City of Stuart

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 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

1. ARTS MOMENT - LEYLA FORD SONG PERFORMANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

2. PATRIOT DAY & DAY OF SERVICE REMEMBRANCE - SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

3. CONSTITUTION WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2025

4. HUNGER ACTION MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2025

5. 25TH ANNUAL BIBLE READING MARATHON - OCTOBER 2-6, 2025

PRESENTATIONS

6. SERVICE AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 2025

7. CENTENNIAL ELECTION ANNUAL REPORT, MARTIN COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

8. APPROVAL OF 08/25/2025 SCM-BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 AND 08/25/2025 CCM MINUTES (RC)

9. ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL VNA CHRISTMAS PARADE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 83-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION'S STUART CHRISTMAS PARADE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025, BEGINNING AT S. E. MONTEREY ROAD TRAVELING WEST ON S.E. OCEAN BLVD. TO CONFUSION CORNER INTERSECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF STUART TO SIGN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A STATE ROAD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

10. ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 52ND ANNUAL STUART BOAT SHOW (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 84-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 52nd ANNUAL STUART BOAT SHOW FROM 5:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026, THROUGH 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026, ALONG NW DIXIE HIGHWAY (FORMERLY SR 707) FROM SW ALBANY AVENUE SOUTH OF THE OLD

ROOSEVELT BRIDGE TO NW POINSETTIA STREET TO INCLUDE THE FEC RAILROAD CROSSING OF NW FERN STREET AND NW DIXIE HIGHWAY, NORTH OF THE ST. LUCIE RIVER DRAW BRIDGE, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSION ACTION

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

11. AMENDMENT TO LDC SECTION 11.01.02.REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OVER 50K SQUARE FEET (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2544-2025; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT TO SECTION 11.01.02 OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY DELETING THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS GREATER THAN 50,000 SQUARE FEET AND REPLACING WITH A PUBLIC PRESENTATION TO CITY COMMISSION REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

12. COMMISSIONER CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

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: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Mary Kindel

Title of Item:
ARTS MOMENT - LEYLA FORD SONG PERFORMANCE

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
N/A

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Enjoy!

ATTACHMENTS:

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:
PATRIOT DAY & DAY OF SERVICE REMEMBRANCE - SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
Patriot Day is observed annually in the United States on September 11 to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, including those at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on United Flight 93, as well as the brave first responders who sacrificed their lives. This day was officially designated by a joint resolution of Congress in December 2001 and first observed on September 11, 2002. The City of Stuart is proud to proclaim September 11, 2025 as Patriot Day and National Day of Remembrance.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Issue Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Patriot Day - September

PROCLAMATION

PATRIOT DAY AND DAY OF SERVICE REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States suffered a devastating terrorist attack, resulting in the loss of nearly 3,000 innocent lives and forever changing our nation; and

WHEREAS, we honor the courage and sacrifice of first responders, emergency personnel, and ordinary citizens who acted with extraordinary heroism in the face of unimaginable tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Patriot Day and the National Day of Service and Remembrance have been designated to commemorate the victims and to promote unity, reflection, and acts of service in their memory; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart encourages all residents to pause in remembrance, reflect on the strength and resilience of our nation, and engage in acts of kindness and community service in tribute to those we lost.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CAMPBELL RICH, Mayor of the City of Stuart, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2025 as **PATRIOT DAY AND DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE** and encourage citizens to engage in service on this day and the days surrounding to honor and commemorate the sacrifices made that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 8th day of September, 2025.

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CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:
CONSTITUTION WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
Constitution Week is observed each year from September 17 through 23 to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787. Established by Public Law 915 in 1956, the observance encourages all Americans to reflect on the significance of this foundational document, to study its history, and to celebrate the liberties and responsibilities it guarantees. Communities, schools, and civic organizations across the nation join together during this week to promote greater understanding of the Constitution and its enduring role in our democracy.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Issue Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Constitution Week - September

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2025

WHEREAS, September 17, 2025, marks the two hundred thirty-eighth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by thirty-nine (39) brave patriots; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this enduring document and this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations and educational events which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, designates September 17 through September 23 of each year as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAMPBELL RICH, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim the week September 17-23, 2025, as:

CONSTITUTION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 8th day of September, 2025.

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CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:
HUNGER ACTION MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
Treasure Coast Hunger Action Month 2025 will take place throughout September as part of the national campaign led by Feeding America to raise awareness and inspire action against food insecurity. The Treasure Coast Food Bank will host several community-wide events to encourage participation and support. The month begins with Go Orange Day on September 1, when residents, schools, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to wear orange. The color of hunger relief to bring visibility to the cause. Hunger Action Day is on September 9, a national day of recognition that reminds people across the country of the importance of addressing hunger in their local communities.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Issue Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Hunger Action Month - Sept

PROCLAMATION

HUNGER ACTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty remain issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of Florida, and on the Treasure Coast, with 250,000 children, adults, seniors, and veterans experiencing food insecurity on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to end hunger in every part of our City and to provide additional resources that the citizens of Stuart need; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart is committed to working with the Treasure Coast Food Bank in mobilizing people about the role and importance of food banks and other hunger relief organizations in addressing hunger and bringing attention to the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, food banks and hunger relief organizations across the country, including the Treasure Coast Food Bank, coordinated Hunger Action Day® on September 9, 2025 and will continue to host numerous events throughout the month of September to shed light on this important issue and encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community.

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

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 8th day of September, 2025.

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CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:
25TH ANNUAL BIBLE READING MARATHON - OCTOBER 2-6, 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
The Bible Reading Marathon is a community tradition dedicated to the public reading of Scripture, reminding participants of the importance of faith, unity, and reflection in daily life. For twenty-five years, this event has brought people of all ages and backgrounds together to read the Bible aloud continuously, honoring the enduring influence of God's Word in our nation and community. From October 2–6, 2025, the 25th Annual Bible Reading Marathon will once again invite residents to gather in fellowship, celebrate the freedom to worship, and share in the spiritual renewal that comes from hearing Scripture proclaimed.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Issue Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. 25th Annual Bible Reading Marathon - September

PROCLAMATION

25th ANNUAL BIBLE READING MARATHON
OCTOBER 2 – 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the Bible is a fundamental part of the American heritage and is the basis of our inalienable rights and it serves as the foundations of our laws, our national character, and our system of values; and

WHEREAS, President Ulysses S. Grant stated, "hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor of your liberties" and President Abraham Lincoln called the Bible "the best gift God has given man," and historians credit President George Washington with identifying the United States as "One Nation under God," and

WHEREAS, the year 1990 was proclaimed by a Joint Congressional Resolution and Presidential Proclamation as the International Year of Bible Reading, and Bible Reading Week has been celebrated annually thereafter: and

WHEREAS, the Bible is the foundation for many blessings that we enjoy in the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CAMPBELL RICH, Mayor of the City of Stuart, do hereby proclaim October 2nd – 6th, 2025 as:

25th ANNUAL BIBLE READING MARATHON

In honor of this week, the 25th Annual Bible Reading Marathon celebrates the freedoms of our Nation at the Band Shell in Memorial Park, with ninety-hour continuous read through of the entire Bible; lifting up the Word of God, the word that created our Nation and continues to strengthen our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 8th day of September, 2025.

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CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Kathy Martin

Title of Item:
SERVICE AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 2025

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

Bruce Beland	U&E	20 years
Kenneth Miller	PW	15 years
Dylan Sperry-Calise	U&E	5 years

Funding Source:
General Fund

Recommended Action:
Present Awards

ATTACHMENTS:

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Mary Kindel

Title of Item:
CENTENNIAL ELECTION ANNUAL REPORT, MARTIN COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
Martin County Supervisor of Elections, Vicki Davis, will announce the release of their Centennial Edition Annual Report, celebrating 100 years of democracy in action here in Martin County.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:**

Title of Item:
APPROVAL OF 08/25/2025 SCM-BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 AND 08/25/2025 CCM MINUTES (RC)

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

Funding Source:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. 08/25/2025 SCM-Budget Workshop #2 Minutes
2. 08/25/2025 CCM Minutes

MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP #2
OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 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

2:04 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, provided a brief review of Budget Workshop #1 and tax bills that went out to City residents. The budget presented at this meeting does not exceed 4.75 Mills per the consensus of the Commission.

Louis “Joly” Boglioli, Finance Director, presented the status update, noting the prepared budget at 4.75 Mills. Joly referenced the TRIM notice, announced the dates of the upcoming Special Commission Meeting for the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget on September 8th at 5:15 PM.

City Manager Mortell initiated the board discussion. Discussions included union contracts, tax bills, services, public safety and calculations referring to the exact millage proposed being 4.8733.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented that a reduced budget will hurt services and people in the community.
2. Mark Brechbill - Stuart; Commented positively on the approach to temporary cost cuts to better identify permanent needs in the future.

3:31 PM MOTION: That we have coming back to us at the TRIM Meeting the 4.75 (4.8733) Budget but amended with four additional fire rescue that would have us look at a slightly different millage to be determined for the next meeting.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
VOTE: Passed 4/1
YES: Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed
NO: Campbell Rich

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Giobbi

- Commented that budget time is difficult, but we are a small city, and it is not necessary to portray doomsday regarding the services.

Commissioner Reed

- Commented that he would like his taxes to go down.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3:34 PM MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

3:45 PM

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

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 8th day of September, 2025.

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 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

5:31 PM

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Jimmy Smith, Love Temple Church of God, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rich announced guest, Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Counselor of Hope Town, Bahamas, the City of Stuart's sister-city. Mr. Sweeting reported that Hope Town has had a name change and is now called Abaco Keys District. He thanked the City for past relief efforts, complimented past Commissioner Troy McDonald for their work together and invited Mayor Rich to their town for a tour. The Commission joined Mr. Sweeting for a group photograph.

PRESENTATIONS

1. OATH OF OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY, RUTH HOLMES

Lee Baggett, City Attorney, initiated the Oath of Office for Ruth Holmes, the new Environmental Attorney.

2. PRESENTATION ON THE REFERENDUM PROCESS PERTAINING TO THE 2-ACRE PARCEL ADJOINING HANEY CREEK

City Attorney Baggett presented the referendum process and his communications with the County pertaining to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

Michael Mortell, City Manager, reported a proposal received by the potential property owner of the Arant's Garden Center on the corner of US 1 and Baker Road about interest in a deal pertaining to a trail head for Haney Creek and a parking lot. A brief discussion followed.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Reed

- Commented on his preference for emails to be available online.
- Commented on the Hamilton Project and stated the Hamilton's communicated to him about getting a consensus of the board to move their presentation because they were not ready for the September 8th Commission Meeting.

City Manager Mortell explained the communications pertaining to the project and reviewed the timeline of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). He requested clarification from the board on the management of the program, suggested if he was not assigned to manage the project, that a Commissioner should be designated to do so. The discussion between the Commissioners and City Manager resulted in a board consensus to move the Hamilton Project from the planned September 8th meeting to September 22nd.

Commissioner Giobbi

- Welcomed Attorney Holmes, read a statement pertaining to the river, and would like to set up meetings with the Commissioners and Attorney Holmes.
- Commented on the August 11th, 2025, City Commission Meeting, regarding a public comment given by Robin Cartwright about the City creating a public committee to navigate issues with the Commissioners and would like it to be on a future agenda.

City Manager Mortell noted that this request had been discussed in the past and an agenda item was presented pertaining to the Code of Conduct and this type of committee. The board voted not to move forward, but if it is the pleasure of the board, he will bring the item back.

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on Pastor Jerry Gore's passing and wished his family, friends, and church condolences.
- Reported on her attendance at the Florida League of Cities (FLC) conference, discussions on SB180, has information to share with various departments.
- Commented on Project Lift, removal of the old building on site, the NAACP office there, and see if there is an option for us to provide a leased property for meetings, possibly using a mobile building that was used for a fire station. (Board agreed for City Manager Mortell to look into options.)
- Commented she will be more involved with Environmental Attorney Holmes and welcomed her to the City of Stuart.

Mayor Rich

- Commented on the FLC Conference and stated he brought back an idea for school zones that the City Manager will bring before the board.
- Reflected on the pleasure of knowing and working with Pastor Gore, he had the honor of reading a Proclamation at his funeral service; privileged as the Mayor to share the City's acknowledgment and respect for Pastor Gore.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7:14 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. Robin Cartwright - Stuart; Commented on the Hamilton Project, feels the City and Guardian is responsible. Read from past communications pertaining to the Code of Conduct and the recommended committee and stated why she wanted the committee.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF 08/11/2025 SCM - BUDGET WORKSHOP #1 MINUTES AND 08/11/2025 CCM MINUTES

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7:17 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOINING LAWSUIT AGAINST SB180 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 82-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A LAWSUIT SEEKING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO DECLARE THAT SENATE BILL 180'S IMPOSITION OF A BLANKET STATEWIDE PROHIBITION ON THE EXERCISE OF HOME RULE AUTHORITY OVER LAND USE AND ZONING REGULATIONS, IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND SHOULD BE ENJOINED AND RETAINING WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE + BIERMAN, PL TO PROSECUTE THE LAWSUIT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Baggett briefed the Commission on the current status of other municipalities authorizing participation in this lawsuit.

Vice Mayor Collins commented that he is in favor and hopes that more municipalities join. It is for the protection of Martin County, stated "it's the Alamo."

Commissioner Clarke asked the City Attorney about the counties that have taken a step in opposition to SB180 and what the status is of those counties.

City Attorney Baggett stated that the counties would not be identified to him. He added that there are three (3) 14-day notice letters with threats to sue the City. If sued, the City would seek outside council to handle the cases. .

Mayor Rich commented on our active Ordinance and stated he is not in favor of joining the lawsuit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Walter Loyd - Stuart; Complimented people for standing strong for their convictions and doing what they were elected to do.

7:23 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
VOTE: Passed 3/2
YES: Christopher Collins, Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed
NO: Eula Clarke, Campbell Rich

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

5. AMENDMENT TO LDC SECTION 11.01.02.REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OVER 50K SQUARE FEET (RC):

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City Attorney Baggett explained the text amendments to the Code, noted the Local Planning Agency voted to approve the amendments with the caveat of having the public notice remain in the Code.

7:36 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

6. DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION REGARDING MODIFICATION OR CLOSURE OF U.S. HIGHWAY ONE TURN LANE

7:42 PM Commissioner Giobbi excused herself.

City Manager Mortell reviewed the public comment made and demonstrated with photographs of this intersection at U.S. 1 and Luckhardt Street and noted that the City maintains the medians that are under the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He stated he is looking for direction from the Commission to continue to maintain this intersection according to the standards set forth by FDOT.

Commissioners agreed that they do not believe it is a dangerous median, and all will remain as is.

ADJOURNMENT

7:45 PM

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

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 8th day of September, 2025.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Jim Chrulski

Title of Item:
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL VNA CHRISTMAS PARADE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 83-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION'S STUART CHRISTMAS PARADE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025, BEGINNING AT S. E. MONTEREY ROAD TRAVELING WEST ON S.E. OCEAN BLVD. TO CONFUSION CORNER INTERSECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF STUART TO SIGN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A STATE ROAD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
Resolution authorizing the City Manager to request closing a State Road for the annual VNA / Stuart Christmas Parade.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Approve Resolution 83-2025.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. R83-2025 Approving a road closure for the VNA Christmas Parade
2. Exhibit A 2025 Christmas Parade Traffic Plan

BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 83-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION'S STUART CHRISTMAS PARADE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025, BEGINNING AT S. E. MONTEREY ROAD TRAVELING WEST ON S.E. OCEAN BLVD. TO CONFUSION CORNER INTERSECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF STUART TO SIGN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A STATE ROAD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the Visiting Nurses Association has over 40 years of experience of providing health care in patient's homes with skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, dietetics services and home health aides; and

WHEREAS, the Visiting Nurse Association produces the Stuart Christmas Parade for the City of Stuart and the residents of Martin County. and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Stuart recognizes the Visiting Nurse Association as one of its large-scale traditional community events and is resolved to provide a road closure for the period mentioned herein as sufficient time and space allocation to safely and efficiently conduct the event.

