooted and perhaps strong disagreements. It is about constantly being open to hear, learn, teach and change. It seeks common ground as a beginning point for dialogue. It is patience, grace, and strength of character. Civility is practiced in our City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: If a member of the public wishes to comment upon ANY subject matter, including quasi-judicial matters, please submit a Request to Speak form. These forms are available in the back of the Commission Chambers, and should be given to the City Clerk prior to introduction of the item number you would like to address.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Those matters included under the Consent Calendar are self-explanatory, non-controversial, and are not expected to require review or discussion. All items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion on an item is desired by any City Commissioner that item may be removed by a City Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. If an item is quasi-judicial it may be removed by a Commissioner or any member of the public from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS: Some of the matters on the Agenda may be "quasi-judicial" in nature. City Commissioners will disclose all ex-parte communications, and may be subject to voir dire by any interested party regarding those communications. All witnesses testifying will be "sworn" prior to their testimony. However, the public is permitted to comment without being sworn. Unsworn testimony will be given appropriate weight and credibility by the City Commission.

INVOCATION: Any invocation that may be offered at the opening of the Commission meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Commission. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Commission, and the Commission is not allowed by law to endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:

GARDEN WEEK - JUNE 1-7, 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

We join with National Garden Clubs across the country to celebrate National Garden Week, June 1-7, 2025. This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other group to be part of those efforts.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Issue Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Garden Week - June

PROCLAMATION

GARDEN WEEK JUNE 1 - 7, 2025

WHEREAS, gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts. Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of foliage, flowers, herbs and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology. Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

WHEREAS, gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning, as well as those having years of experience. Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

WHEREAS, gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAMPBELL RICH, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2025 as:

GARDEN WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2025.

CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:

FAITH & FAMILY MONTH - JUNE 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

Faith and Family month aims to promote strong family values and raise awareness of the challenges and issues faced by families today. Some families face financial stress, work-life balance, and conflicts within the family. This month provides an opportunity to address the issues and find ways to overcome them.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Issue Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Faith and Family Month - June

PROCLAMATION

FAITH & FAMILY MONTH JUNE 2025

WHEREAS, faith and family month 2025 will place an emphasis on family by the faith community and encourage participants to be family centered for the entire month of June; and

WHEREAS, the objective of Faith and Family Month 2025 is to encourage churches and businesses to support families by creating events that will educate, inform, and help deepen family relationships among husband, wives, their children, grandparents and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on Father's Day and throughout the month of June, Churches will preach, teach, and share resources to strengthen the spiritual financial and physical needs of each family. Churches and businesses will be organizing service days, a youth concert on National Children's Day, June 8th, and informative conferences; and

WHEREAS, families who exercise their faith and regularly worship and practice their faith together are less likely to have spousal and child abuse dysfunctional homes, fatherlessness or divorce. Faith helps family members avert lives of addiction, crime violence and imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Faith and Family month will make our City stronger by encouraging and strengthening families in Stuart and making them healthier, more productive and loving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAMPBELL RICH, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 as:

FAITH & FAMILY MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2025.

CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:

HONORING MASON MEROLA WITH PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

United Way recognizes Mason Merola with a Presidents Volunteer Service award.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Issue Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mason Merola United Way - June

PROCLAMATION

HONORING A STUDENT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE MAY 2025

WHEREAS, the spirit of volunteerism is the cornerstone of a compassionate and thriving community. A young individual who actively engages in community service contributes immeasurably to the betterment of society. This Proclamation is to honor and celebrate the outstanding achievement of a 15-year-old student whose volunteer efforts embody the values of compassion, leadership, and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, United Way proudly acknowledges and honors Mason Merola as the recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award with a certificate of Gold Achievement in recognition of over 100 hours of service within a single year. As part of this honor, Mason also receives a Presidential Service medallion and a letter of recognition from the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mason's service includes active participation in several organizations including the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, ARC of the Treasure Coast, and Cleveland Clinic's North Hospital and Family Health Center all of which are in and directly support residents of the City of Stuart. He has also dedicated volunteer hours through United Way of Martin County, which is proudly headquartered within the City of Stuart. Through his selfless service and commitment to others, Mason has helped enhance the well-being of Stuart residents and exemplifies the civic values we strive to instill in the next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, this award reflects not only Mason's generosity and commitment but also the positive impact he has made on the lives of Martin County and City of Stuart residents. His dedication is a powerful reminder of the difference one person can make and the potential of youth to shape a brighter future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAMPBELL RICH, Mayor of the City of Stuart, do hereby congratulate and recognize:

MASON MEROLA WITH PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart Florida to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2025.

CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Kathy Martin

Title of Item:

SERVICE AWARD - JUNE 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

Sergio Pecori Public Works 25 years

Funding Source:

General Fund

Recommended Action:

Present Award

ATTACHMENTS:

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:

STUART HOUSING AUTHORITY

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

The Executive Director of the Stuart Housing Authority will provide a brief presentation on the services provided by the Stuart Housing Authority and will answer questions from the Commissioners related to the duties of the the Stuart Housing Authority as well as its board members that are ratified by the City Commission.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:

STEM OPPORTUNITIES, WOLF-PACK CUBESAT DEVELOPMENT TEAM FROM STUDENTS AT SOUTH FORK HIGH SCHOOL

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

The Wolfpack is a 501c3 entity, staffed by pre-college students, who are focused on designing, building, and launching satellites to space before they graduate high school. Since 2018 this group has launched 3 spacecraft and will launch a fourth later this year.

The Wolfpack are also dedicated to raising awareness about the numerous STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) opportunities that are available in the county and the State. Our organization addresses the increasingly siloed interest in aerospace by providing avenues for students to increase their STEM interests, build their professional experience, and strengthen local STEM pipelines.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Enjoy.

ATTACHMENTS:

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Jodi Nentwick

Title of Item:

10TH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

The City hosted a Traffic Calming Workshop for SE 7th Street, SE 10th Street, SE Krueger Parkway, SE East Parkway Drive, SE Madison Avenue, SE Dolphin Drive and SE Flamingo Avenue. The purpose of the workshop was to learn about traffic-calming strategies and provide feedback. The meeting provided an opportunity for residents to express their interests and desires in the various types of traffic-calming strategies they would like the city to incorporate to provide safe traveling through their neighborhood.

Tonight, we will be presenting the findings and takeaways from the workshop.

Funding Source:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Nina Mullin

Title of Item:

APPROVAL OF 05/12/2025 CCM MINUTES AND 05/27/2025 CCM MINUTES

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

N/A

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Approve Item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05122025 CCM Minutes
2. 05272025 CCM Minutes

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
MAY 12, 2025
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
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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

INVOCATION

Pastor Frederick James, St. Paul A.M.E. Church of East Stuart, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ARTS MOMENT - SONG PERFORMANCE

Leila Pierre sang "Rise Up" by Andra Day.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 18-24, 2025

Bob Carlsen, City of Port St. Lucie Drainage Supervisor and American Public Work Association District Representative, Chris Corrado accepted the Proclamation.

3. SAFE BOATING WEEK - MAY 17-23, 2025

Dr. Robert Hess, Flotilla 59 Commander, and several Auxiliarists accepted the Proclamation and announced free boating safety classes and their theme this year is

"Wear It".

4. FAMILY ABDUCTION AWARENESS DAY - MAY 25, 2025

Landyn Exarhos, National Parents Organizations, accepted the Proclamation.

5. LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2025

Pamela Kilinger-Milazzo, Lupus Foundation of America Ambassador, accepted the Proclamation.

6. FLORIDA EMANCIPATION DAY - MAY 20, 2025

Reverend Frederick James, St Paul A.M.E Church, accepted the Proclamation and announced the upcoming celebration event.

7. HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH - MAY 2025

Joette Lorion Rice, on behalf of the Historic Preservation Board, accepted the Proclamation and promoted the various historic events and celebrations taking place in the month of May.

8. HONORING KENNETH MARKS WITH PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Kathleen Stacey, on behalf of AmeriCorps Seniors and United Way, introduced Kenny Marks for his volunteerism and accepted the Proclamation.

9. HONORING MORGAN MCKEEVER WITH PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Kathleen Stacey, on behalf of AmeriCorps Seniors and United Way, honored Morgan McKeever with the President's Volunteer Service Award and accepted the Proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

10. SERVICE AWARDS - MAY 2025

Kathleen Lannon	Police Department	25 years	Present
Robert Jackson	Utilities & Engineering	5 years	Present

11. FDOT DISTRICT 4 - US1 AND PALM CITY ROAD

Ms. Geysa Sosa, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), provided an informational presentation that included the history of the intersection, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) recommendations, and various considerations.

A brief discussion on the alternatives proposed by the FDOT and MPO included comments by representatives, Juan Calderon of the Caltran Engineering Group and Beth Beltran of the MPO. City Manager Mortell requested Beth Beltran to send the original five (5) alternatives presented at the public meetings to his attention.

12. 2025 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

Ben Hogarth, City of Stuart Communications Liaison, provided a brief Legislative update, identifying and reviewing the bills that recently passed.

