MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
JULY 14, 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

4:02 PM

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

INVOCATION

Chaplain Edward Skiba gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. TREASURE COAST WATERWAY CLEANUP WEEK - JULY 19 - 27, 2025

April Price, Event Coordinator for TCWC, and Anne Hawkins, City of Stuart Project Manager and site leader for Shepard Park cleanup location, received the proclamation that celebrated the organization's 18th event year.

2. PARKS & RECREATION MONTH - JULY 2025

Jim Chrulski, Director of Community Services, Michael Redstone, East 10th Street Community Center Supervisor, and Dar Monique Butler, Program Leader, gave a brief presentation on this year's theme and activities for Parks and Recreation Month and accepted the Proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

3. SERVICE AWARDS - JULY 2025

Charvella Whitehead 25 Years (Not Present)

4. STUART VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY CAPTEC ENGINEERING INC.

Ben Hogarth, Community Services Liaison, opened the presentation and introduced Joe Capra of Captec Engineering, who reported on the history and background, noted technical terminology, and provided a synopsis of the report within the presentation. In addition, he reviewed the grant funding opportunities and upcoming application deadline.

Mr. James Carne, P.E., presented the report for Captec Engineering.

Mr. Capra offered one-on-one appointments with Commissioners if requested.

5. FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET SNAPSHOT

Michael Mortell, City Manager, provided a brief review of legislative matters and timetables and noted that final numbers from the state are not yet available.

Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Finance Director, gave the presentation on the budget.

City Manager Mortell stated that they are looking for direction from the Commission on millage rate and to set the first budget workshop date.

The Commission's discussion included millage, services, and staff.

Roz Johnson Strong, Human Resources Director, came forward and commented on the hiring situation.

Scheduled Meetings as follows:

July 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM - Regular City Commission Meeting; Not to exceed millage rate discussion.
August 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM - Special Commission Meeting - Budget Workshop #1.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Reed

- Reported that he would not be in attendance at the July 28, 2025, Commission Meeting and at the July 31, 2025, Joint City/County/School Board Meeting.

Commissioner Giobbi

- Reported that she would not be in attendance at the July 31, 2025, Joint City/County/School Board Meeting.
- Commented on inquiries the Commissioners received and she is concerned about the same requests being received over and over, specifically two (2) issues regarding code

enforcement at 22 SE Ila St. and 43 SE Seminole St; both appear to be in violation under our code enforcement rules.

- Commented on the Conquistador lift station rehabilitation agenda items.
- Commented on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the completion of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton project.
- Referred to Roberts Rules provided by City Attorney and commented on the Chair in recognizing a commissioner.

Commissioner Clarke

- Thanked the Community Services Department for their efforts on the Fourth of July celebration and all they do.
- Attended a Celebration of Life of Mary Jo Horton, an active member of the community.
- Inquired as to who plans to attend the Florida League of Cities Conference.
- Reported that she would not be available from July 30th - August 4th, 2025.
- Announced on July 17th, at the corner of Monterey Rd and US 1, there will be a memorial from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in remembrance of Congressman John Lewis.
- Commented that the CDBG grants have been managed well.

Vice Mayor Collins

- Requested Skate Park update. [Pinal Gandha-Savdas, CRA Director, stated that an update will be on the July 28th Joint Meeting Agenda.]
- Requested Brightline parking update. [City Manager Mortell reviewed past discussions and clarified the question being "Where is the courthouse parking going to be". Stated he will bring back as D&D at next Commission meeting]
- Requested an update for the 1895 church. [City Manager Mortell explained the details and stated a meeting is scheduled for July 16th; Mrs. Gandhi-Savdas provided the funding information for the Hamilton project.]
- Commented on the 2 acres north of the bridge, asked for parking lot and trailheads and stated bathrooms are not needed.

Mayor Rich

- Commented on the referendum of the two (2) acre parcel.
- Commented on the threats of legal action and the Commission communicating with these individuals, he suggested to involve the City Attorney and City Manager, because this action may be used against the City.
- Commented on the Emergency Act and all the ZIP decisions that are now rendered mute.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mortell

- Reported that the Fourth of July event was a success.
- Announced that there have been some vehicle break-ins in some neighborhoods and

warned the community to keep vehicles locked.

*** **8:03 PM Recess** ***
*** **8:11 PM Reconvened** ***

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8:12 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. APPROVAL OF 06/23/2025 CCM MINUTES (RC)

7. AWARD OF ITB 2025-104, CITY OF STUART CONQUISTADOR LIFT STATION REHABILITATION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 64-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AWARD OF ITB 2025-104, CITY OF STUART CONQUISTADOR LIFT STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT TO G3 CONTRACTING, INC. DBA INDUSTRY STANDARD, THE LOWEST, MOST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER WITH A TOTAL UNIT PRICE OF $309,768.00; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

8. BA #12 ACCEPT FIREWORKS DONATION MARTIN COUNTY (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 67-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 12 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET; ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO BE ALLOCATED TOWARDS THE 2025 CENTENNIAL SALUTE TO MARTIN COUNTY 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

9. STUART HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT - JEFFREY DOUGHERTY (RC):

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF

JEFFREY DOUGHERTY TO THE STUART HOUSING AUTHORITY, FULFILLING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD FOR A 4 - YEAR TERM FROM PRESENT TO MAY 21, 2029; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

10. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY BUILDING INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 70-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND MARTIN COUNTY FOR THE TEMPORARY PROVISION OF BUILDING OFFICIAL, INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

8:13 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

11. AUTHORIZATION TO SCHEDULE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 65-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SCHEDULE AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION WITH THE CITY COMMISSION, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, AND OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION MATTERS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES § 286.011(8); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Baggett reported the recent update on the Giant Oil case and announced the withdrawal of the Agenda Item. No motion necessary, Resolution No. 65-2025 withdrawn and voided.

12. REQUESTING LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MARTIN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOR JAG GRANT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 66-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MARTIN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Mortell provided the background on the request from Martin County.

8:18 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

13. UPDATE REGARDING 121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE

City Manager Mortell presented the history of discussions, agenda items, and plans for the City Hall property and requested direction from the Commission.

Direction made by Commission to bring back an agenda item on the July 28th Commission meeting to schedule a Workshop in the Fall of 2025.

City Manager Mortell asked the Commission to bring back their thoughts on a facilitator, to higher a design company, number of workshops, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

9:04 PM

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

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 28th day of July, 2025.