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

SECTION 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a request from the Florida Department of Transportation seeking approval of a road closure permit for the "2025 Visiting Nurse Association Christmas Parade" for Friday, December 5th, along S.E. Ocean Blvd. from Monterey Road to Confusion Corner Intersection subject to the approval of the Florida Department of Transportation as depicted in "Exhibit A"

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect 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:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
CAMPBELL RICH, MAYOR				
CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, VICE MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER				
LAURA GIOBBI, COMMISSIONER				
SEAN REED, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____
MARY R. KINDEL, MMC
CITY CLERK

_____
CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

_____
LEE J. BAGGETT, ESQ
CITY ATTORNEY

2021 CHRISTMAS PARADE
TRAFFIC CONTROL
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
BARRICADE AND SIGN DETAILS
SR-A1A @ SE MONTEREY RD.
SR-A1A OCEAN BLVD
SE MONTEREY RD
STOP
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL
CLOSE LEFT-TURN AND THRU LANES W/ TYPE III BARRICADES OR DRUMS @ 30FT.
TEMPORARY LANE DIRECTION (TYP.)
TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SEPARATOR W/ 36" TRAFFIC CONES @ 30FT.
ARROW BOARD W/ DOUBLE ARROWS
ROAD CLOSED ARRAY (TYP.)
CONTROL ACCESS W/ TYPE II BARRICADES OR DRUMS @ 10FT. NO YELLOW TAPE BETWEEN DRUMS
CLOSE WEST 3 LANES W/ TYPE II BARRICADES OR DRUMS @ 60FT. LINE W/ REINFORCED "CAUTION" BARRICADE TAPE
MATCH LINE A
TYPICAL "ROAD CLOSED" ARRAY
R11-2 ROAD CLOSED
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JOSEPH W. CAPRA
LICENSE
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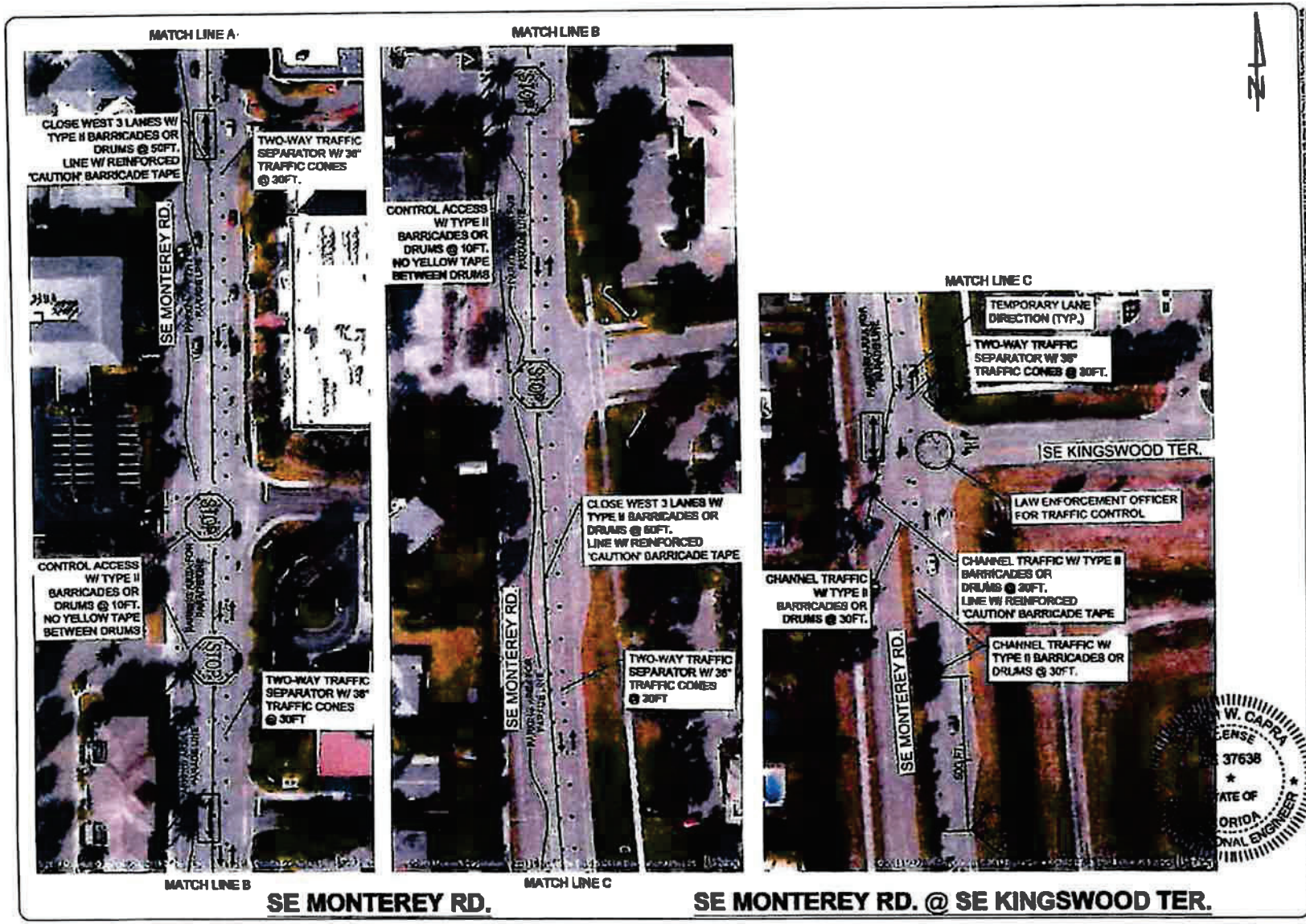
STATE OF FLORIDA
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
JUN 23 2021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2021 CHRISTMAS PARADE
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MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
DETOUR PLAN
JOSEPH W. CAPRA
LICENSE
PE 37536
STATE OF
FLORIDA
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
TYPICAL "ROAD CLOSED" ARRAY
VMS BOARD #1
VMS BOARD #2
VMS BOARD #3
SR-A1A DETOUR
END DETOUR
ROAD CLOSED
SR-A1A OCEAN BLVD
SE ST LUCIE BLVD
SE KINGSWOOD TER.
SE MONTEREY RD.
SE MLK JR BLVD
S COLORADO AVE
OLD DIXIE HWY
PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE
SR-A1A SE OCEAN BLVD
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL

MESSAGE BOARD PROGRAMING REQUEST FORM

Fill in the boxes below with the text you would like programmed.
Each page has room for 3 lines with 8 characters each.
Fax your request to Operations Division at 288-5384
The message and page # below will be filled in by Operations Division

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SEQUENCE LETTER _____

Person requesting: Stuart Christmas Parade | Kerri Davies

Fax & Phone #: Fax 772.286.7517 / Phone: 772-286-8157

Job Name: Stuart Christmas Parade

Date(s) requested: Friday, Dec 5, 2025 12/05/2025

Circle or check the number of message boards required: 1 2

Transport/setup by Operations Division required? Yes No

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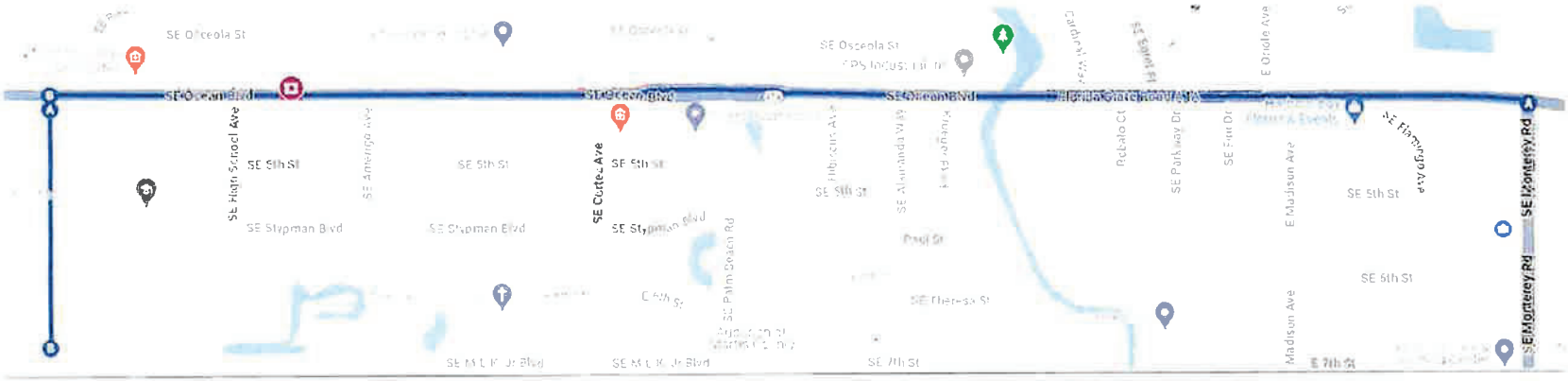
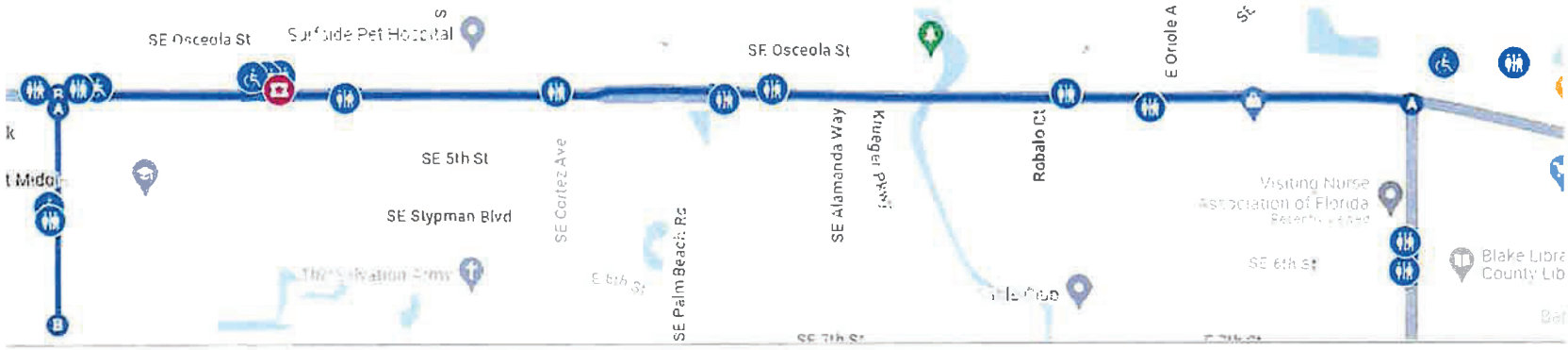
Transport/setup by Operations Division required? Yes No

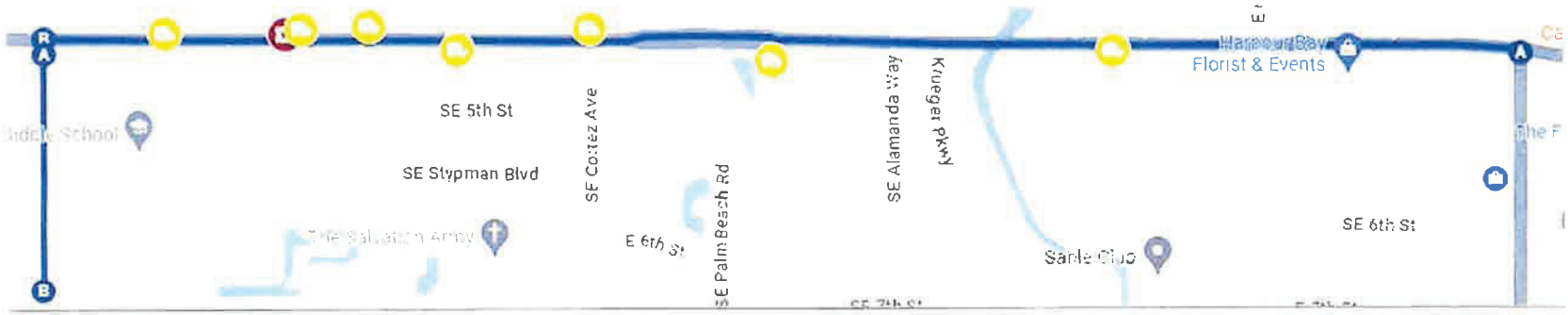
Parade Route Map



2023 Restroom Parade Route Map



2023 Food Vendor Parade Route Map



63RD ANNUAL

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS Stuart CHRISTMAS Parade 2025

STUART

Parade ROUTE

- A — Drop off/Line Up for Marchers
- B — Drop off routes to Smithfield Plaza
- C — Vehicle Line Up
- D — Parade Route
- E — Disband for vehicles needing to disembark/dismantle (Stuart Middle School Bus Loop, Georgia & bus loop to MLK)
- F — Disband for vehicles NOT needing to disembark/dismantle (Go straight on Georgia to MLK)
- G — Judge's Grandstand (East of Hospital Rd)
- H — Parent parking at Stypman Blvd (accessible from Flagler Avenue between MLK and SE Ocean Blvd.)
- Bus Parking (at Stuart Middle School)

BUSES GO AROUND BACK
DROP OFF AREA
DROP OFF AREA
INFO VOLUNTEER SIGN IN
WAITING SECTION
LINE UP
BANDS
BANDS
LINE UP
BAND BUS DROP OFF KIDS + EQUIP
BARRICADES GARBAGE CANS
LIGHTS BATHROOMS

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Jim Chrulski

Title of Item:
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 52ND ANNUAL STUART BOAT SHOW (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 84-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 52nd ANNUAL STUART BOAT SHOW FROM 5:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026, THROUGH 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026, ALONG NW DIXIE HIGHWAY (FORMERLY SR 707) FROM SW ALBANY AVENUE SOUTH OF THE OLD ROOSEVELT BRIDGE TO NW POINSETTIA STREET TO INCLUDE THE FEC RAILROAD CROSSING OF NW FERN STREET AND NW DIXIE HIGHWAY, NORTH OF THE ST. LUCIE RIVER DRAW BRIDGE, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
The 52nd Stuart Boat Show road closure request.
Event: Friday, January 16, Saturday, January 17, and Sunday, January 18, 2026.
Road Closure: Dixie Highway closed from Tuesday morning, January 13, 2026 - Monday, January 19, 2026, at 5:00 pm to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic from Albany Road to Poinsettia Street, which includes the closure of Fern Street at Dixie Highway.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Approve Resolution 84-2025

ATTACHMENTS:
1. R84-2025 Approving a road closure for the 52nd Annual Stuart Boat Show
2. Exhibit A Stuart Boat Show Traffic Plan 2026

BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

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WHEREAS, the Stuart Boat Show has grown and endured as a signature marine industry event in the Stuart area for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, in order to produce the Stuart Boat Show in a safe and efficient manner, event organizers have requested the City of Stuart close a portion of NW Dixie Highway north of the Dixie Highway Bridge for the duration of event staging and operations beginning Tuesday, January 13th through Monday, January 19th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Stuart recognizes the Stuart Boat Show as a 50-year legacy event in the City and is hereby resolved to provide a road closure for the period mentioned herein as sufficient time and space allocation to safely and efficiently conduct the event.

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

SECTION 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a request form to the Florida Department of Transportation seeking approval of a road closure for the "2026 STUART BOAT SHOW" from Tuesday, January 13th through Monday, January 19th 2026, along NW Dixie Highway (formerly SR 707), from SW Albany Avenue to NW Poinsettia Street, including the RR Crossing at NW Fern Street and NW Dixie Highway, subject to the approval of the Florida Department of Transportation. A copy of the form requesting city approval is attached hereto as "Attachment A."

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect 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:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
CAMPBELL RICH, MAYOR				
CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, VICE MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER				
LAURA GIOBBI, COMMISSIONER				
SEAN REED, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____
MARY R. KINDEL, MMC
CITY CLERK

_____
CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

_____
LEE J. BAGGETT, ESQ
CITY ATTORNEY

ALLSPORTS PRODUCTIONS

STUART BOAT SHOW Traffic and Pedestrian Circulation Plan - 2026

Prepared for the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast (MIATC) in support of the annual Stuart Boat Show

Prepared by Allsports Productions, LLC.

July 1, 2025

Allsports Productions, LLC. (ASP) is contracted by the MIATC to prepare a traffic and pedestrian circulation plan for approval by the City of Stuart. The intent of the Plan is to ensure safe vehicle and pedestrian circulation outside of the 52nd Annual Stuart Boat Show event footprint. The details of the Plan are identified below.

Project Description

The Stuart Boat Show is a long-standing event that draws people to the northeast portion of the incorporated City of Stuart. The show will occur on Friday, January 16, Saturday, January 17, and Sunday January 18, 2026. As provided in the concept illustration below, the Show is staged along Dixie Highway and the corresponding waterfront. Dixie Highway will be closed from Tuesday morning January 13, 2026 through Monday, January 19, 2026, at 5:00 pm to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic from Albany Road to Poinsettia Street which includes the closure of Fern Street at Dixie Highway.