Vice Mayor Collins asked the Commission to write a letter from the City Commission to Governor Desantis to veto the Emergency Bill. A discussion continued regarding the

Affordable Housing Bill SB180. Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Hogarth produce a letter by tomorrow to include the will of the voters.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Giobbi

- Commented on Municipal Clerk's Week and complimented the City Clerk's Department.
- Announced that the City of Stuart has two Martin Leadership graduates, Susej Meleqi, Deputy Clerk and Derek Ortado, Captain of Police Department.
- Read an email into the record that was received by a concerned resident with regard to an article from the Friends & Neighbor newsletter, she continued expressing her thoughts on the importance of local elections. (Attached is the full statement).

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on the organization National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and it's importance.
- Announced the Women's Club event tomorrow, May 13th at 4 p.m.
- Announced the Historic Preservation Month marker dedication on May 17th dedication at New Menrovia Park at 11 a.m.
- Announced Emancipation Day in Florida and asked Commission to support the event scheduled for May 20th at 5 p.m. at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church, requested City support for the Program with a message from the Mayor and a Proclamation.

5:58 PM MOTION: Approve that the City support the Emancipation Day event.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi

Motion approved unanimously.

Vice Mayor Collins

- Commented on Brightline parking, requested clarity that such decisions would not take place administratively and that it would come before the Commission. [City Manager Mortell commented on his parking proposal, his intention was to make 3-hr parking on Stypmann, MLK, and East Ocean Blvd.] Vice Mayor Collins requested the City Manager put together a proposal and bring something back as a D&D.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mortell

- Announced this is Police Chief Tumminelli's last Commission Meeting as he is retiring on May 23rd.
- Commented on the Business Development Board (BDB) appointment, no recommendations by the Commission have been received to date.
- Commented on the Stuart Housing Authority vacancies, he hopes to have them provide a presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- Commented that community members are invited to the City Commission Chambers on

May 22nd at 5:00 p.m. for community input on 10th Street traffic calming.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6:10 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Christopher Collins

SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke

Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Ron Ausner - Stuart; Complained about the excessive signage and blow-up signs for businesses on US 1 public right-of-ways.

CONSENT CALENDAR

13. APPROVAL OF 04/16/2025 SCM EAST STUART ZONING MINUTES, 04/22/2025 SCM ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY INTERVIEWS MINUTES, AND 04/28/2025 CCM MINUTES

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6:16 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

14. MARTIN COUNTY PUD MINOR AMENDMENT (QUASI-JUDICIAL) (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 50-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA GRANTING APPROVAL OF A MINOR PUD AMENDMENT TO THE "MARTIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT" TO EXPAND THE MARTIN COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF S.E. WILLOUGHBY BOULEVARD AND S.E. RUHNKE STREET, THEREBY PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Quasi-Judicial - Five (5) people sworn; Michelle Arbuzow, Planner I, Jodi Kugler, Development Director, Jeff Dougherty, Director of Martin County (MC) Building Department, David Baggett, Engineering Design & Construction, Inc., Chris Zimmerman, President of CPZ Architects, Inc.

Michelle Arbuzow presented the item.

Jeff Dougherty, Director of MC Building Department, spoke about the project and provided history on the MC Building Department.

6:37 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

15. SUPPORTING THE RESCUE THE RIVER OF GRASS PETITION BY THE FRIENDS OF THE EVERGLADES, INC. (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 51-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE RESCUE THE RIVER OF GRASS PETITION AS INITIATED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE EVERGLADES, INC.; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Eves Sample, Executive Director of Friends Of The Everglades, gave a presentation.

Commissioner Clarke read a poem into the record.

Commissioners and Ms. Sample continued discussion.

6:53 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously. [Roll Call - 7:03PM]

16. SELECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 52-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, SELECTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY AND DIRECTING THE CITY STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT TO BE APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roz Johnson Strong, Human Resources Director, stated all the interviews had concluded, and it was now up to the Commission to discuss and select a candidate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mac Stuckey - Stuart; Stated he believes that Ruth Holmes would be the perfect candidate for this position and provided details on what the person in this position could do.

Commissioner Giobbi thanked the Human Resource staff and all the attorneys who took the time to interview.

City Manager Mortell reviewed and clarified the Commissions direction to bring back a contract at the next Commission meeting.

7:05 PM MOTION: Select Ruth Holmes as Environmental Attorney and negotiate a contract to bring back at the next Commission Meeting May 27th.

