

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP #1
OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 11, 2025
AT 2:00 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

2:03 PM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Michael Mortell, City Manager, opened the presentation with millage rate information, not to exceed was set at 5 Mills, with discussions on adopting a 4.75 Mills. Reviewed the revenues and reserves, consensus of entities on the Treasure Coast, starting rates are less than or equal to surrounding counties, service levels and comparison to Martin County.

Louis "Joly" Boglioli, City of Stuart Finance Director, stated that a PowerPoint is not available. However, information will be provided to the City Clerk for the record. He presented the funding and showed the City Manager's work on reducing to 1.5 Mills from the budget and included showing the additions such as health insurance increases. The budget was introduced with a potential 4.75 Mills, and has resulted in 2.23 million out of balance.

City Manager Mortell noted that the 1.5 Mills cuts made included personnel, equipment, and operations. Still waiting for Tallahassee to release the revenue information. Therefore, the model is currently reflecting \$2,023,448 out of balance.

Commissioner discussion included employee positions, millage rate adjustment, overtime, the Municipal State Taxing Unit (MSTU) rate, and contract operations.

Mr. Boglioli explained that impact fees are not budgeted.

Brief discussion on the differences between the generation of services for residential, multifamily, and commercial.

City Manager Mortell asked the Commissioners for clear direction to come from this presentation.

Commissioner Collins expressed his preference to exercise the amount of line Item 4B to get as close to that as possible.

Mr. Boglioli continued his presentation and reviewed various cuts.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Rich

- Commented on the ad-valorem, and stated the second largest revenue is interest rates.
- Commented on Stormwater regulations anticipations, costs unknown.

Commissioner Reed

- Stated that growth doesn't pay for itself.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented in opposition of the cuts, think of the citizens.
2. Travis Deckers - Stuart; Firefighter commented on the effects of the millage cut on emergency services; 30-year-old fire truck and its problems; opposes millage reduction.
3. Mark Brechbill - Stuart; Commented on long-term effects of a millage reduction, suggested subsidizing utilities, police, and fire.

ADJOURNMENT

4:18 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 25th day of August, 2025.**