A conceptual illustration is provided below.

Vehicle and Pedestrian Signage

A series of advanced signage will be in place to alert drivers and pedestrians, as appropriate, to the closure and direct them to detoured routes.

Exhibit A illustrates the detour plan for rerouting traffic from Dixie Highway. The signage will include a series of "Construction" signs and changeable message signs (CMS). A key component of the Plan is coordination with the City of Stuart Police Department. One police officer will be stationed at each of the following locations Tuesday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM: US 1 and Wright Boulevard, and Dixie Highway and Alice Street. ASP will obtain a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) permit for this portion of the Plan. **Attachment A** includes the Changeable Message Board messages.

The signage directs traffic through Baker Road on the north and West Ocean on the south to avoid the congested intersection of Dixie Highway at Wright Boulevard and Dixie Highway at Joan Jefferson Way. Dixie Highway carries approximately 600 vehicles per hour in the peak southbound direction in the morning and just over 800 vehicles in the peak northbound direction in the afternoon based on the 2023 traffic counts. By implementing this Plan, we estimate that the traffic can successfully be accommodated on Indian River Drive and SR A1A with the balance diverting to US 1. **Exhibit B** illustrates the path of the diverted traffic volumes.

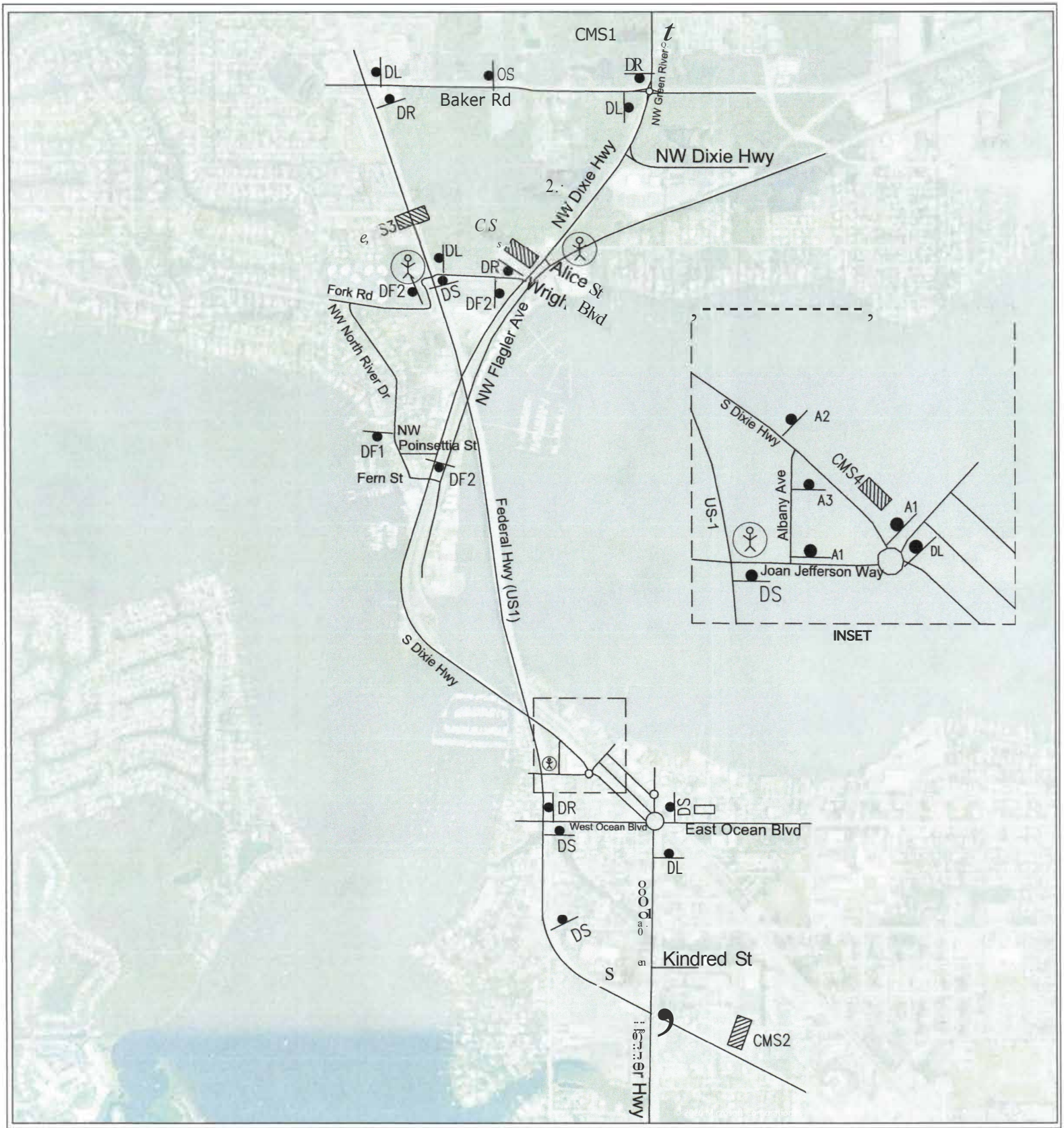
As shown, the traffic will be diverted by signage based on the road closures and direction of vehicle circulation. Joan Jefferson Way will experience additional vehicle traffic. That traffic will be accommodated with the presence of the officers on US 1. To a lesser extent, traffic will divert to East Ocean Boulevard and Colorado Avenue. The balance of diverted vehicle trips will be on Ocean Boulevard east of downtown where capacity is available.

Fern Street Detour

Local signage will be posted on Fern Street that identifies that Fern Street is closed at Dixie Highway. Dixie Highway, Alice Street, and Wright Boulevard will also include signage that say "Dixie closed before Fern Street" to alert motorists and pedestrians to the new vehicle and pedestrian circulation patterns.

In addition to the detour plans, a sign series devoted to directing motorists to the Boat Show and Boat Show Parking will be posted. **Exhibit C** identifies the location of signage directing motorists to the Stuart Boat Show parking and shuttle location spots. Additional signage will be prepared for pedestrian wayfinding from downtown Stuart and from parking areas.

The combination of detour signage, police-controlled intersections and directional signage will provide an enhanced circulation pattern minimizing traffic impacts in the downtown area during the show.



LEGEND

Road Closed to thru Traffic	Left Turn Only	Right Turn Only	Fern St Closed at Dixie	Dixie Closed Before Fern St
A1	A2	A3	OFJ	DF2

Dixie Hwy Detour	Dixie Hwy Detot1r	Dixie Hwy Detour		
DL	DR	05		

= n PICAL SIGN

= Barricade

= CMS Changeable Message Sign

= Traffic Control Officer

Allsports Productions, LLC.

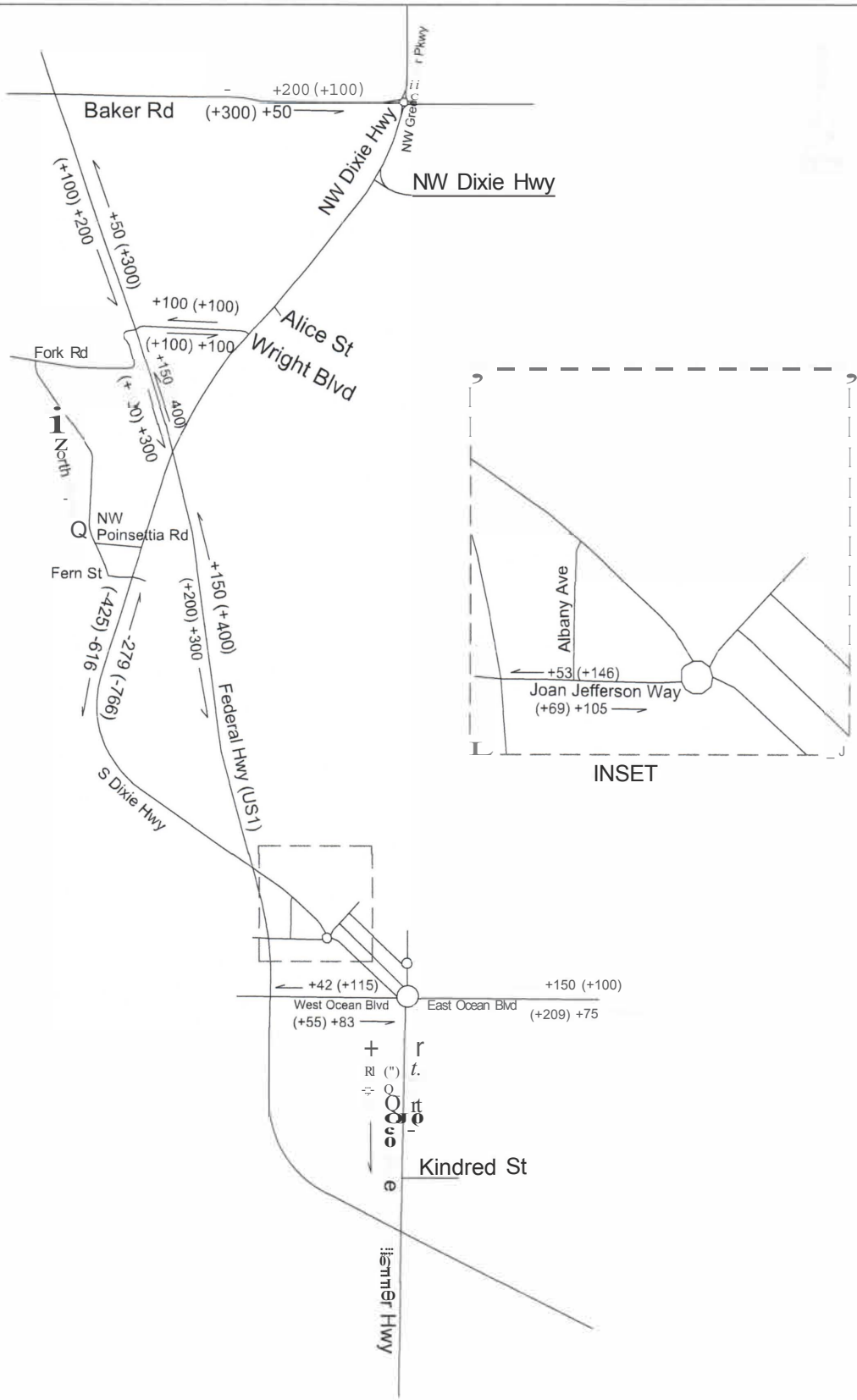
1591 E. Atlantic Boulevard Pompano Beach
FL, 33060 -Tel: 954-522-5288

Project Job No:

Date: 07.01.2025

EXHIBIT A

Boat Show
Detour Plan



Allsports Productions, LLC. 1591 E. Atlantic Boulevard Pompano Beach FL, 33060 -Tel: 954-522-5288 Project Job No: Date: 07.01.2025	**LEGEND** = Inset Area	**EXHIBIT B** Diverted Volumes Stuart Boat Show

Allsports Productions, LLC. 1591 E. Atlantic Boulevard Pompano Beach FL, 33060 -Tel: 954-522-5288 Project Job No: Date: 07.01.20245	**LEGEND** Boat Show ↑ Parking/ Shuttle — PI Boat Show Parking/ Shuttle — P3 Boat Show r Parking/ Shuttle — P2 Boat Show Traffic Shuttle i — CMS 6	**EXHIBIT C** Parking/Shuttle Signage Stuart Boat Show

Attachment A

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Lee Baggett, Jodi Nentwick

Title of Item:
AMENDMENT TO LDC SECTION 11.01.02.REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OVER 50K SQUARE FEET (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2544-2025; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT TO SECTION 11.01.02 OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY DELETING THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS GREATER THAN 50,000 SQUARE FEET AND REPLACING WITH A PUBLIC PRESENTATION TO CITY COMMISSION REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
On April 14, 2025, the City Commission directed staff to initiate a Text Amendment to the Land Development Code to amend the language requiring public hearing and notice requirements for a major development project greater than 50,000 square feet.

Additionally, the City Commission requested language be added a public presentation must be presented by the development director once the project is approved administratively.

This amendment only addresses major developments greater than 50,000 square feet. However, the public hearing requirements still apply for major developments located in the Creek District and East Stuart.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Staff recommends the City Commission approve Ordinance No. 2544-2025.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Sec._11.01.02.___Major_development_plan_application. amendment-revised
2. DRAFT - 2544-2025 LDC Major Development Amendments

Sec. 11.01.02. Major development plan application.

A. *General.* A major development plan is one which is:

1. A residential project which exceeds 35 total dwelling units.
2. A non-residential development over 50,000 square feet in area.
3. A mixed-use development over 50,000 square feet in area.
4. A public or private institutional development exceeding one acre in land area.
5. Pursuant to section 5.05.02.A.2.c., when no practical alternative exists to locating structures on the site to accommodate a historic tree, a major development plan may be applied for to consider the removal and replacement of a historic tree.

B. *Pre-application conference required.* Prior to filing for major development review, the developer shall meet with the city development director and city staff to discuss the development review process and to be informed of which staff members to confer with about the application. No person may rely upon any comment concerning a proposed major development, or any expression of any nature about the proposal made by any participant at the pre-application conference as a representation or implication that the proposal will be ultimately approved or rejected in any form.

C. *Application submittal requirements.* Application forms for major development plan review shall be available from the city development department. A completed application shall be signed by all owners, or their agent, of the property subject to the proposal, and notarized. Signatures by other parties will be accepted only with notarized proof of authorization by the owners. In a case of corporate ownership, the authorized signature shall be accompanied by a notation of the signer's office in the corporation, and embossed with the corporate seal. The completed application form shall be accompanied by appropriate review fees, a site plan, and by any other information required by the city development director. A concept plan may be submitted as an option to a site plan; however, the applicant will be required to submit a site plan for approval by the city commission prior to submitting an application for a development permit.

D. *Compliance review procedures.* After receipt of the application, the department shall follow the review and compliance procedures as set out in section 11.01.01 of this Code. If the major development plan application is in compliance, the ~~director shall set a time and place for a city commission public hearing to consider whether the major development plan application complies with the requirements of the Code~~ major development plan shall be deemed approved.

~~E. *Report to the city commission.* The development director will prepare a staff report and recommendation for consideration by the city commission concerning whether the application complies with the requirements of the Code.~~

~~F~~E. *City commission public ~~hearing~~presentation notice.* Notice of the public ~~hearing~~presentation shall be provided ~~by mailing and~~ by posting the subject property unless preempted by Florida Statutes. Requirements for notice of public ~~hearings~~presentation shall be similar to public hearings which can be found in section 11.02.00 of this Code. This posting requirement is intended for public benefit. Therefore, the failure to strictly adhere to the requirements of section 11.02.00 shall not be fatal to the process. However, it is the intent of the City that the applicant provide sufficient notice by posting a sign on the property for at least ten (10) days prior to the issuance of the permit.

~~G. *City commission public hearing.*~~

~~1. At the public hearing, the city commission shall hear from all interested parties regarding whether the major development plan application complies with the requirements of this Code. The city commission shall consider the application, the written comments of each responding department and agency, the~~

~~compliance recommendation of the development department, and the comments presented to the city commission during the course of the public hearing.~~

~~2. During the public hearing, the city commission may decide that additional information is necessary to complete its review and may continue the public hearing for this purpose. A continuance shall be to a time certain, shall not exceed 60 working days and shall be announced at the public hearing. Not more than one continuance shall be granted for this purpose.~~

~~3. At the conclusion of the public hearing or within 30 working days thereafter, the city commission shall determine whether the application is in compliance with the requirements of this Code. The city commission shall adopt a resolution setting forth its determination.~~

~~4. The determination of the city commission shall be to either find the application:~~

~~a. "In compliance" - In the event of a determination of in compliance, the plan shall be deemed approved;~~

~~b. "In compliance subject to stated conditions or modifications" - In the event of a determination of in compliance subject to stated conditions or modifications, the applicant may submit a revised major development plan with supporting documentation to the department within 45 working days which complies with said conditions and modifications. The development director shall review the plan for a finding of in compliance; or~~

~~c. "Not in compliance" - In the event of a determination of not in compliance, the application shall be rejected and the specific reasons for such determination with reference to the requirements of this Code shall be stated in the resolution.~~

F~~H~~. *Recordation.* Upon approval of a resolution for a major development plan, the resolution together with any development conditions, agreements, covenants, maps, and illustrations shall be recorded in the public records of Martin County, Florida, at the expense of the applicant.