MOVED BY: Christopher Collins

SECONDED BY: Sean Reed

Motion approved unanimously. [Roll Call 7:17PM]

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

17. CODE AMENDMENT ADDING LANGUAGE RELATED TO TRESPASSING (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2542-2025; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 30 (PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS), SECTIONS 30-3 THROUGH 30-5, OF THE CITY OF STUART'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY ADDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO TRESPASS WARNINGS AND THE APPEAL PROCESS FOR TRESPASS WARNINGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY GENERALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Lee Baggett, City Attorney, explained the process of trespassing and how to appeal.

Commissioners, Staff and Police Captain Zenelovic discussed the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Guy Calvert - Jensen Beach; Addressed how his church has assisted the homeless population and does not believe homeless should be made criminal.

2. Oats Reis - Stuart; Runs Tent City Helpers, provided statistics and stated that this ordinance criminalizes homeless people that are victims.

3. Gail Harvey - Stuart; Stated most homeless people are handicapped, and we need to find solutions and not criminalize them, they need help.

4. Althea Wiley - Stuart; Asked where do the homeless people go and stated that anyone can be one situation away from being homeless and the City should have a plan.

Commissioner Clarke would like the Commission to take some time to sit down and speak to the people and see what can be done for them.

City Attorney Baggett read the Florida statute and stated the housing has to be initiated by the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:

5. Mr. Reis stated the different ways surrounding counties are addressing the homeless population.

6. Althea Wiley - Stuart; Stated that at the MLK Park there are boards around the picnic tables and asked why the Kiwanis Park does not have boards around the tables.

7. Helen McBride - Stuart; Stated we need to do something and should get together and go to the County.

7:31 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Sean Reed
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

8:09 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 9th day of June, 2025.**

PART OF COMMISSIONER GIOBBI'S COMMENTS
May 12, 2025

It's Municipal Clerks Week – May 9th

This week marks the 56th anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week — a tradition that began in 1969. Did you know? The Municipal Clerk is one of the oldest positions in local government!

A huge THANK YOU to our incredible City Clerk Department:

- City Clerk - Mary Kindel
- Deputy Clerk - Susej Meleqi
- Assistant to City Clerk - Nina Mullin

Especially as a new commissioner, I appreciate that your work keeps everything running smoothly, thank you.



Nina
Mullin,
Mary
Kindel, &
Susej
Meleqi

PART OF COMMISSIONER GIOBBI'S COMMENTS

May 12, 2025

The City of Stuart has two "new leaders in the house!" Captain Derek Ortado, Operations Captain, Stuart Police Department, and Susej Meleqi, Deputy Clerk, City Clerk Office, both graduated from LEADERship Martin County, Class 34.

LEADERship Martin County is a professional development and community engagement program. Its mission is to identify, educate, and inspire current and emerging leaders from across the area to become more involved and effective in their communities.

"While both Derek and Susej are already leaders within the City of Stuart, their participation in the LEADERship Martin County program further deepens their understanding of our community and equips them to make more informed decisions on behalf of the City.

Congratulations Derek and Susej!



Commission Meeting May 12, 2025
Statement By Commissioner Laura Giobbi

First, I would like to read an email I received the other day:
(see attached email):

I read this email because I think it is so important for all of you to understand that there are powerful forces both here in the City & the County that want nothing more than to continue their right to build without thought or consequence to the residents, the land and the water.

While the local elections are important and hopefully both at the City and at County level the voters will continue to elect officials that are concerned about the residents and our future. The same needs to be said at the State level. Many bills were presented and passed in this 2025 legislative session. Some bills were passed and benefited all state residents (example – The State Park Bill). But I am disappointed and ANGRY at many of the other bills that have passed and are meant to dismantle Home Rule for every City and Town in Florida. What I mean by that is that these bills prevent the Cities and the Counties from enforcing local zoning and building regulations in regards to development in one's own city. Our local representatives in Tallahassee have been there too long and their allegiance does not appear to be for us - their constituents.

This not only affects us, but it also affects every small city or town and rural area throughout the State. Our State Representatives have decided for us that "one size fits all" which is does not. They have taken the fabulous out of Florida and we are destined to be just another overcrowded state with poor infrastructure, poor water supply and inadequate escape routes in the case of a disaster.

I hope that the press is here tonight, and will make sure that this message is sent throughout the State of Florida. This is a call out to all the small cities and towns, as well as those living in rural Florida; the only way we can hopefully get our legislators to listen to us to is to unite as an effective body to have our voices heard. We need to put individuals in office who will have our best interest at the forefront.

Thank you,

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM A CONCERNED RESIDENT:

Fellow Martin County WE ARE DIFFERENT and SMALL TOWN STUART Activists,

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE READING THIS GARBAGE - DO THEY BELIEVE WHAT THEY READ - WHAT IMPACT WILL IT HAVE IN THE NEXT IMPORTANT COUNTY/CITY ELECTIONS?

