MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 24, 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

Interim City Manager, Louis J. Boglioli III
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

ROLL CALL

5:30 PM

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

INVOCATION

Pastor James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Giobbi

- Congratulated Susej Meleqi, Deputy Clerk, on her achievement of receiving the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) certification.
- Commented on four proposed bills pertaining to the Live Local Act, encouraged people to write to their representatives.
- Requested to add a D&D to the next meeting to discuss the East Stuart Historical Advisory Committee (ESHAC).
- Addressed comments made about Commissioners not paying attention to the audience while having computers on the Dais, explained that they are looking at the agenda.
- Recommended property owners of downtown to dress up their windows for the holidays.
- Wished all a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Clarke

- Announced Sheriff Crowder's passing and service in Martin County.
- Commented that the NAACP is sponsoring the Miracle on 10th Street event on December 13 and inquired about a toy drive collection box at City Hall.
- Commented on the ESHAC, a sunset date, and the website for the East Stuart history and requested a follow-up.
- Reported communication with Interim City Manager about the timeline for discussions on hiring a new City Manager.

Vice Mayor Collins

- Commented on the ESHAC's purpose, felt there is a liability in it turning into more and that they have completed their purpose.
- Stated he is interested in moving forward with hiring a City Manager just after the new year, and getting started in December.

Commissioner Giobbi commented that she spoke with ESHAC member, Betty Brinkley, and felt there is more that they can do as a stand-alone committee and would like to move forward to sunset the ESHAC.

In reference to the City Manager position, Roz Strong, Human Resource Director, commented that she would not be in town on December 8th, however, her Assistant Director would attend for the discussion in her place.

Discussion continued among Commissioners on the hiring and responsibilities of the City Manager.

Consensus is to have staff prepare an agenda item for the December 8th City Commissioner Meeting, and wait to advertise after the new year.

Mayor Rich

- Commented on Thanksgiving, and a recent experience of seeing people feed the unhoused in Memorial Park. Thanked the staff who do so much for them and the City.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

- Commented on Susej Meleqi's achievement in receiving the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation and thanked the City Clerk's office for continuing a tradition of professionalism.
- Thanked staff for decorating for the holidays.
- Confirmed he will put together the agenda item of the City Manager proposal.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:56 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. David Kehlmann - Stuart; Followed up on Poppleton Creek and his past request for inspection and cleanup.
2. William Rudge - Stuart; Commented on allegations not being looked into, concerned there may be something to hide.
3. Caryn Yost-Rudge - Stuart; Provided a handout and commented on document provided to the Commission in 2020, the City Manager needs to respond to the different case numbers.
4. Candace Callahan - Stuart; thanked Public Works, Community Services, Police and Fire, and CRA Departments. Also thanked Buckhardt Construction for the downtown underground project and all to join them for the downtown Tree Lighting event on November 28th, from 4-7 p.m.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas came forward and announced the majority of the work is completed on Seminole Street. The roads will be closed during the tree lighting but will be open on Saturday, November 29th.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF 11/10/2025 CCM MINUTES (RC)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6:07 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

2. RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT TO THE "FLAGLER CENTER" LEASE WITH STUART MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, INC. (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 101-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL AND EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND STUART MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE “FLAGLER CENTER” LOCATED AT 201 SW FLAGLER AVENUE, STUART; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. .

Lee Baggett, City Attorney, provided information on the amendment, giving additional information on the lease agreements and their renewal terms. Noted that there is one change to lease in order for all leases to renew at the same time.

6:14 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

3. F.I.N.D. WATERWAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR COURTESY DOCK (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 105-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STUART TO ACCEPT A FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR A COURTESY DOCK AND WAVE ATTENUATOR; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF ANY GRANT APPLICATION, IF NECESSARY, AND THE EXECUTION OF ANY GRANT AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ANY MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAM AS APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Joly Boglioli, Interim City Manager, updated the board on the wave attenuator future grant plan. If approved, it would eliminate the floating dock portion with a fixed pier; a Budget Amendment would follow.

A brief discussion included dock space and a stationary ladder.

6:22 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

6:22 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk	**Christopher Collins, Mayor**

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