G. *Presentation to City Commission*. Upon approval for a major development plan by the Development Director, the Development Director shall provide a presentation to the City Commission at a subsequent Commission meeting on the application and approval.

(Ord. No. 2409-2019, § 1(App. A), 9-9-19)

Editor's note(s)—See the note to § 11.01.01.

BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT TO SECTION 11.01.02 OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY DELETING THE CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS GREATER THAN 50,000 SQUARE FEET AND REPLACING WITH A PRESENTATION TO CITY COMMISSION REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Florida Statutes § 163.3202 requires the City of Stuart to adopt or amend and enforce land development regulations that are consistent with and implement the City's comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 2025, the City Commission directed staff to amend the City's Land Development Code requiring a public notice and hearing requirement for major development projects greater than 50,000 square; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2025, the Local Planning Agency held duly noticed public hearing to consider this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission held duly noticed public hearings on August 25, 2025, and September 8, 2025, to consider this ordinance for full public participation on the Land Development Code amendment process.

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

SECTION 1: Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 2: The provisions of the Land Development Code as amended are hereby adopted as shown herein below.

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Chapter XI – PROCESSING OF PLAN APPLICATIONS

Sec. 11.01.02. Major development plan application.

A. *General.* A major development plan is one which is:

1. A residential project which exceeds 35 total dwelling units.
2. A non-residential development over 50,000 square feet in area.
3. A mixed-use development over 50,000 square feet in area.
4. A public or private institutional development exceeding one acre in land area.
5. Pursuant to section 5.05.02.A.2.c., when no practical alternative exists to locating structures on the site to accommodate a historic tree, a major development plan may be applied for to consider the removal and replacement of a historic tree.

B. *Pre-application conference required.* Prior to filing for major development review, the developer shall meet with the city development director and city staff to discuss the development review process and to be informed of which staff members to confer with about the application. No person may rely upon any comment concerning a proposed major development, or any expression of any nature about the proposal made by any participant at the pre-application conference as a representation or implication that the proposal will be ultimately approved or rejected in any form.

C. *Application submittal requirements.* Application forms for major development plan review shall be available from the city development department. A completed application shall be signed by all owners, or their agent, of the property subject to the proposal, and notarized. Signatures by other parties will be accepted only with notarized proof of authorization by the owners. In a case of corporate ownership, the authorized signature shall be accompanied by a notation of the signer's office in the corporation and embossed with the corporate seal. The completed application form shall be accompanied by appropriate review fees, a site plan, and by any other information required by the city development director. A concept plan may be submitted as an option to a site plan; however, the applicant will be required to submit a site plan for approval by the city commission prior to submitting an application for a development permit.

D. *Compliance review procedures.* After receipt of the application, the department shall follow the review and compliance procedures as set out in section 11.01.01 of this Code. If the major development plan application is in compliance, the ~~director shall set a time and place for a city commission public hearing to consider whether the major development plan application complies with the requirements of the Code~~ major development plan shall be deemed approved.

~~E. *Report to the city commission.* The development director will prepare a staff report and recommendation for consideration by the city commissioner concerning whether the application complies with the requirements of the Code.~~

~~F. *City commission public hearing notice.* Notice of the public hearing shall be provided by mailing and by posting the subject property. Requirements for notice of public hearings can be found in section 11.02.00 of this Code.~~

~~G. *City commission public hearing.*~~

~~1. At the public hearing, the city commission shall hear from all interested parties regarding whether the major development plan application complies with the requirements of this Code. The city commission shall consider the application, the written comments of each responding department and agency, the compliance recommendation of the development department, and the comments presented to the city commission during the course of the public hearing.~~

~~2. During the public hearing, the city commission may decide that additional information is necessary to complete its review and may continue the public hearing for this purpose. A continuance shall be to a time certain, shall not exceed 60 working days and shall be announced at the public hearing. Not more than one continuance shall be granted for this purpose.~~

~~3. All the conclusion of the public hearing within 30 working days thereafter, the city commission shall determine whether the application is in compliance with the requirements of this Code. The city commission shall adopt a resolution setting forth its determination.~~

~~4. The determination of the city commission shall be to either find the application:~~

~~a. "In compliance" In the event of a determination of in compliance, the plan shall be deemed approved;~~

~~b. "In compliance subject to stated conditions or modifications" In the event of a determination in compliance subject to stated conditions or modifications, the applicant may submit a revised major development plan with supporting documentation to the department within 45 working days which complies with said conditions and modifications. The development director shall review the plan for a finding of in compliance; or~~

~~c. "Not in compliance" In the event of a determination of not in compliance, the application shall be rejected and the specific reasons for such determination with reference to the requirements of this Code shall be stated in the resolution.~~

E.~~H.~~ *Recordation.* Upon approval of a resolution for a major development plan, the resolution together with any development conditions, agreements, covenants, maps, and illustrations shall be recorded in the public records of Martin County, Florida, at the expense of the applicant.

F. *Presentation to City Commission*. Upon approval of a major development plan by the Development Director, the Development Director shall provide a presentation to the City Commission at a subsequent Commission meeting on the application and approval.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: If any word, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof contained in this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional, unenforceable, void, or inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: The provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

First read on the _____day of _____.

Second reading on the _____day of _____.

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

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
CAMPBELL RICH, MAYOR				
CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, VICE MAYOR				
EULA CLARKE, COMMISSIONER				
LAURA GIOBBI, COMMISSIONER				
SEAN REED, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED on second reading this _____ day of _____.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL, MMC
CITY CLERK

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CAMPBELL RICH
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

_____
LEE J. BAGGETT, ESQ
CITY ATTORNEY

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CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission

Meeting Date: 9/8/2025 **Prepared by:** Michael Mortell

Title of Item:
COMMISSIONER CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:
In June 2017, the City Commission adopted a "Stuart City Commission Code of Conduct". The intention of the document was to provide directions and parameters to be followed by the board. There have been requests from the public for the City Commission to review and/or update the Code of Conduct. In October 2024, the City Commission directed staff to schedule a discussion and deliberation of the Code of Conduct and public records policies. The purpose of the agenda item was to provide the Commission with an opportunity to discuss the prior policy and decide if the State Statute and the Commission on Ethics were sufficient to address the matter. Following the discussion, the Board did not instruct staff to amend the document or take any further action regarding the issue.

On August 25, 2025, Commissioner Giobbi requested that the item be rescheduled for a review by the City Commission. The Code of Conduct is attached to the agenda. Florida Statutes 112.313 outlines the standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys. The Florida Commission on Ethics serves as an independent board responsible for investigating and issuing reports on complaints. Currently, the Code of Conduct does not provide any authority to the City Commission or any other board to address a complaint against a City Commissioner. The transcript from the October 2024 Discussion and Deliberation is attached to the agenda.

Funding Source:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Commission_Code_of_Conduct_Blank
2. 10.28.2024 CCM - Code of Conduct D&D Transcript

STUART CITY COMMISSION CODE OF CONDUCT

The City Charter provides information on the roles and responsibilities of City Commissioners, including those who sit as Mayor and Vice Mayor. The Charter provides for a "council-manager" form of government.

Pursuant to the Florida Municipal Officials Manual, Fourth Edition, 2001, the council-manager form is widely viewed as a way to take politics out of municipal administration. Under the council-manager form, the City Manager is the "chief administrative officer of the city." The Manager supervises and coordinates the departments, appoints and removes their directors, prepares the budget for the council's consideration, and makes reports and recommendations to the council. All department heads report to the manager. The manager is fully responsible for municipal administration. The manager is expected to abstain from any and all political involvement. At the same time, the council members and other "political" leaders are expected to refrain from intruding on the manager's role as chief executive. Council members are expected to abstain from seeking to individually interfere in administrative matters, including actions in personnel matters. Some city charters provide that interference in administrative matters by an elected city official is grounds for removal of the elected official from office.

However, the Stuart City Charter does not articulate a code of conduct for elected officials.

This Code of Conduct describes the manner in which Commissioners should treat each other, city staff, constituents, and others they come into contact with in representing the City of Stuart. It reflects the work of the City Commission in defining more clearly the behavior, manners, and courtesies that are expected for various occasions.

I. Overview of Roles & Responsibilities

The consistent theme throughout this Code of Conduct is "respect."

Commissioners experience expanded workloads and stress in making decisions that impact thousands of lives. Despite these pressures, elected officials are called upon to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. Demonstrating respect for each individual through words and actions is the touchstone that guides Commissioners to do the right thing, in even the most difficult situations.

1. MAYOR: (City Charter, Section 14)

- Serves at the pleasure of the City Commission
- Acts as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes
- Chairs Commission meetings
- Calls for special meetings
- Recognized as spokesperson for the City
- Responsible to find a substitute for City representation when Mayor cannot attend
- Leads the City Commission as an effective, cohesive, consensus building team
- Signs documents on behalf of the City

2. VICE MAYOR: (City Charter, Section 14)

- Serves at the pleasure of the Commission
- Performs the duties of the Mayor, if the Mayor is absent, unavailable, or disabled
- Chairs City Commission meetings at the request of the Mayor
- Represents the City at ceremonial functions at the request of the Mayor

3. ALL COMMISSIONERS:

- Each member of the City Commission has an equal vote
- No Commissioner has more "power" than any other, and each should be treated with equal respect

Each City Commissioner should:

- Fully participate in City Commission meetings and other public forums while demonstrating civility, respect, kindness, consideration, and courtesy to others
- Prepare in advance of Commission meetings by reviewing Agenda materials, talking with the City Manager, with constituents, and becoming familiar with issues
- Represent the City at ceremonial functions at the request of the Mayor (in a public meeting) or City Manager
- Be respectful of other people's time. Stay focused and act efficiently during public meetings.
- Do not interrupt city staff from their duties.
- Serve as a model of leadership and civility to the community
- Inspire public confidence in Stuart City government
- Make sure the City Clerk has current contact information, in case an emergency or urgent situation arises
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity in every action and statement
- Participate in scheduled activities to increase team effectiveness
- Review Commission procedures, such as this Code of Conduct, and become familiar with the City Code of Ordinances, the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan

4. MEETING CHAIR:

The chair of official City Commission meetings (usually the Mayor or Vice Mayor), shall:

- Maintain order, decorum, and the fair and equitable treatment of all speakers
- Keep discussion and questions focused on specific agenda items under consideration
- Be mindful of the City's "Pledge of Civility" and require speakers to avoid all personal attacks.
- Makes parliamentary rulings (with advice, if requested, from the City Attorney, who acts as an advisory parliamentarian). Chair rulings may

be overturned, if a Commissioner makes a motion, and the majority of the City Commission supports the motion.

II. Policies & Protocol Related To Conduct

1. CEREMONIAL EVENTS:

- Requests for a City representative at ceremonial events will be handled through the City Manager's Office, or designee. The Mayor will normally serve as the designated City representative. If the Mayor is unavailable, then City staff will determine if event organizers would like another representative from the City Commission. If yes, the Vice Mayor will usually be next in line to represent the City. Invitations received at City Hall are presumed to be for official City representation. Invitations addressed to City Commissioners at their homes are presumed to be for unofficial, personal consideration.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Official Correspondence.** City Commissioners do not need to acknowledge the receipt of official correspondence, or copies of correspondence, during Commission meetings, unless the matter is substantive, and therefore requires Commission approval to respond. City staff will normally prepare official letters in response to public inquiries and concerns. Upon approval by the City Commission, these letters will be prepared on City letterhead, and signed by the Mayor, unless otherwise directed by the City Commission. A copy of each official letter shall be provided to each City Commissioner.

- If correspondence is addressed to only one City Commissioner, that Commissioner should check with the City Manager on the best way to respond to the sender. If a simple acknowledgement, congratulations, or thank you is all that is required, the individual Commissioner may respond on official City letterhead or note card.

- City letterhead shall not be used for correspondence by Commissioners representing a personal point of view, or a dissenting point of view from an official City Commission position.

- Correspondence also should be equally clear about representation. City letterhead may be used when the Commissioner is representing the City and the City's official position. A copy of official correspondence should

be given to the City Clerk to be filed as part of the permanent public record.

- Written correspondence, or email, requesting an appearance before the City Commission shall be referred to the City Manager for inclusion on an Agenda, or forwarded to the City Commission (with or without a staff report) for its consideration, prior to being placed on an Agenda.

- The city manager is authorized to create correspondence for his or her signature in the normal conduct of business and consistent with the authority of the city manager under the charter of the city.

- **Unofficial Correspondence**. Nothing in this policy is intended to prevent city commissioners or city staff from writing letters which are regarding personal business. A response to family, friends, neighbors, or other individuals regarding personal items or business, should not be written on city letterhead or note cards.

- **Written Correspondence between City Commissioners.** The use of e-mail, a written report, or any other form of written communication from one Commissioner to the City Commission on a subject which might be discussed at a public meeting is technically NOT a violation of the Sunshine Law, so long as no other Commissioner responds to the correspondence outside of a public meeting. If the Commissioner writing the email is doing so for the purpose of communicating his or her position on an issue outside of a meeting to gain support, this will be interpreted as a violation of the sunshine law.

- **However, if even one Commissioner responds to an e-mail, or written report, or other written communication by a Commissioner, a violation of the Sunshine Law has occurred.**

- **COMMISSIONERS SHOULD NOT SEND E-MAILS, TEXTS, REPORTS, POSITION PAPERS, OR OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION DIRECTLY TO OTHER CITY COMMISSIONERS, REGARDING A SUBJECT WHICH MIGHT COME BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION FOR ACTION.**

- **Commissioners understand that their city email is the correct source for communicating with individual members of the public, and further understand that they are personally**

responsible for maintaining all records of communication which are conducted on a platform other than their City email.

- **Specifically, the Commissioners acknowledge that if they use texts or any email other than their specific City email they are personally required to preserve and maintain the communication for public record purposes, and further that the City will not be able to preserve or maintain these records and the failure to keep them could result in a violation of Florida's Public Records laws.**

3. ENDORSEMENTS AND PUBLIC POSITIONS:

- The City Commission is precluded by Florida law from endorsing any candidate for elected office.

- The City Commission is free to take public positions on political issues.

- Individual Commissioners are free to take public positions on political issues, even if those positions are not consistent with the majority view of the Commission.

4. REORGANIZATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS:

- At the first City Commission in December of each year (Reorganization Meeting), the Commission selects from its members a Mayor and Vice Mayor. However, the City Commission is free to reorganize at any Commission meeting throughout the year, upon an approved motion of a Commissioner.

- At the reorganization meeting, the Commissioners will also decide which of the members will serve as liaisons to various external boards and committees, and will appoint or reappoint, as applicable, citizens to various appointed boards and committees.

- While serving on any external board, such as the MPO, TCRPC, or other board, the Commissioner(s) assigned will endeavor to consistently represent the position of the City Commission, and will not knowingly take a unilateral position that opposes the position of the City Commission.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS:

- Making the public feel welcome is an important part of the democratic process. No signs of partiality, prejudice, discrimination, or disrespect should be evident on the part of individual Commissioners toward an individual participating in a public forum. Every effort should be made to be fair and impartial in listening to public testimony.

- The way the City Commission treats people during public hearings can do a lot to make them comfortable, or to push their emotions to a higher level of intensity.

- **Actively listen.** It is disconcerting to speakers to have Commissioners not look at them when they are speaking. Reading for a long period of time, texting, checking your email, or Facebook page, or gazing around the room gives the appearance of disinterest.

- **Ask for clarification, but avoid debate and argument with the public.** Only the Chair – not individual Commissioners -- can interrupt a speaker during a presentation. However, a Commissioner can ask the Chair for a point of order if the speaker is off the topic or exhibiting behavior or language that the Commissioner finds disturbing.

- **No personal attacks of any kind are tolerable.** Commissioners should be aware that their body language and tone of voice, as well as the words they use, can appear to be intimidating or aggressive. It violates the City's Pledge of Civility to make any personal attack.

- **Items not on the Agenda.**

- At the beginning of City Commission Meetings, a person, wishing to address the City Commission on any item NOT on the Agenda, shall fill out a form provided by the City Clerk and at a minimum, give his/her name and address. These NON-AGENDA public comments shall be limited to one (1) appearance per meeting for a duration not exceeding three (3) minutes unless a majority of the Commission feels some other time limit is appropriate, based upon the length or type of agenda.