<https://www.friendsandneighborsofmartincounty.com/issue/169/may-11-2025/#section-32>.

When I lived and was a GOOD GOVERNMENT ACTIVIST in Monroe County - The Florida Keys, many of my fellow good government activists refused to read the Florida Keys Keynoter, a Miami Herald affiliate, that had a very pro overdevelopment vibe because of the editor management, which I counseled it was very important to read and know what the enemy was doing.

I have heard the same type of comments here in Stuart/Martin County, "I will not read the Campenni crap."

Again, as hard as it is to read, how much it disgusts you, I think it is important to know what the ENEMY is disseminating.

Take joy in knowing how absurd Campenni is and understand he is a product of Brooklyn....*(GIOBBI COMMENT – Here I want to interject and make a point. While Campenni and I both come from Brooklyn, it is a large borough of NYC and has many diverse ideologies as one can tell since “Mr. Not So Friendly Neighbor” and I are on opposite ends of the spectrum)*

We need to be prepared to do in the 2026 elections as well as was accomplished in the 2024 election. I assume we are all overly pleased with Vargas, Giobbi and Reed and of course Collins and that it shows just how important elections are!

Thanks for helping to protect Martin County /& City Stuart,

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
MAY 27, 2025
AT 5:30 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

5:56 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Rich, Vice Mayor Collins, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Giobbi, and Commissioner Reed

INVOCATION

Moment of Silence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:58 PM MOTION: Approve pulling Item #1.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Reed

- Congratulated Chief Zenelovic and asked City Manager Michael Mortell to advise the public on how the choosing of the Chief of Police occurred.

Commissioner Giobbi

- Congratulated Chief Zenelovic on his new position.
- Thanked everyone who came out to the Memorial Day Parade.

Commissioner Clarke

- Congratulated former Chief Tumminelli and his family and thanked him for all he contributed to the City of Stuart.
- Thanked City Manager Mortell for the hard work in choosing the new Chief and congratulated the new Chief of Police, Flamur Zenevolic.
- Announced on an event, Law Enforcement Day, that is occurring at AME Paul Church on June 8th, encouraging all to attend.
- Requested a recap on the Traffic Calming Workshop that occurred on May 20th.
- Commented on the Emancipation Day event and thanked the Mayor for coming out and participating.
- Announced several events; May 30th at Flagler Center; Historic Preservation Day and 100th year of Martin County, and June 16th at the Port Salerno Cleveland Clinic "Navigating Health Fear".
- Commented on an event she attended in Lake Worth at the South Florida National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Asked what the status of Memorial Park is and when it will be completed. [City Manager Mortell replied that the original contract is until June of 2026.]
- Commented on her idea to get a list of Veterans and find a way to recognize the Veteran's on Memorial Day.
- Announced Juneteenth event on June 19th at the 10th Street Recreation Center.
- Commented that she belongs to the Dr. Larry Howell Book Club and will be asking the City Manager if they can use 10th Street Center to assist kids. She feels this program can help kids become better readers.

Mayor Rich

- Thanked Commissioner Clarke for organizing the Emancipation Day event.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

Michael Mortell, City Manager

- Congratulated Chief Zenelovic and stated there will be a more formal transition event for his swearing in.
- Provided a legislative update on the Bills, stated they haven't been vetoed nor signed.
- Announced that Stuart Housing Authority will be coming on June 9th for a presentation.
- Reported that the 10th Street Traffic Calming Workshop was a success and opinions, concerns, and ideas will be brought back to next City Commission Meeting on June 9.
- Announced that the Memorial Day Parade was a success and provided an explanation on Smith Turner Park recognizing our veterans, and gave a brief history on the Memorial Park, known as Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Announced the memorial for former employees, today was a memorial for David Ford,

June 6th is the Celebration of Life for David Peters, and on the same day, June 6th, is Former Chief Tumminelli's Retirement party.

- Announced an event for Historic Preservation Month, "Saving Stuart: Then & Now" being held on May 30th, at the Flagler Center.

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

1. Audra Creech - Palm City; Commented on the reading program we have in Martin County. Shared her participation in the Wounded Veterans Relief Fund, in Jupiter, and announced there will be a Bonita Blast fishing event at Pirates Cove where there is a tradition to volunteer to take a veteran on your boat. Provided more details of celebrating Historic Preservation Month "Saving Stuart: Then & Now".
2. Paula Nicoletti - Stuart; Thanked the City Manager for speaking on the Memorial Park and reminded all that there are two bronze memorials that the Stuart Rotary Club donated.