- Under Florida law, public comment on non-agenda items, need not be taken at City Commissioner Town Hall Meetings, at City staff conducted hearings or meetings, at Emergency Special Meetings for a specific purpose, or at City Commission Workshops for a specific purpose.

- No question or comment by the public should be addressed directly to any individual Commissioner or City staff member. All comments must be directed through the Chair.

- Questions from the public may be referred by the Chair to the City Manager or City Attorney. If they are unable to give an immediate response to a question, the City Commission may decide the matter raised during Public Comment requires further review and discussion refer the matter to the City Manager for inclusion on a subsequent agenda.

- **Items on the Agenda.**

- When multiple speakers appear to speak on one topic on the Agenda. When a group of people supporting or opposing the same position regarding an item on the agenda desires to be heard, in the interest of time and to avoid repetitious comments, a spokesperson may be designated by the group to express the group's concerns. However, a person in the group may make comments which were not included in the spokesperson's comments. Participation shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person, unless a majority of the Commission feels some other time limit is appropriate.

- **When there is a Public Hearing.**

  When a public hearing is required on an item, whether quasi-judicial or otherwise, the time established for presentation and debate is usually fluid and not restricted. However, by motion of the City Commission deadlines can be established to limit presentations or debate, or both presentation and debate.

- **Consent Calendar items.** The Agenda typically includes a Consent Calendar, during which the City Commission adopts by a single motion, one or more items listed on the Consent Calendar which are believed to be non-controversial, and which may be routine in nature. If one or more Commissioners request that an item(s) be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion during the regular agenda, the item(s) shall be removed and placed where appropriate on the agenda.

- Public comment is required for the motion to adopt the Consent Calendar, but the members of the public are not permitted to ask for

removal of an item from the Consent Calendar, except for any quasi-judicial matter that has been placed on the Consent Calendar.

- **Exceptions when public participation is not required.**

- The right of the public to a reasonable opportunity to be heard does not apply:

    - When an official act must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements for public participation would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Commission to act; or

    - When an official act involves a ministerial act, including but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations; or

    - When the Commission holds an attorney-client session pursuant to § 286.011, Florida Statutes or a collective bargaining executive session

6. HANDLING LITIGATION AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS.
All written materials and oral information provided to Commissioners on matters that are confidential under State law shall be kept in complete confidence to ensure that the City's position is not compromised. Any confidential material will only be provided to Commissioners when needed by the City Commission to make a formal decision that is to come before them. No disclosure, photo copies, or mention of any information in these materials may be made to anyone other than City Commissioners, the City Attorney, or the City Manager.

- Confidential materials provided in preparation for and during duly called attorney-client sessions must be returned to staff at the conclusion of the closed session.

- Confidential materials provided to Commission members outside of closed sessions must be returned to staff within ten (10) days of their receipt.

- Individual Commissioners may not request confidential written information from staff that has not been provided to all Commissioners.

7. TRAVEL EXPENSES.

- The policies and procedures related to the reimbursement of travel expenses for official City business by Commissioners are outlined in the City's Procurement Policies. All Commissioner travel for which the Commissioner will be officially representing the City will be reimbursed by the City, must be approved and included in the annual budget, or otherwise funded as recommended by the City Manager.

8. COMMISSIONER CONDUCT WITH ONE ANOTHER.

- City Commissions are composed of individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds, personalities, values, opinions, and goals. Despite this diversity, we all have chosen to serve in public elected office in order to preserve and protect the present and the future of the community.

- Difficult questions, tough challenges to a particular point of view, and criticism of ideas and information are legitimate elements of a free democracy in action, so long as the discussion remains civil.

9. SOCIAL ENCOUNTERS

- **The Florida Open Meetings Law prevails on any social gatherings involving Commissioners:** However, members of a public board or commission are not prohibited under the Sunshine Law from gathering socially, provided that matters which may come before the board or commission are not discussed at such gatherings.

- When two or more members of the City Commission are attending or participating in meetings or other functions unconnected with their board, they must refrain from discussing matters on which foreseeable action may be taken by the board, but are not otherwise restricted in their actions.

- For instance: a luncheon meeting held by a private organization in which members of the City Commission are invited, at which there is no discussion among such officials on matter relating to public business would not be subject to the Sunshine Law, merely because of the presence of two or more members of the commission.

- Commissioners should avoid situations in which they may be perceived by the general public as discussing matters which may come before the Commission. So, in this context, sitting together is never a good idea.

- As we all realize, elected officials are always on display – people around them that they may not know monitor their actions, manner, and language. Anticipate that lunch table conversations will be eavesdropped upon, parking lot debates will be watched, and casual comments between individuals before and after public meetings will be noted.

- The same level of respect and consideration of differing points of view that is deemed appropriate for public discussions should be maintained in social conversations, and the conversation should not be allowed to stray into matters that could foreseeably come before the City Commission.

- **Be aware of the insecurity of written notes, voicemail messages, and e-mail:** Technology allows words written or said without much forethought to be distributed wide and far. Questions you should always think about… Would you feel comfortable to have this note or email published by the media? Or, how would you feel if this voicemail message was played on a speakerphone in a full office?

- Written notes, and voicemail messages should be treated as potentially "public" communication.

- Any use of the City email system should be treated as if the message is public, can be requested by the media, and could "go viral." **Incidental non-public use of the City email system is permitted, but it is a better practice to keep non-public matters on a non-public (personal) email system, and public matters only on the City's email system.**

- The Sunshine Law applies to the deliberations and discussions between two or more members of the City Commission on some matter which foreseeably will come before the Commission for action. The use of a telephone to conduct such discussions does not remove the conversation from the requirements of s. 286.011, F.S.

IV. Commission Conduct with City Staff

Governance of a City relies on the cooperative efforts of elected officials, who set policy, and the City Manager who implements and administers the Commission's policies through the City staff. Therefore, every effort should be made to be cooperative and show mutual respect for the contributions made by each individual for the good of the community. Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations, city commissioners shall deal with city employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the city manager, solely through the city manager, and neither the city commission nor any of its members shall give orders to any such city employee, either publicly or privately, which depending on the individual circumstances could be deemed harassment.

As a result, the City Commission agrees to be bound by Section 44, Harassment and Professionalism in the Workplace.

44.1 Harassment

It is the policy of the City to promote a productive and satisfying work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment of any kind. Harassment undermines the integrity of employment relationships and the spirit of mutual trust and respect. The City does not and will not tolerate harassment in the workplace. Non-compliance with this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge from employment depending on severity.

Harassment may be verbal, written or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion towards an individual and has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating or hostile atmosphere, an offensive working environment, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with work performance, or otherwise affects employment opportunities.

The term "harassment" includes, but is not limited to, slurs, jokes, and other verbal, graphic, or physical conduct relating to an individual's race, color, sex, pregnancy, marital status, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, or disability, or other protected status. "Harassment" also includes sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, unwelcome or offensive touching, slander or spreading rumors as to another's sexual preferences or behavior, and other verbal, graphic, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual harassment is a form of unlawful sex discrimination defined as unwelcome, deliberate, or repeated sexually explicit verbal or physical conduct that embarrasses, humiliates or otherwise adversely affects the recipient or the recipient's co-workers. Protection of the law extends to both men and women and to harassment of someone of the same or opposite sex.

44.2 Employee Responsibility

Employees who feel that they have been harassed in any way by another employee or City Official or anyone the City does business with should immediately:

1. Notify and report the facts of the incident to the City Manager or the Human Resources Director.
2. The City Manager will coordinate a thorough investigation of the complaint and take, where necessary, any appropriate action.
3. A report documenting the case and subsequent findings will be forwarded to and maintained by the Human Resources Director in a separate file from the employee's regular personnel file, unless the outcome is actionable.

The City Manager, all Directors, and each supervisor have an affirmative responsibility to maintain the workplace free from harassment. This duty includes assuring that the policy is discussed with all employees, including emphasizing that an employee is not required to endure insulting, degrading or exploitative sexual harassment. Employees are asked not to assume that the City is aware of a harassment problem. Employees will not be penalized in any way for reporting possible harassment concerning themselves, another employee or superior. Employees are asked to be responsible and bring any complaints and concerns to the attention of the City immediately. All investigating procedures, file documentation, etc. will be conducted in as confidential a manner as possible.

44.3 Professionalism in the Workplace

A major objective of this Policy is to bring about a workplace environment which demonstrates the respect and dignity of all employees. As such, all employees shall maintain a high degree of professionalism and respect for all co-workers, direct reports, and leadership. Malicious, vulgar, obscene, threatening, or intimidating language or actions, physically abusive behavior, verbally abusive behavior, discriminatory actions or comments, or harassment of any type is both counter-productive, and actionable. This includes gossip

and the spreading of rumor. This type of behavior disrupts the expectation of cohesive teamwork among all employees, levels of management, and relationships with elected officials, and the public. Non-compliance with this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge from employment depending on severity.

Resolution 23-99
Added Section 44.3, 9/23/16, AR 16-01

- **TREAT ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AS PROFESSIONALS.** Clear and honest communication that respects the abilities, experience, and dignity of each individual is expected. Poor behavior toward staff by a city commissioner is not acceptable.

- **Limit contact to specific City staff.** Questions of City staff or requests for additional background information should be directed only to the City Manager, City Attorney, or Department Heads. The Office of the City Manager should be copied on any request outside of the City Manager's Office.

- **Requests for follow-up to staff** should be made only through the City Manager, or the City Attorney when appropriate. When in doubt about what staff contact is appropriate, Commissioners should ask the City Manager for direction.

- Unless purely personal, materials supplied to a Commissioner in response to an individual request will be made available to all members of the City Commission, so that all have equal access to information.

- **Do not disrupt City staff from their jobs.** Commissioners should not disrupt City staff while they are in meetings, on the phone, or engrossed in performing their job functions, in order to have their individual needs met.

- **Never publicly criticize an individual employee.** Commissioners are entitled to their individual opinions regarding the performance of individual employees. However, those opinions should never be expressed in public, to the employee directly, or to the employee's supervisor. Comments about staff performance should only be made to the City Manager through correspondence or conversation.

- **Do not get involved in administrative functions.** Commissioners must not attempt to influence City staff on items that are within the jurisdiction of the City Manager, such as making new employee

appointments, awarding contracts, selecting consultants, processing development applications, or granting City licenses and permits.

- **Check with City staff on correspondence.**
  Before sending correspondence, Commissioners should check with City staff to see if an official City response has already been sent or is in progress.

- **Do not attend meetings with City staff unless directed by the City Commission.** Even if the Commissioner does not say anything, the Commissioner's presence implies either support or non-support, or shows partiality, or potentially intimidates staff, and hampers staff's ability to do their jobs objectively.

- **Limit requests for staff support.** Routine administrative support will be provided to all Commissioners through the City Manager's Office. All mail for Commissioners is opened by the City Manager's designee, unless other arrangements are requested by a Commissioner. Mail addressed to the Mayor is reviewed first by the City Manager, who may note suggested action or follow-up items.

- **Requests for additional staff support** – even in high priority or emergency situations – requests should be made to the City Manager who is responsible for allocating City personnel resources in order to maintain a professional, well-run City government.

- **Do not solicit political support from staff.** Commissioners should never solicit any type of political support (financial contributions, display of posters or lawn signs, name on support list, etc.) from City staff. City staff members retain the same constitutional rights as private citizens, and may support political candidates, but all such activities must be done away from the workplace.

- **Commissioners should refer to the City Manager** any City staff member who does not follow proper conduct in their dealings with City Commissioners, other City staff, or the public. These employees may be disciplined in accordance with standard City procedures for such actions.

- **When preparing for Commission Meetings.** When preparing for Commission meetings, Commissioners should direct questions ahead of time to the City Manager so that staff can provide the desired

information at the Commission meeting. "Meeting by ambush" is never acceptable. There are an infinite number of questions an elected official can ask staff that can't be answered on the spot, and to do so may only serve to make the staff look ineffective.

V. Commission Conduct with and Relationship to the City Attorney

1. NO ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP.

City Commission members who consult the City Attorney, or City Attorney staff, or attorney(s) contracted to work on behalf of the City, DO NOT enjoy or establish an attorney-client relationship with the attorney(s) by consulting with or speaking to them.

- Any attorney-client relationship established belongs to the City, acting through the majority of the City Commission, and as may be allowed in The Florida Bar Rules of Professional Conduct, or State law for purposes of defending the City or the City Commission in the course of litigation and administrative proceedings.

- **Requests for Legal Assistance.** Legal assistance may be requested directly from the City Attorney by an individual City Commissioner, outside of a public meeting(s) to assist the City Commissioner in carrying out his or her official duties on a matter. The City Attorney will respond to the individual request as prescribed by law, or as set forth in a contract with the City.

- Likewise, the City Manager, or with the City Manager's permission, a Department Director or staff member may seek legal assistance with his or her official duties, and the City Attorney shall provide such assistance, whenever feasible.

VI. In Unofficial Settings

1. **MAKE NO PROMISE, YOU CAN'T KEEP.** Make no promises on behalf of the City Commission, without a Commission vote on the measure. Commissioners are frequently asked to explain a Commission action or to give their opinion about an issue as they meet and talk with constituents in the community. It is appropriate to give a brief overview of City policy or refer it to City staff for further information.

- **It is improper to overtly or implicitly promise Commission action**, or to promise City staff will do something specific (fix a pothole, plant new flowers in the median, or direct staff to "look into the matter," etc.).

- **Remember that Stuart is a "small town" at heart.** Commissioners are constantly being observed by the community every day that they serve in office. Their behaviors and comments serve as models for proper deportment in the City of Stuart. Honesty and respect for the dignity of each individual should be reflected in every word and action uttered by Commissioners, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is a serious and continuous responsibility.

VII. Commission Conduct with Other Public Agencies

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

-- Mark Twain

- **Be clear about representing the city or personal interests.** If a Commissioner appears before another governmental agency or organization to give a statement on an issue, the Commissioner must clearly state: 1) if his or her statement reflects personal opinion, or is the official position of the City; and 2) whether this is the majority or minority opinion of the Commission.

- **If the Commissioner is representing the City**, the Commissioner must support and advocate the official City position on an issue, not a personal viewpoint. If the City Commission's position has not been established, the Commission should not take a position, until the matter can be heard by the City Commission.

- **If the Commissioner is on a board, or is representing another organization, which holds a position different from the City**, the Commissioner should withdraw from voting on an issue if it significantly and detrimentally impacts the City's interest. Commissioners should be clear about which organizations they represent and inform the City Commission of their involvement, as the need arises.

VIII. Commission Conduct with Advisory Boards

The City has established several standing Boards as a means of gathering community input. Citizens who serve on these boards become more involved in government, and serve as advisors to the City Commission. They are a valuable resource to the City's leadership and should be treated with appreciation and respect.

- **If attending a Board meeting, be careful to only express personal opinions.** Commissioners may attend any Board meeting, which are always open to any member of the public. However, they should be sensitive to the way their participation – especially if it is on behalf of an individual, business or developer -- could be viewed as unfairly affecting the process. Any public comments by a Commissioner at a Board meeting should be clearly made as an individual opinion, and not a representation of the feelings of the entire City Commission.

- **Limit contact with Board members to questions of clarification.** It is inappropriate for a Commissioner to contact a Board member to lobby on behalf of an individual, business, or developer. It is acceptable for Commissioners to contact Board members in order to clarify a position taken by the Board.

- **Remember that Boards serve the community, not individual Commissioners.** The City Commission appoints individuals to serve on Boards, and it is the responsibility of each Board to follow policy and ordinances established by the Commission. But Board members do not report to individual Commissioners, nor should Commissioners feel they have the power or right to threaten Board members with removal if they disagree about an issue. Appointment and re-appointment to a Board should be based on such criteria as expertise, ability to work with staff and the public, and commitment to fulfilling official duties. A Board appointment should not be used as a political "reward."

- **Be respectful of diverse opinions.** A primary role of Boards is to represent many points of view in the community, and to provide the Commission with advice based on a full spectrum of concerns and perspectives. Commissioners may have a closer working relationship with some individuals serving on Boards, but must be fair and respectful of all citizens serving on Boards.

- **Inappropriate behavior can lead to removal.** Inappropriate behavior by a Board member should be referred to the City Manager, and the City Manager should counsel the offending member. If inappropriate behavior continues, the City Manager should bring the situation to the attention of the Commission, and the individual is subject to removal from the Board.

IX. Commission Conduct with the Media

Commissioners are frequently contacted by the media for background and quotes.

- **The best advice for dealing with the media is to never go "off the record."** Most members of the media represent the highest levels of journalistic integrity and ethics, and can be trusted to keep their word. But one bad experience can be catastrophic. Words that are not said cannot be quoted.

- **Follow the Communications Plan and in most cases, you won't be "wrong."** Depending on the issue, the Mayor will be the designated representative of the City Commission to present and speak on the official City position. If an individual Commissioner is contacted by the media, the Commissioner should be clear about whether their comments represent the official City position or a personal viewpoint.

- At the same time, other issues may require the City Manager, the Police or Fire-Rescue Chief, or other person to be the official spokesperson… follow the Communications Plan.

- **Choose words carefully and cautiously.** To avoid inadvertent errors by the media when quoting what a Commissioner says, it is advisable to give short answers. Comments taken out of context can cause problems. Be especially cautious about humor, sardonic asides, sarcasm, or word play. It is never appropriate to use personal slurs or swear words when talking with the media.

X. Public Decorum

- No person attending Commission meetings shall be allowed to make obscene, vulgar, or abusive remarks, nor shall any person be allowed to make repetitive remarks so as to become disruptive to the purpose of the meeting.

- No person shall be allowed to become violent, aggressive, belligerent, or boisterous. Any such person shall be instructed by the Chair to cease making such remarks or engaging in such improper conduct.

- If the person fails to comply with the Chair's instruction, (s)he may be removed from the Commission Chambers upon the Chair's directive, unless a majority of Commission grants such person permission to remain in Commission Chambers.

- It is the duty of the Chief of Police or a member of the Police Department acting as sergeant-at-arms to forcibly evict, if necessary, any person from the Commission Chambers upon the order of the Chair or Commission at any such meeting. The sergeant-at-arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the Chair for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Commission meeting.

- **It all comes down to respect.** Respect for one another as individuals and respect for the validity of different opinions, respect for the democratic process, and finally respect for the community we serve.

[3. COMMISSIONER CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW]

COMMISSION. ACTION. SEEING. NONE. WOW. THERE'S WELL, THERE'S A DISCUSSION. DELIBERATION.

YEAH. WE'RE WE'RE NOW AT A D AND D DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION ON THE COMMISSIONER. CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW. SO AT THE LAST MEETING THERE WAS SOME COMMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND ALSO

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COMMISSIONER READ HAD READ THE LETTER ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM. AND PRIOR TO THAT, MYSELF AND, AND SOME OF THE STAFF MEMBERS HAD BEEN ADDRESSING POTENTIALLY BRINGING FORWARD THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR UPDATING BECAUSE FIRST OF ALL, IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS OLD ALREAD, AND IT WAS ADOPTED IN 2017, WHICH MAKES IT SEVEN YEARS OLD WITHOUT MUCH UPDATING. AND IN IT, THERE'S SOME POLICIES THAT THE CITY POLICY ISN'T EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE POLICY THAT'S WRITTEN IN THE DOCUMENT, AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT LAST YEAR, A STATE LAW WAS ADOPTED AS IT RELATED TO ALL EMPLOYEES AND FIRST STATE LAW REQUIRES ALL BOARD MEMBERS, INCLUDING VOLUNTEER BOARDS, TO HAVE EMAILS. AND THEN THE STATE LAW REQUIRES ANYBODY WITH AN EMAIL MUST HAVE TRAINING. AS IT RELATES TO THE HACKING AND THE ACCESS TO THE COMPUTERS AND STUFF LIKE THAT. BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE TO THE STATE AND SO IN ORDER FOR US TO MAINTAIN OUR INSURANCE AND TO CONTINUE COMPLYING WITH STATE LAW, WE HAVE TO DO THESE. WE SELECT NO.

BECAUSE WHAT YOU GUYS ARE FAMILIAR WITH, I THINK, BUT WE NEEDED TO ADD SOME LANGUAGE TO THAT TO ADDRESS THE ALL OF THE PEOPLE WITH EMAILS AND THEN ALS, AS MR. REED POINTED OUT, WE HAVE SEEN IN A VERY SIGNIFICANT UPTICK IN PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS. AND IN FACT, I RECEIVED 27 TODAY, 27 SEPARATE. YEAH, BUT SO YOU'RE NOT ALONE. BUT FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, IN THE SPEAKING OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AS WELL AS THE CLERK, THE COUNTY HAD RECENTLY ADOPTED A PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AS WELL. AND SO WHAT I WAS, WHAT I FIGURED IS I PUT THE ACTUAL THE ACTUAL CODE OF CONDUCT THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPTED IN 2017 ON THE DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION AGENDA FOR TONIGHT TO KIND OF GET YOUR FEEDBACK, TO SEE IF, IN FACT, YOU WANT STAFF TO BRING IT BACK ON THE NOVEMBER 12TH MEETING WITH A RESOLUTION TO EITHER AMEND IT, ABOLISH IT, REMOVE IT, CHANGE IT, WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANT TO DO, I WILL SAY THAT THERE ARE OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE CODES OF CONDUCT, AND THERE ARE ALSO CITIES THAT HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. WHEN THIS ISSUE AROSE, IT WAS BECAUSE THE COMMISSION

WAS HAVING DISCUSSIONS AND TECHNICALLY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS DO NOT FALL UNDER THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICIES. SO THEY'RE INDEPENDENT. HOWEVER, THEY DO FALL UNDER THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AS WELL AS THE SUNSHINE LAWS AND THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS THAT ARE STATUTORY IN NATURE. AND THE STATE'S AUTHORITY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT WAS COMMENTING ON LAST WEEK WAS THE FACT THAT THE CODE OF CONDUCT DOESN'T HAVE ANY, QUOTE UNQUOTE, TEETH IN IT, BUT THAT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT. THIS WAS ACTUALLY DRAFTED BY MR. NICOLETTI. BUT THE TRUTH OF IT IS THE STATE SPECIFICALLY GRANTS THE AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNOR TO AND TO THE ELECTORATE, TO ADDRESS CITY COMMISSIONERS AND IT EVEN IF WE HAD POLICIES IN IT THAT SAID THE CITY COULD COMMISSION, COULD PUNISH EACH OTHER, I DON'T THINK THAT IT WOULD BE LEGAL BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THE STATE IT WOULD, IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO STATE STATUTE. I ALSO THINK IT'S A BIT RISKY TO GO DOWN THAT PATH FOR SEVERAL REASONS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS RECOMMENDED WAS THAT THE CITY CREATE A COMMITTEE, AND THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD HEAR THE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS, AND THEN WOULD RULE ON THOSE COMPLAINTS. I SAID TO THE FOLKS THAT MET WITH ME ABOUT THAT, THIS WAS MANY YEARS AGO. WELL, NUMBER ONE, WHO'S THE COMMITTEE AND HOW IS IT MADE UP? AND NUMBER TWO, THEY'RE NOT ELECTED. AND THEN NUMBER THREE, IF IN FACT, SOMEBODY MADE 52 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO CALL 52 MEETINGS FOR THAT COMMITTEE TO GET TOGETHER. AND IF THEY HAD THE 52 MEETINGS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO GET TOGETHER, AND IT WAS UNFOUNDED ALL 52 TIMES. BUT THE FOLLOWING SUMMER, WHEN THE ELECTION TIME CAME AND THE POSTCARDS CAME OUT, IT WOULD SAY, DON'T VOTE FOR COMMISSIONER X BECAUSE HE OR SHE WAS SUBJECT TO 52 ETHICS HEARINGS LAST YEAR, AND IT WOULD BE MISLEADING BECAUSE OF COURSE,

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THEY WOULD BE JUST PERSONAL ATTACKS TRYING TO GET EVEN. AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS WHAT AMOUNTS TO SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR A VIOLATION. WOULD IT BE IF SOMEBODY ACCIDENTALLY CUTS YOU OFF IN TRAFFIC? IS THAT ENOUGH? IS IT SOMEBODY IGNORED THE GROCERY STORE? I MEAN, YOU KNOW, AT WHAT LEVEL DOES IT AMOUNT TO SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE IT TO THE COMMITTEE? AND I KNOW FOR SURE THAT STAFF DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS NO MATTER WHAT. SO WHAT I THOUGHT I'D DO IS PUT IT ON THE D AND D FOR TONIGHT AND JUST PROVIDE YOU GUYS A COPY OF THE OF THE CURRENT EDITION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, WE CAN MAKE SOME DRAFT EDITS AND BRING IT BACK. IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED AND FEEL LIKE IT'S SERVED ITS PURPOSE

AND IT'S RUN ITS COURSE BECAUSE IT WAS ADOPTED SEVEN YEARS AGO, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S EVER BEEN A TIME THAT IT'S BEEN UTILIZED FOR ANY PURPOSE, THAT DURING THE MEETINGS, IT CAN ALSO EXPIRE. BUT IN THE EVENT THAT THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS GOING TO EXPIRE, WE STILL WANT TO COME FORWARD ON A PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY, NOT SO MUCH THAT IT WOULD BE THE IDENTIFIED SPECIFICALLY JUST TO THE CITY COMMISSION, AS MUCH AS IT'S GOING TO BE TO THE ENTIRE CITY AND STAFF. SO THAT WOULD BE COMING FORWARD ANYWAY, AS WOULD THE POLICY AS IT RELATES TO THE EMAILING OR THE SERVERS. COMMISSIONER COLLINS, SO I AGREE WITH YOU ENTIRELY ON WHAT YOU JUST PUT OUT THERE IN TERMS OF HAVING THIS EXPIRE YET HAVING A PUBLIC RECORDS. HOW DID YOU REFER TO IT? POLICY. POLICY? YEAH, I THINK THAT COVERS THIS BETTER. A CODE OF CONDUCT. I KNOW AT THE TIME WHEN THIS HAPPENED, I'LL SPEAK FREELY ABOUT HIM BECAUSE HE DOES ABOUT ME. MR. CAMPINI WAS BEHAVING QUITE POORLY, AND I KNOW THAT THIS WAS SORT OF THE PRODUCT OF THAT IN PART. BUT I THINK WE'RE PAST THAT NOW. I HOPE WE'RE PAST THAT NOW. AND I THINK WE COULD EASILY BE ABLE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR COMMISSIONERS, WITH STAFF. IF THERE'S AN ISSUE. I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET TO THAT POINT. IT SERVED ITS PURPOSE AT THE TIME, AND TRULY, THERE'S YOU KNOW, THERE'S ONLY A FEW MECHANISMS BY WHICH YOU REPRIMAND YOUR COMMISSION AS THEY'RE ELECTED. THE GOVERNOR REMOVES YOU, RIGHT. YOU CAN HAVE A RECALL OR PEOPLE GET TIRED OF YOU AND THEY VOTE YOU OUT, YOU KNOW. SO THIS SORT OF TOOTHLESS THING, I DON'T THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO TRY TO EXPAND THIS AND ADD MORE TO THIS CODE WHEN IT REALLY CODE OF CONDUCT, WHEN IT REALLY DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ANYWAY. IT'S JUST SOMETHING WE SIGNED WHEN WE COME IN AND WE REALLY DON'T EVEN HAVE TO. YOU COULD SAY NO. AND THERE'S, YOU KNOW, NOBODY CAN TELL YOU OTHERWISE. SO THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS. I'D LIKE TO SEE IT EXPIRE BECAUSE IT EXPIRED. YEAH. THERE'S THIS HAS NO PURPOSE. OTHER THAN. GENERALLY PUTTING OUT. MEAN, DO YOU DISAGREE? YOU FEEL LIKE THIS IS A WITH NO TEETH? I MEAN, THERE'S NO NOTHING THAT CAN HAPPEN IF WE DISREGARD ALL THESE RULES. YOU KNOW, WE SHOULDN'T. WE SHOULD RESPECT EACH OTHER. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THERE'S NO PENALTY FOR BREACHING THE CODE OF CONDUCT. ANYWAY, WE JUST SIGN IT WHEN WE COME IN, AND THEN IT JUST SORT OF SITS THERE.

COMMISSIONER REED, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THIS? THE ONLY THING I SEE IS IF ANYTHING NEEDS UPDATED IN THIS CODE OF CONDUCT, I JUST QUICKLY GLANCE THROUGH IT AND IT TALKS ABOUT FIVE MINUTES FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS. I THINK A LOT OF ISSUES AND THIS IS NOT OBVIOUSLY NOT A PERSONAL ATTACK. I THINK YOU DO A GREAT JOB, MAYOR RICH WITH HOLDING MEETINGS

PROFESSIONALLY, BUT I THINK A LOT OF IT COULD BE REITERATED FROM YOU TOWARDS FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS KEEPING THEM IN LINE WHEN YOU ARE THE CHAIR, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE MEETINGS. SO I THINK IF SOMEONE'S GETTING OUT OF LINE AND MAYBE BEING INAPPROPRIATE OR CROSSING THE LINE, I THINK THAT'S WHERE YOU CAN REITERATE THEM TO REMAIN PROFESSIONAL TOWARDS THEIR FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, POTENTIALLY JUST SOME ADVICE. LIKE I SAID, I THINK YOU DO A GREAT JOB WITH GETTING THROWN INTO THE MIX, BEING THE CHAIR, BY THE WAY. BUT IN MY OPINION, JUST BEING A LITTLE MORE FORTHCOMING TOWARDS THE FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS OR JUST REITERATING WHAT PUBLIC COMMENT IS EVEN ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK, I KNOW WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO ENGAGE THE PUBLIC, SO I WILL CALL SOME OF THEM IF I HAVE THEIR CELL NUMBERS. I DO HAVE YOURS, ALBERT. I WILL REACH OUT TO YOU ON THOSE AGENDA ITEMS. JUST LITTLE THINGS LIKE THAT. NOT ASKING FOR AN EXCEPTION, BUT

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YEAH, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. OH YEAH. THANKS. I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP FROM WHERE MR. COLLINS WAS TALKING ABOUT THIS. NOT HAVING ANY IMPACT, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN THE CHARTER AND THE CHARTER DOESN'T REQUIRE IT. BUT I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE SOME GUIDELINES AND THAT WE KNOW THAT THE GUIDELINES ARE THERE AND THAT WE SIGN THEM. SO I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, AND I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THIS PAGE 95 THAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, MR. READ. BUT MR. BAGGETT, DO OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE THE CODE OF CONDUCT OR ANY CODE OF CONDUCT IN THEIR CHARTER OR GUIDELINES OR EVEN OUR PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, MISS JOHNSON IS HERE. I KNOW THAT SHE DEALS WITH STAFF PERSONNEL, NOT WITH THE CITY COMMISSION. WE'RE ELECTED OFFICIALS, BUT YOU GUYS KNOW OTHER COMMUNITIES AND YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS. I'VE I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH ON IT. I KNOW THE CLERK FOUND A RESOLUTION IN 2020 ADOPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT IN KISSIMMEE. I KNOW THAT THE CITY OF PORT SAINT LUCIE DIDN'T HAVE A CODE OF CONDUCT, BUT IT WAS A IT WAS AN ANNUAL DOCUMENT THAT MICHEL BERGER REFERENCED WHEN SHE WAS HERE, THAT THEY ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION AS WELL. THAT WAS SUBJECT TO UPDATING ET CETERA. BUT THERE WAS NOT AN ORDINANCE OR A CHARTER DOCUMENT THAT WAS ADOPTED THAT I'M FAMILIAR WITH ANYWHERE. YEAH. SO I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH IT. BUT I THINK THAT WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE, WE CONTINUE WITH THIS. WE DO ASK THE CITIZENS TO LISTEN TO THE CIVILITY. WE PUT THE CIVILITY ON OUR THING. AND IT'S ONLY PROPER THAT WE HAVE CIVILITY TOWARDS EACH OTHER AMONG THE BOARD, AS WELL AS WHEN WE COMMUNICATE WITH OUR THOSE WHO COME IN FRONT OF US, WHETHER THEY'RE APPLICANTS OR WHETHER THEY'RE JUST CITIZENS HAVING SOME CONCERN, WE