CONSENT CALENDAR

***** PULLED ITEM # 1 *****

1. APPROVAL OF 05/12/2025 CCM MINUTES (RC)
2. ALAMANDA PARTNERS, LLC. REQUEST FOR 516 ALAMANDA REPLAT

RESOLUTION No. 56-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT TITLED "516 ALAMANDA" BEING A REPLAT OF THE NORTH 22 OF LOT 3, AND ALL OT LOTS 6, 7, AND 10, BLOCK 7, SECTION TWO, ST. LUCIE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH (NOW MARTIN COUNTY), FLORIDA, ALL LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 41 EAST, CITY OF STUART, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 0.608 ACRES, MORE OR LESS PREPARED BY MICHAEL T. OWEN OF ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, INC, A DIVISION OF HALEY WARD, INC. AND MAPPER NO. 5556 FOR 516 ALAMANDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. CHILDREN SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY-YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION / INTERVENTION PROGRAM (RC);

RESOLUTION No. 60-2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY FOR THE YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION/INTERVENTION PROGRAM COUNSELOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL GRANT IF APPROVED; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6:33 PM MOTION: Approval of Items #2 and #3 and the correction of the typo to Item #2.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

Motion approved unanimously.

***** ITEM #1 PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR *****

1. APPROVAL OF 05/12/2025 CCM MINUTES (RC)

Commissioner Giobbi requested that her comments in the 5/12/2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes be corrected.

Deputy Clerk Meleqi stated that the minutes will be reviewed and corrected and brought back for approval on the June 9, 2025 City Commission Meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION

4. NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HELL GATE SEA DRAGONS, INC. (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 53-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND HELL GATE SEA DRAGONS, INC., A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400 SW FEDERAL HIGHWAY, STUART; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Michael Mortell, City Manager, spoke about the license agreement and what Hell Gate Sea Dragon was planning to do at the building. He further explained that with the grant the City receives there are restrictions on what can be done in that building.

Vice Mayor Collins stated that if it's a temporary use, he is in agreement.

Commissioner Giobbi said she did not see a liability waiver. Acting City Attorney, Paul Nicoletti, explained the difference between a lease and a license agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Robert Wolfort - Jensen Beach; Provided history on the row boat club group.
2. Gail Goldy - Stuart; Stated she believes this is a wonderful idea and appreciates the Commission supporting this.

6:43 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

5. APPOINTMENT OF RUTH HOLMES AS ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 54-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUTH HOLMES AS ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Acting City Attorney Nicoletti, provided brief details of the Environmental Attorney contract.

Mayor Rich asked for elaboration on the clause of allowing Ms. Holmes to continue her work on previous clients.

Acting City Attorney Nicoletti responded to Mayor Rich and stated that it is normal for that language to be in the contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mark Brechbill - Stuart; Asked who and how is work product controlled for the new Environmental Attorney.

Ruth Holmes, Environmental Attorney, thanked and commended the Commission for their confidence in her.

6:59 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

6. CRB APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM LAUGHLIN (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 58-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBER, FULFILLING THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD FOR THE REMAINING CURRENT TERM FROM PRESENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

7:05 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

None.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

None.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY ACTION PERTAINING TO THE HOMELESS

Commissioner Giobbi read into the record a written statement regarding HB1365, and recommended working with the County to make a joint effort in helping the homeless and requested a letter from the City Commissioners to the County.

City Manager Mortell informed the Commission of all the programs the County has to help the homeless.

Commissioners, City Manager Mortell, and the Acting City Attorney continued discussion.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT HALF CENT SALES TAX

City Manager Mortell explained that the city is not held to the same referendum standard as the County is. He provided the different programs that could be done with the half-cent sales tax.

Commissioner Giobbi referred back to Vice Mayor Collins comments, and agreed to using the money for park upgrades.

Commissioner Clarke spoke on Palm Beach Road about the stagnant water after too much rain and would like the County to look into that and spruce up the trees on East Ocean Boulevard that need improvement.

Vice Mayor Collins asked for an audit of available land for pocket parks, a park master plan to renovate some existing areas, open up Poppleton Creek Park with light infrastructure and Haney Creek's two acres be locked up as a trailhead and a park, also investing in the ball fields and the City garage site.

Commissioners continued discussion.

9. LIVE LOCAL ACT DISCUSSION

Commissioner Giobbi read into the record a prepared statement that she would like a "City Coalition" to be able to go back to the legislature.

Mayor Rich stated that this is the job of the Florida Treasure League of Cities and what Commissioner Giobbi is asking to do will be a duplicate effort.