ABSOLUTELY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PROFESSIONAL AND THAT WE'RE OBEYING THAT. SO I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT AND SOME OF THESE ARE VERY, VERY COMMON SENSE, BUT IT NEEDS TO WE NEED TO FOLLOW IT. SO FOLLOWING WHAT YOU WERE SAYING ON PAGE 95, AND I HEAR MISS HALL HAS MENTIONED THIS, I DON'T KNOW IF WHEN WE HAD CHANGED THE 5 MINUTE TO 3 MINUTE, BUT WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE NOTES IN HERE THAT SAYS FIVE MINUTES, AND MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT. OKAY. CLERK. YE, ACTUALLY THAT WAS VOTED ON AND CHANGED JUST REALIZED THAT IT'S STILL IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND IT'S STILL IN THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGED. IT'S THE THINGS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO UPDATE. YEAH. IT'S STILL IN THERE AT FIVE MINUTES. BUT JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE MAYOR CAN CHANGE IT. YEAH. RIGHT. AND THEN THAT BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER POINT THAT NOWHERE IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S IN RULES, ARE UNIVERSAL, WHERE WE ARE CONDUCTING A MEETING. AND THAT MEETING IS CONDUCTED UNDER ROBERT'S RULES. AND MAYBE WE DO HAVE IT IN THE CHARTER. MR. CITY MANAGER OR CITY ATTORNEY? I'M NOT SURE, BUT I KNOW THAT SINCE WE'VE HAD MAYOR RICH ACTING AS MAYOR, I THINK IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MEETING FLOWS, HE'S HAD TO IMPLEMENT AND REFERENCE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS AND SECTIONS OF THE ROBERT'S RULES. AND SO I THINK THAT WE PROBABLY NEED TO BE VERY CLEAR AS TO MEETINGS, HOW MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED. I THINK THAT THERE'S A VERY GENERAL STATEMENT IN THE CHARTER ABOUT CALLING A MEETING TO ORDER, HAVING A QUORUM AND ALL THIS STUFF. BUT AGAIN, YOU KNOW, MAYBE TRAINING MIGHT HELP. WE'VE HAD A MEETING, A MEETING OR TWO WHERE I'VE SEEN SOME VERY HORRID BEHAVIOR, AND I JUST THOUGHT THAT IT WAS REALLY STRANGE, ACTUALLY. AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE SPEAK, WE'RE SPEAKING HOPEFULLY TO COME TO A CONSENSUS. AND IF WE DON'T AGREE, THEN THERE'S GOING TO BE A VOTE, AND THE VOTE WILL TELL WHAT IT IS. BUT WE I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD, AS MEMBERS, TRY TO PUT OUR PERSONAL OPINION AND SAY THAT IT'S A CITY COMMISSION. THE CITY DOESN'T WANT MULTIFAMILY OR THE CITY DOESN'T WANT RAILROAD TRACKS OR WHATEVER IT IS. WE'RE IN DISCUSSION, BUT SAYING THAT THE CITY DOESN'T WANT SOMETHING WHEN WE HAVE NOT MADE A DECISION TOGETHER AS A BODY. TO ME, SOME OF THOSE THINGS ARE I DON'T I WOULDN'T SAY IT'S CROSSING THE LINE, BUT IT'S THAT TYPE OF EXPRESSION IS NOT POSITIVE FOR

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US. SO I THINK HAVING GUIDELINES ARE GOOD. I DON'T WANT THIS TO EXPIRE. I WANT US TO UPDATE IT AND KEEP IT AND USE IT AS A WAY TO GUIDE OURSELVES. AND THERE'S NEVER ANYTHING WRONG WITH HAVING GUIDANCE. IT HAS THINGS HERE ABOUT TRAVEL, THE PHONE, EMAIL, HOW TO DEAL WITH STAFF MEMBERS, HOW TO DEAL WITH

THE PUBLIC. I HAVE HEARD FROM FOLKS THAT THEY ARE VERY DEMORALIZED. WHETHER THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A BUSINESS HERE, WHETHER THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE CITY OF STUART, WHETHER THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO COME IN FRONT OF US AND THROWING AROUND. THE WORD TRANSPARENCY IS JUST NOT ENOUGH. PEOPLE REALLY WANT COMMUNICATION. AND I TELL PEOPLE MY DOOR IS OPEN, I'M AVAILABLE. CALL ME, COME SIT WITH ME. I'M THERE AND I'M SURE THAT ALL OF US ARE SAYING THAT AS COMMISSIONERS. BUT I THINK THAT WE REALLY, REALLY NEED TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT CONFIDENCE IN US. AND WHEN OUR STAFF AND WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND WHEN PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING TO LIVE IN STUART OR WORK IN STUART OR BUY PROPERTY IN STUART, AND THEY NOTICE ALL THESE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING, IT GIVES US A BAD NAME AND STARTS A BAD REPUTATION. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER OUR WAYS, GOVERN OURSELVES ACCORDINGLY, AND JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REALLY CIVIL TO EACH OTHER. WHAT WE EXPECT FROM SOMEBODY ELSE TOWARDS US. WE NEED TO GIVE IT TOWARDS THEM. ALSO. THAT'S IT.

SO I MIKE, WE DON'T HAVE TO VOTE ON THIS, RIGHT? IT'S UP FOR DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION. I WAS YEAH, I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR SOME COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF. I CAN FROM THE BOARD. I, I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS. MR. CITY MANAGER I WAS TRYING TO FOLLOW ALONG THERE WITH YOU. COMMISSIONER CLARK, I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT ARE ACTUALLY BENEFIT US AS COMMISSIONERS AND ALSO LOOKING OUT FOR THE STAFF. REMEMBER, AS COMMISSIONERS, WE ONLY HAVE TWO DIRECT EMPLOYEES, THAT IS THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY MANAGER. THINK OF YOUR STAFF, HOW HARD IT WOULD BE IF THEY FELT THEY HAD TO ANSWER TO SEVEN DIFFERENT, YOU KNOW, SIX DIFFERENT BOSSES IN A ROTATING CAST. AND IT'S ACTUALLY IN HERE AND UNDERLINED, YOU KNOW, WHERE IT IS. YES. TO SPEAK TO STAFF FIRST PAGE. THE VERY FIRST PAGE, I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS I BELIEVE THAT, NO. AND THERE'S ANOTHER SECTION TOO. YEAH. BUT CONDUCT WITH STAFF PAGE 100. PAGE 100.

OKAY. LET ME FIND ITEM FOUR. OKAY. ROMAN NUMERAL FOUR. SO THE FIRST PAGE SAYS PURSUANT TO THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS MANUAL, NO, THIS IS IT, COMMISSIONER CLARK. EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSES OF INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATION, CITY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DEAL WITH THE CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SUBJECT TO THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE CITY MANAGER SOLELY THROUGH THE CITY MANAGER AND NEITHER THE CITY COMMISSION OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS SHALL GIVE ORDERS TO ANY SUCH CITY EMPLOYEE, EITHER PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY, WHICH, DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, COULD BE DEEMED HARASSMENT. I ALWAYS, WHENEVER I WANT TO GO SPEAK TO STAFF OR HAVE

STAFF ASSIST ME AT LENGTH, I WILL ALWAYS ASK THE CITY MANAGER JUST TO MAKE SURE, AND I KNOW THE STAFF APPRECIATES THAT. SO I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT SPELLED OUT SPECIFICALLY AND IN DETAIL. WAS THAT AN ISSUE BEFORE OR AFTER TOM CAMPANY? OH, IT'S AN ISSUE. IT'S AN ISSUE. THE MAYOR IT IT WAS AN ISSUE. IS IT. OKAY. WELL, I MEAN, THE WHETHER IT'S IN THE WHETHER IT'S IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT OR NOT, THE CITY OF STUART HAS WHAT'S KNOWN AS A CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT. YES. AND THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS MANUAL, THE CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS MENTIONED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE DOCUMENT SAYS UNDER THE COUNCIL MANAGER FORM, THE CITY MANAGER IS THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE CITY MANAGER SUPERVISOR AND COORDINATES THE DEPARTMENTS, APPOINTS AND REMOVES THEIR DIRECTORS, PREPARES THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION, AND MAKES REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL. ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT TO THE MANAGER. MANAGER IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION. THE MANAGER IS EXPECTED TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY AND ALL POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT AT THE SAME TIME. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO REFRAIN FROM INTRUDING ON THE MANAGER'S ROLE AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE. COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ABSTAIN FROM SEEKING TO INDIVIDUALLY INTERFERE IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, INCLUDING ACTIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. SOME CITY CHARTERS PROVIDE THAT INTERFERENCE IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS BY AN ELECTED CITY

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OFFICIAL ARE GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL FROM OFFICE. NOW, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, THAT'S IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. FLORIDA MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS MANUAL. THE REALITY OF IT IS, IS THAT, YOU KNOW, WE OBVIOUSLY WE'VE NEVER HAD THAT PROBLEM TO THAT EXTENT THAT A CITY COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS TO THAT EXTENT. BUT THE CITY HAS ALSO BEEN A MUCH LESS FORMAL PLACE. AND, AND, AND I THINK WE TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT THE CITY COMMISSIONERS KNOW THE DIRECTORS AND SPEAK TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEET WITH THEM AND TALK TO THEM DIRECTLY ABOUT THINGS. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN INADVERTENT SITUATIONS WHERE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO MEET WITH OR OR PERFORM MATTERS FOR THAT I DON'T THINK IT WAS INTENDED TO CIRCUMVENT THE CITY MANAGER AT ALL, AS MUCH AS IT WAS JUST INTENDED TO EXPEDITE SOMETHING THAT THAT HAS COME UP, BUT I THINK IT PROTECTS THE EMPLOYEES IS THE MAIN THING. THE OTHER THING, THE BEST ADVICE I GOT AND I GUESS THIS IS TO YOU, COMMISSIONER REED, WHO'S.

REGARDING SUNSHINE IS FROM COMMISSIONER CAMPI AND HE GOES, YOU ARE THE PUBLIC RECORD. I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, SAYING WHAT DEVICE YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND. YOU ARE THE PUBLIC RECORD AND TO AS GREAT A DEGREE AS POSSIBLE. IF SOMEONE SENDS ME AN EMAIL ON MY PERSONAL I. I RE I RESPOND TO THEM. I SAY I AM SENDING THIS TO MY CITY EMAIL PLEASE AND I WILL DEAL WITH YOU THROUGH MY CITY EMAIL. SO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE I DEAL WITH THE CITY EMAIL. ALL MY APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH THE CITY OF STUART, THROUGH NINA NOW, AND THAT JUST MAKES SURE. SO I GET A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST. I'M JUST LIKE, HEY, YOU KNOW, GO AHEAD AND GIVE THEM EVERYTHING YOU GOT THERE. BUT THAT REALLY, YOU KNOW, IF YOU CAN DO THAT TO A GREATER DEGREE AS POSSIBLE, DON'T SEND TELL PEOPLE, DON'T SEND ME A PERSON TO MY PERSONAL EMAIL, ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CITY. AND THEN FINALLY, I GUESS WE BETRAY OUR AGE, COMMISSIONER CLARK, TO SEE THE VALUE OF THIS AND. IT. YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NO OVERT ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM, COMMISSIONER COLLINS. YOU KNOW WHAT THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM IS? IS YOUR SIGNATURE, YOUR ATTESTATION. YOU'RE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT WHEN YOU TAKE OFFICE AND SAY, I WILL ADHERE TO THAT AND TO ME, THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. AND I HOPE YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY. I WOULD I VERY MUCH WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THIS EXPIRE. COMMISSIONER CLARK MAKES A VERY GOOD POINT. WE EXPECT A CERTAIN LEVEL OF DECORUM AND BEHAVIOR FROM THE PUBLIC, AND WE CERTAINLY SHOULD HOLD OURSELVES TO THAT AS WELL. IT'S COMMON SENSE, BUT IT NEVER HURTS TO BE ABLE TO REFER TO IT. AND THAT'S MY FEELING. MAYOR. YES, COMMISSIONER CLARK, I, I, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST IF POSSIBLE, AND I DID ASK MR. MARTELL TO LOOK INTO THIS, TO SEE WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THIS OCCURRED, WAS THAT IF WE EVER NEEDED TO TAKE A COUPLE HOURS AND TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF RETREAT WHERE WE HAVE SOMEBODY TALK TO US, MAYBE PERSONNEL CAN SUGGEST AN EXPERT AND JUST HAVE US PUT OUR DIFFERENCES OUT. SO THAT WE CAN BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE BETTER WITH EACH OTHER. WHEN WE'RE UP HERE AS A BOARD, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO ALWAYS BE ON THE SAME PLANE ON EVERYTHING. BUT AT LEAST WE CAN KNOW THAT THE BODY OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND OUR HISTORY IS BEING TRANSFERRED. AND IT'S BEEN SOME THINGS ARE BEING UNDERSTOOD AS TO SOME OF THE, I DON'T KNOW, THE CULTURE OF THE CITY OR WHATEVER YOU PEOPLE MAY CALL IT, BUT IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE SOME THINGS ARE COMING FROM, LIKE THIS WAS BROUGHT UP TODAY ABOUT THE COMMUNITY. PEOPLE JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THEM AND INTERESTED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOO. AND I THINK HAVING US MEET TOGETHER AS A COMMISSION IN A WORKSHOP TYPE SITUATION MIGHT BE VERY HELPFUL IN THE CLIMATE THAT WE ARE AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT STAFF'S MORALE IS NOT WHERE IT SHOULD BE BECAUSE THEY

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SEE US NOT BEHAVING UP HERE AND THEY THEY DON'T LIKE IT. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE SO WHAT IS THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A SHORT WORKSHOP OR SOMETHING? MR. MARTEL, WHAT TOPIC WOULD IT BE? COMMISSIONER CLARK, WE'VE DONE THE RETREAT BEFORE ON ANALYSIS. THE SWATH, THE THREATS TO THE CITY IS SETTING UP. WE HAVE A THE CITY, THE CITY'S PLAN, WHICH IS OUR AND WE HAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE PLAN? AGAIN, I DID IT THE LONG TERM STRATEGIC PLAN.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN. AND SO, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE A LOT GOING ON RIGHT NOW AS IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE ZONING IN PROGRESS. SO I'M NOT SURE THAT I WANT TO HAVE MORE THINGS WITH THAT. BUT JUST FROM A SCHEDULING PERSPECTIVE. BUT IF THE COMMISSION EVER WANTS TO HAVE A WORKSHOP ON ANY MATTER, I'M HAPPY TO COORDINATE IT AND GET A MODERATOR OR GET SOMEBODY TOGETHER FOR IT. I THINK THAT THE ZONING IN PROGRESS IS PROBABLY GOING TO RESULT IN SOME MORE WORKSHOPS THAT ARE ALSO GOING TO RESULT IN US HAVING THE POTENTIAL FOR NEEDING OUTSIDE CONSULTING ADVICE, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE. SO WE MIGHT FIND OURSELVES IN THOSE SITUATIONS ALREADY. AND I DON'T WANT TO CREATE SOME BURNOUT WHERE WE'RE OVERSCHEDULING THE BOARD RIGHT OVER HERE IN THE PUBLIC. I HEAR YOU THE PURPOSE FOR TONIGHT WASN'T TO ACCUSE ANYBODY OR TO INFER THAT THERE'S SOME MISBEHAVIOR OR MISDEED GOING ON. IT WAS REALLY TO BRING UP THE CODE OF CONDUCT BASED UPON THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING RECENTLY. AND SEE IF YOU WANT ME TO BRING BACK AN AGENDA ITEM ADDRESSING THE CODE OF CONDUCT. IN WHAT WAY? AND, WELL, I MEAN, I CAN BRING IT BACK AMENDED. I CAN ADD TO IT THOSE THINGS I MENTIONED TO IT. AND LIKE I SAID, IF YOU HAD THE YOU HAD THE PLEASURE OF VOTING IT DOWN OR UP OR OTHER OR OTHERWISE, YOU KNOW, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I'LL BE HAPPY TO.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN AMENDING IT OR TRYING TO FURTHER IT OR EXPAND IT. IT'S YOU WANT IT TO.

WE ALL KNOW HOW IT IF THIS DOCUMENT THAT YOU SIGN ON DAY ONE ISN'T WHAT GOVERNS YOU DAY TO DAY, IT'S WHO YOU ARE. IT'S HOW YOU INTERACT WITH PEOPLE TRYING TO EXPAND THIS INTO SOMETHING THAT'S THAT'S MORE THREATENING OR CONTROLLING OF PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR, I THINK IS MORE TOTALITARIAN. WE'RE ALL ADULTS UP HERE. SOME OF US ARE YOUNGER THAN OTHERS. I DON'T THINK THERE'S A

NEED TO WORKSHOP ABOUT HOW TO COMMUNICATE. YOU KNOW, I OWN MY OWN BUSINESS.

I'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 12 YEARS. SEAN DOES TOO. LAURA, LIKE THERE'S NONE OF US NEED TO BE TELLING ANY OF THE OTHER OF US HOW TO BEHAVE OR COMMUNICATE DIFFERENTLY. WE ALL REPRESENT DIFFERENT ASPECTS AND GROUPS WITHIN THE CITY. COLLECTIVELY, WE REPRESENT THE CITY. NONE OF US NEEDS TO TELL THE OTHER ONE HOW TO BEHAVE OR ACT OR THINK. SO TO ME, THIS IS OBNOXIOUS.

THIS IS UNNECESSARY. MOST LIKE YOU SIGN THIS ON DAY ONE BEFORE YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE. BEFORE YOU KNOW THAT YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO. YOU JUST SIGN IT AS PART OF ALL OF YOUR OTHER PAPERWORK AND IT GOES AWAY. THIS IS, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW, I THINK THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME AND ENERGY EVEN TALKING ABOUT IT WHEN THERE'S A MILLION OTHER THINGS THAT WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW. THIS AT YOUR EMAIL WORKSHOP, DID THEY TALK ABOUT DOCUMENTS LIKE THIS AND THEIR VALUE OR LACK OF VALUE? THEY DID MENTION ONCE IT'S IN THE CHARTER, IT'S MUCH HARDER.

OBVIOUSLY WE KNOW TO GET RID OF IT. I WILL SAY THAT I'M PROBABLY MORE CONCERNED WITH CODE OF ETHICS AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND SUNSHINE LAW VIOLATIONS, BECAUSE WHEN YOU START READING THROUGH THE PUNISHMENTS ON THAT, IT'S MUCH HARSHER THAN THIS. THERE'S TIMES WHERE I'VE CAUGHT MYSELF, OBVIOUSLY, IF I WAS INAPPROPRIATE TOWARDS A FELLOW BOARD MEMBER, THAT'S NOT MY GOA.

OBVIOUSLY, TO DO THAT SAME THING WITH STAFF AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY LIKE TO CARRY ON TO WHAT COMMISSIONER CLARK SAID. I ACTUALLY HAD SOME PEOPLE FROM DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT MY ENTIRE CAMPAIGN AND EVEN AFTER I WON, THEY WANTED TO SIGN WAVE FOR ME. THEY WANTED TO DONATE TO MY CAMPAIGN. OBVIOUSLY, I ADVISED THEM NOT TO SIGN WAVE FOR ME OR DONATE TO MY CAMPAIGN PUBLICLY BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THEM AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED TO SUPPORT MY CAMPAIGN. AND I'M TALKING FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILITY WORKERS, IT WAS ASTONISHING. I WAS STOPPED CONSTANTLY WHEN I WAS DOOR KNOCKING OR EVEN WHEN I WAS DOWN HERE AT CITY HALL. SO I

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TRY TO GET ALONG WITH STAFF VERY WELL, AND I THINK I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EVERY TIME I DO SIT DOWN AND SPEAK WITH THEM, EVEN WHEN I DISAGREE WITH STAFF, I'D LIKE TO THINK I'M VERY POLITE ABOUT IT.

AND PERSONABLE AND APPROACHABLE. AT LEAST I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT. OBVIOUSLY IF SOMEONE THOUGHT OTHERWISE, I WOULD IMAGINE THEY WOULD BRING IT TO THE CITY MANAGER'S ATTENTION. AND I PERSONALLY HAVEN'T HAD ANY DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY MANAGER ABOUT MYSELF BEING INAPPROPRIATE TOWARDS ANY STAFF MEMBERS OR ANY FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS. I'D LIKE TO THINK MIKE WOULD REITERATE THOSE CONCERNS. NO, I UNDERSTAND, AND I KNOW THIS WASN'T TARGETED. I ACTUALLY BELIEVE IT'S BEEN A HEALTHY DISCUSSION. AND, YOU KNOW, MAYBE SOME THINGS SHOULD BE UPDATED IN HERE. I'M NOT SAYING GET RID OF IT, BUT FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, IT DOESN'T ARTICULATE A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHICH, LIKE I STATED IN THE BEGINNING OF MY STATEMENT, FLORIDA ETHICS AND SUNSHINE LAWS IS MUCH MORE OF A HARSH PUNISHMENT TOWARDS ME AS A BOARD MEMBER, AND I DO TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY. OBVIOUSLY SHOWN THROUGHOUT MY SPEECHES. AND I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR A SHORT, BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME, BUT I'D LIKE TO THINK I DO CONDUCT MYSELF IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER FOR THE PUBLIC. AND IF ANYONE DISAGREES, I'M ALWAYS OPEN EARS FOR DISCUSSION. AND LIKE I SAID, I TRY TO BE POLITE ABOUT IT. SO THAT'S PROBABLY ALL I HAVE TO ADD TO THAT. THANKS. SO, MR. MARTELL, THIS IS SUNSETTING. WELL, IT IT IT IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING. THERE'S NO EXPIRATION DATE ON IT. OH OKAY. HE WAS ASKED I, I ASSUME THAT COMMISSIONER COLLINS WAS ASKING TO EXPIRE IT, BUT THERE IS NO ACTIVE EXPIRATION DATE. THAT WAS PART OF THE CONVERSATION. DO WE WANT TO AMEND IT. DO WE WANT IT TO EXPIRE? DO WE WANT TO EXPAND IT BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO NO ACTUAL DATE ON IT? DIRECTING STAFF TO CONTINUE IT OR BRING IT BACK? EITHER. SO IT'S KIND OF BEEN KIND OF A LIMBO THING THAT I WANTED TO GET THE DIRECTION AND IDENTIFY IT AND ADDRESS IT BASED UPON WHAT YOU'VE SAID. I WILL PUT IN A AGENDA ITEM TOGETHER. WE'LL PUT IT BACK ON THE 12TH, AND THEN WE'LL LET THE COMMISSION VOTE ON IT UP OR DOWN, THEN SORT OF AROUND AMENDING IT. IS THAT I MEAN, I'LL BRING IN THE DRAFT LANGUAGE AS IT RELATES TO THE EMAIL OR THE SERVER AND THE YOU KNOW, THE STUDIES AND THE ALSO THE PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND AMEND STUFF LIKE THE FIVE MINUTE THING. AND I THINK THAT LIKE IF YOU READ THIS DOCUMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, TONIGHT, EVEN I REFERENCED PAGE ONE, COMMISSIONER CLARK REFERENCED PAGE 101 ON THE AGENDA ITEM, BUT IT WAS LIKE PAGE 4 OR 5 IN THE AGENDA OR OF THE DOCUMENT, BECAUSE IT'S REDUNDANT AND THERE'S ISSUES THAT ARE BROUGHT UP MULTIPLE TIMES THAT NEED TO BE CLEANED OUT. AND I DON'T, YOU KNOW, IT'S HARD TO READ AND IT'S HARD TO FOLLOW. SO AT MINIMUM, IT NEEDS CLEANED UP AND REORGANIZED. MAYOR, I THINK IT'S PRETTY CONCISE. SORRY IF DISCUSSION IS OVER. I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WE DO HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT IF YOU WANTED TO. OKAY, OKAY, I WOULD APPRECIATE. AND WHO WOULD THAT BE? MR. MR. NOBLE OKAY. SO I HAVE TWO

MINUTES. I'LL BE VERY BRIEF. I AM NOT TECHNICALLY YOU HAVE FIVE. OH, GOOD. BUT I'M NOT EVEN BETTER. I GOT PLENTY TO FILL. I'M SUBTRACTING TWO. SO JUST TO BE CLEAR, I AM NOT A PUBLICLY ELECTED OFFICIAL. I'M AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE CRA BOARD BY A MEMBER OF THE PAST MEMBER OF THE BOARD. I'M LISTENING TO THIS WHOLE THING TONIGHT. AND BY THE WAY, THANK YOU ALL BECAUSE YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN OUR DEMOCRACY, SYNCHRONIZING AS THAT SOUNDS, YOU'RE REPRESENTING A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL. I'M DISTURBED AT THE CRISIS THAT I SEE HAPPENING ON THIS COMMISSION, AND I'VE BEEN IN THREE DIFFERENT STATES. I'VE LIVED AND I'VE BEEN VERY INVOLVED WITH GOVERNMENT. AND THIS IS REALLY, REALLY IN TROUBLE AS I SEE IT. I'VE BEEN INTIMIDATED TONIGHT BY A BOARD MEMBER, AND SINCE I CAN'T NAME THAT BOARD MEMBER, I'M LETTING YOU KNOW THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE.

AND FOR A BOARD MEMBER TO ABDICATE THAT THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR, THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR THE CITY OF STUART. CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. OKAY. BUT THE AGENDA OF THIS BOARD I WAS AT THE BRIGHT LINE MEETING. PUBLIC MEETING THAT WAS OUT OF CONTROL.

AND SIR, YOU'RE YOU RUNNING THE AS THE MAYOR OF THE BOARD, I THOUGHT YOU DID A FANTASTIC JOB, BUT IT WAS OUT OF CONTROL. IT WAS NOT HANDLED PROPERLY. THERE NEEDS TO BE A CERTAIN DECORUM. I THINK WE WERE ALL TALKING ABOUT THAT. I AM I'M THREE PEOPLE. I'M A STUART RESIDENT THAT HAS SERVED AND REPRESENTED BY THE ELECTED CITY COMMISSIONERS. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT TAXPAYER AND I'M A CRA BOARD MEMBER. SO THAT'S MY VIEW. AS I SEE IT. I, I AM I, I'M TAKING SOME QUOTES DOWN, BUT

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BUT I THINK BEFORE I EVEN GIVE YOU SOME OF THESE QUOTES, WHAT IS CIVILITY? THIS IS IN OUR VERY DOCUMENT THAT WE PUT OUT. LET ME READ IT TO EVERYBODY. CIVILITY IS CARING ABOUT ONE'S IDENTITY, NEEDS AND BELIEFS WITHOUT DEGRADING SOMEONE ELSE'S. IN THE PROCESS. THAT STANDARD DEFINITELY WAS NOT MET THE NIGHT OF THE BRIGHT LINE, HEARING CIVILITY IS MORE THAN MERELY BEING POLITE. OKAY, THAT DEFINITELY WAS NOT MET. THE NIGHT OF THE BRIGHT LINE, CIVILITY REQUIRES STAYING PRESENT, EVEN WHEN EVEN WHEN 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 DIALOG. IT IS PATIENCE, GRACE AND STRENGTH OF CHARACTER. CIVILITY IS PRACTICED IN OUR CITY HALL.

CIVILITY HAS NOT BEEN PRACTICED IN THIS CITY HALL. I EVIDENCED IT FIRSTHAND. I SAW IT, IT WAS DISRESPECTFUL TO THE CHAIR, WHICH IS THE MAYOR TONIGHT, THAT BE BY ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND I. I'M SORRY, BUT I SHOULDN'T COME HERE AS A AS A NOMINATED CRA MEMBER AND BE CONFRONTED BY A BOARD MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE IN AN INTIMIDATING FASHION, IN A THREATENING FASHION, WHICH DID HAPPEN. AND I'M MAKING YOU ALL AWARE OF IT. THAT TELLS ME THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF RULES ABOUT THIS. I REALLY THINK THAT WE ELECT THE GOVERNMENT, THAT WE DESERVE, AND MAYBE THAT'S THE PROBLEM. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE RIGHT NOW IS I THINK THIS BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE A REALLY HARD INTERNAL LOOK AT ITSELF, AND THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST, WHICH THIS IS NOT AN ELECTED, REPRESENTED GOVERNMENT BOARD. IN MY OPINION, THIS THIS IS A THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST AND WE EVEN HAVE A BOARD MEMBER NOW THAT'S NOT EVEN COMING TO THE BOARD MEETINGS. THAT'S A PROBLEM.

THAT'S A CRISIS TOO, BECAUSE WE CAN'T EVEN VOTE AND GET BEYOND A22 TIE. SO ANYWAY, WITH THAT SAID, I'LL, I'LL, I'LL END. BUT I HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH BEING INTIMIDATED PERSONALLY BY A BOARD MEMBER, AND THAT'S ALL. SO THANK YOU, MR. NOBLE. IS THAT IT? SUSAN? THAT IS ALL MAYOR. WE LOST MR. REED, COMMISSIONER REED, MR. BRINKLEY, PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS. AS LONG AS THE DOOR IS OPEN, YOU MAY WALK THROUGH IT AGAIN. MR. BRINKLEY, LISTEN. I'M A MINISTER. I HAVE TO ANSWER TO GOD. I'M A SERVANT OF HIS. I WANT TO SAY THIS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FROM GOD. AND THAT THAT THAT COMMENT ABOUT. DON'T MISS CHURCH AND STATE. THEN YOU NEED TO READ ROMANS CHAPTER 14, VERSES ONE THROUGH SEVEN. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FROM GOD. THEY MAY HAVE VOTED FOR YOU ALL, BUT GOD PUT YOU THERE. HE PUT YOU THERE TO CARRY OUT THE LAW OF THE LAND. YOU GO BACK TO BIBLICAL TIMES WHEN KINGS DIDN'T DO THEIR JOB. GOD REMOVED THEM. GOD PUT THE LAW IN LAND FOR YOU ALL TO CARRY OUT THE LAW OF THE LAND. READ ROMANS NINE, CHAPTER 14, VERSES ONE THROUGH SEVEN. YOU ALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY OUT THE LAW OF THE LAND. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OBEY THE LAW OF THE LAND. SO IT STARTS WITH GOD. IT DON'T START WITH NO WRITTEN MAN RULE. IT STARTS WITH GOD. THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO WHAT DOES, SAYS THE LORD, NOT WHAT MAN SAY WE ALL HAVE TO ANSWER, AND WE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE ACCOUNT ON JUDGMENT DAY. THAT'S WHERE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY COMES FROM. IS GOD YOUR SERVANT OF GOD? GOD PUT YOU THERE TO CARRY OUT THE LAW OF THE LAND. AND I TELL YOU AGAIN, READ ROMANS CHAPTER 14, VERSES ONE THROUGH SEVEN. I'M A MINISTER. I'M A SERVANT OF GOD. I HAVE TO ANSWER TO HIM, NOT NO MAN. YOU ALL HAVE TO ANSWER

TO HIM. JUST LIKE THE GENTLEMAN WANTED TO ADDRESS. IF WE COME UP HERE AND MAKE A COMMENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A RESPONSE TO WHAT WE COME UP HERE FOR. DON'T SIT UP HERE LIKE A DEADBEAT ANIMAL. DON'T DON'T HAVE NOTHING TO SAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A RESPONSE FOR OUR COMMENT. LIKE HE WANTED TO ADDRESS. AND IT'S JUST LIKE, NO, YOU CAN'T SAY THAT. THAT'S NOT THE WAY GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE RUN. WE GOT TOO MUCH DICTATORSHIP AND GOVERNMENT TODAY ON ALL BRANCHES FROM WASHINGTON ON DOWN TO THE STATE ON DOWN TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IT SHOULDN'T BE NO DICTATORSHIP BECAUSE WE I'M GOING TO REMIND YOU ONE THING. GOD PUT YOU ALL THERE AND YOU GOT TO CARRY OUT THE LAW OF THE LAND. THE GENTLEMAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESPOND. THAT'S NOT THE WAY

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GOVERNMENT SUPPOSED TO BE RUN. I GET SO EMBARRASSED WHEN I COME INTO THIS DOOR TO SEE WHERE THIS GOVERNMENT IS RUNNING HERE, AND IT'S ON ALL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS NO DICTATOR COUNTRY, BUT IT'S BEGINNING TO BE RUN LIKE DICTATOR. THIS IS A SHOW SUPPOSED TO BE A FREE COUNTRY. BUT IF GOVERNMENT IS RUN LIKE A DICTATOR, YOU ALL NEED TO TAKE A BITE, TAKE A STEP BACK AND TAKE A LOOK. BECAUSE THIS IS NOT PLEASING. AND AGAIN, AS THE GENTLEMAN SPOKE ABOUT THE BRIGHT LINE THAT WAS REALLY EMBARRASSING. THANK YOU MISTER. Y'ALL WAS EMBARRASSING TO THE CITY OF STUART AND TO THE RESIDENTS. THAT IS ALL. MAYOR. I THINK I HAVE SUFFICIENT DIRECTION. OKAY. THANK YOU

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