City Manager Mortell stated several things that they have lobbied for and have been successful in.

ADJOURNMENT

8:02 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 9th day of June, 2025.**

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Lee Baggett

Title of Item:

LICENSE AGREEMENT RENEWAL #3 - HOUSE OF HOPE COMMUNITY GARDEN (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 59-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE LICENSE AGREEMENT RENEWAL NO. 3 BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND HOUSE OF HOPE FOR THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 520 SE FLORIDA STREET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

A License Agreement Renewal #3 with 'House of Hope' to manage and operate the Community Garden, located at 530 SE Florida Street, for three (3) additional years.

Funding Source:

Revenue: \$10.00 annually for the three (3) year license agreement period.

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution 59-2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. R59-2025 Authorizing License Agreement Renewal #3 with House of Hope for a Community Garden



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 59-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE LICENSE AGREEMENT RENEWAL NO. 3 BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND HOUSE OF HOPE FOR THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 520 SE FLORIDA STREET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, from time to time, the City of Stuart, Florida ("City") enters into license agreements with entities to utilize property owned by the City for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City owns certain lands located within the corporate limits of the City, which is located at 520 SE Florida Street and shall hereinafter be called the "Subject Property"; and

WHEREAS, the City previously entered into a nonexclusive License Agreement with the Jesus House of Hope, Inc. d/b/a HOUSE OF HOPE for the purpose of setting up and operating a community garden on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the HOUSE OF HOPE desires to continue to operate a community garden on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the continued operation of the community garden serves a valid public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the third renewal of a Non-Exclusive License to HOUSE OF HOPE for the continued operation of a community garden on City property located at 520 SE Florida Street, Stuart Florida 34994.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

CAMPBELL RICH, MAYOR
CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, VICE MAYOR
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER
LAURA GIOBBI, COMMISSIONER
SEAN REED, COMMISSIONER

YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

MARY R. KINDEL, MMC
CITY CLERK

CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

LEE J. BAGGETT, ESQ.

Resolution No. 59-2025

Authorizing License Agreement Renewal #3 with House of Hope for a Community Garden

CITY ATTORNEY

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 6/9/2025

Prepared by: Jordan Pinkston

Title of Item:

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STUART MAIN STREET TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO UPDATE DESIGN GUIDELINES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 61-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STUART MAIN STREET TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO UPDATE DESIGN GUIDELINES CONSISTENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN NATIONAL REGISTER DESIGNATION AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

Stuart Main Street is requesting a letter of support to apply for a Small Matching Grant to update the Design Guidelines for the Historic Downtown area. This additional opportunity would coincide with the goals to secure a designation for the downtown area on the National Register of Historic Places.

This application is the next step in preserving the City's historic landmarks and community resources. By updating the Design Guidelines, the city will maintain the area's unique character and contribute to its long-term preservation. The updated guidelines will be crucial for ensuring that any future development and renovations are in line with the historic character of the area.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve Resolution No. 61-2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. R61-2025 - Request for Authorization
2. R61-2025 Stuart Main Street Letter of Support
3. Downtown District Proposed Map



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 61-2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
STUART MAIN STREET TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO
UPDATE DESIGN GUIDELINES CONSISTENT WITH
THE DOWNTOWN NATIONAL REGISTER
DESIGNATION AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, the City of Stuart understands the importance of preserving the City's historic landmarks and community resources; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Main Street identified Small Matching Grant to update the Design Guidelines for the City of Stuart's Historic Downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Main Street will be commissioning a grant as an ongoing effort to protect the area's historic character and contribute to its long-term preservation; and

WHEREAS, updating guidelines is crucial for ensuring that any future development and renovations are in line with the historic character of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA that:

SECTION 1: The City Commission directs the City Manager to sign a letter of support for Stuart Main Street to apply for a grant to update design guidelines consistent with the Downtown National Register Designation Area.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

CAMPBELL RICH, MAYOR
CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, VICE MAYOR
EULA CLARKE, COMMISSIONER
LAURA GIOBBI, COMMISSIONER
SEAN REED, COMMISSIONER

YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN

ADOPTED this ____ day of_____.

ATTEST:

MARY KINDEL
CITY CLERK

CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

LEE J. BAGGETT, ESQ
CITY ATTORNEY



City of Stuart

Michael Mortell | City Manager
121 SW Flagler Ave. Stuart Fl. 34994
Phone: 772.288.5312

May 22, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Letter of Support – Small Matching Grant Application for updating Design Guidelines for Historic Downtown Area

To Whom It May Concern:

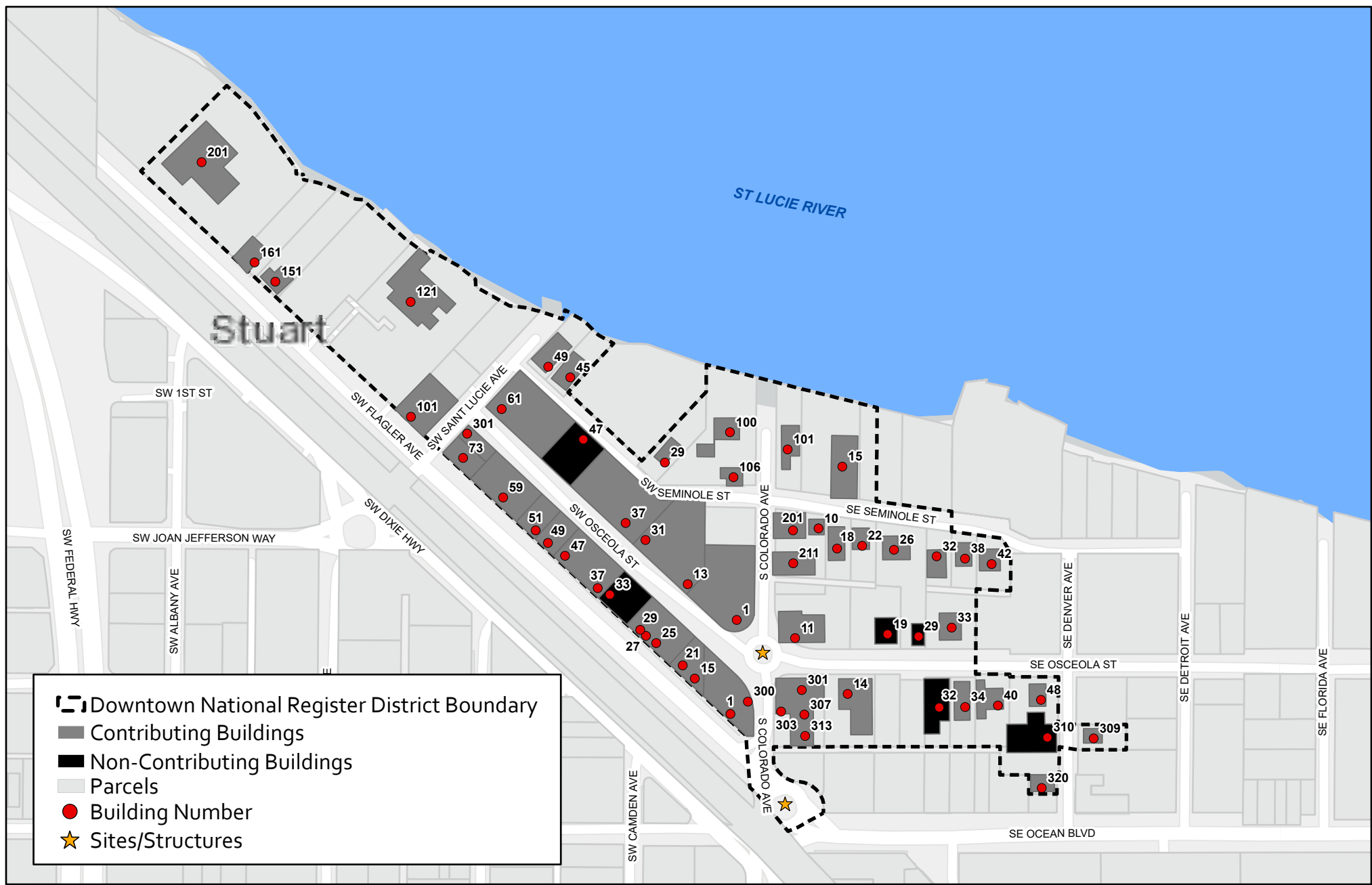
The Stuart City Commission supports Stuart Main Street's application for a Small Matching Grant to update the Design Guidelines for the Historic Downtown area, building upon their recent success of receiving the Small Matching Grants to secure a designation for the downtown area on the National Register of Historic Places.

This application is the next step in preserving the City's historic landmarks and community resources. By updating the Design Guidelines, the city will maintain the area's unique character and contribute to its long-term preservation. The updating guidelines will be crucial for ensuring that any future development and renovations are in line with the historic character of the area.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Mortell, City Manager
City of Stuart

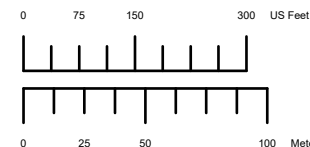




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Proposed Downtown Stuart District



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