MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
JANUARY 12, 2026
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Christopher Collins
Vice Mayor Sean Reed
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Laura Giobbi
Commissioner Campbell Rich

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

ROLL CALL

4:00 PM

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

INVOCATION

Chaplain Edward Skiba, Stuart Police Department, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ARTS MOMENT - TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY SINGERS ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

Treasure Coast Community Singers Ensemble performed, "*We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace."*

PROCLAMATIONS

2. REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - JANUARY 19, 2026

4:57 PM Proclamation heard after the Commissioner's comments.

Nina Dooley, President of Afro-American Citizens of East Stuart, received Proclamation, thanked the City for their partnership and announced the events of the 18th annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

PRESENTATIONS

3. SERVICE AWARDS - JANUARY 2026

Louis Hatten	Development	5 Years
Matthew Hunt	Public Works	5 years (Absent)
David Van Brussel	Utilities & Engineering	10 years (Absent)
Alex Ginossi	Fire Rescue	25 years
George Sumner	Fire Rescue	30 years
David Lawson	Fire Rescue	30 years

4. CLEVELAND CLINIC STROKE CHAMPION AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF CITY OF STUART FIRE MEDICS

Whitney Mayberry, Stroke Neurologist, Cleveland Clinic Martin Health, presented on the hospital's program, doctors, and their community outreach. Deborah Bryer, Stroke Program Manager, presented Stuart Fire Rescue employees, Barbaro Montes de Oca, Joseph Murphy, George Sumner, and Dave Lawson, with a Stroke Brain Pin Award for their help with a stroke patient and honored them with a Stroke Champion Award for their life-saving efforts. Lucey Guevara, BSN, RN North Emergency Department Manager at Cleveland Clinic North, Stuart, Florida, nominated the Stuart Fire Rescue for the Stroke Champion Award for their outstanding collaboration and rapid response.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Collins

- Thanked the current Interim City Manager, Louis Boglioli, and commented that he wanted the Roz Johnson Strong, Human Resource Director, to fulfill the role until a permanent city manager is hired.

Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Interim City Manager, supported the decision and will assist in the transition, effective, Monday, Jan 26th, 2026. Commissioners were not opposed to the change in Interim City Manager, and complimented Mr. Boglioli's professionalism. A resolution appointing the new Interim City Manager will be on the January 26th, 2026 agenda.

Commissioner Giobbi

- Announced that the Martin Arts is having their Annual Arts Festival on February 26th, 27th, and 28th; encouraged volunteering and participation.
- Requested the City have vignettes and personal interviews for public outreach. She would like the Commissioners to have a discussion on this topic. [Interim City Manager stated that he would like to come back to a meeting with an item on this subject and would direct staff to provide us with estimated costs.]

Commissioner Clarke

- Thanked the City's first responders for all that they do.
- Commented on having Roz Johnson Strong as the Interim City Manager.
- Commented on past vignettes and asked that they be updated and re-run on the City website.

- Announced the individual meetings with the Mayor and Commissioners scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Commented on the roads and complaints about striping.

Vice Mayor Reed

- Announced that he loves his job as a Commissioner.
- Thanked the Police Chief and Interim City Manager for the update on the School Resource Officer program.
- Stated he would not be present for the Martin Luther King Parade, he had to work.
- Commented on the email received from Interim City Manager Boglioli and the upcoming meeting with Martin County to discuss the Fire Rescue Department, tax savings, ISO rating, and stated as long as he is a Commissioner, the City will have a department. Felt the meeting between the City and County should be public.

Vince Felicione, Chief of Stuart Fire Department, came forward and gave an explanation of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that is in place and how the EMS calls are carried through.

Interim City Manager Boglioli commented on the email he sent. Noted a public records request that he received and stated that there will be no records available because there have been no conversations about consolidating. Explained his past and present reviews of the budget regarding the Fire Department.

A consensus among the board was to submit a letter to Martin County requesting the ILA meeting be public.

Vice Mayor Reed comments continued:

- Announced his upcoming Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 5 to 8 p.m. at the 10th Street Recreation Center, regarding the local government municode and some of the issues he feels should have public awareness.
- Commented on items that are ongoing and his goals for the new year that he will be discussing at the Special Commission Meeting with the Mayor tomorrow.

Mayor Collins

- Commented that under his leadership he has no interest in consolidating the City's fire department with Martin County.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:00 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Helen McBride - Stuart; Thanked Mike Redstone for the Christmas dinner event and also thanked the Commissioners who attended with them, thanked the fire rescue union for the gifts they provided local children.
2. Luke Latham - Stuart; Commented on the past FDOT Meeting concerning the Willoughby Extension, thanked the Commissioners for sticking to the campaign promises and attending the FDOT meeting. [Mayor Collins requested D&D for the next meeting and what authority we have beyond submitting a letter to FDOT.]
3. Gary Ehrler - Port Salerno; Handed out a Martin County Innovation Hub accepted by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), July 11th, 2023, explained that it started with MPO, transportation, utilities, stormwater, electrification, regulations, opportunity sites, which all involve the City of Stuart. He requested Vice Mayor Reed to research and bring it back to a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5. APPROVAL OF 12/08/2025 CCM MINUTES AND 12/08/2025 SCM FINAL MILLAGE & FINAL BUDGET MINUTES (RC)

6. ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION FOR THE LYRIC THEATRE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, TO BE PRESENTED IN MARCH 2026.

7. 2026 FACSIMILE BANK SIGNATURES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 01-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURES ON CHECKS ISSUED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

8. MARTIN COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR RECLAIMED WATER SERVICES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 03-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9. RATIFICATION OF LPA ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 05-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS OF TWO LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS, FULFILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD FOR THE 2026 TERM YEAR, EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2026; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5:00 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

10. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IDENTIFYING PROJECTS FOR WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2026 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 02-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO CONGRESSMAN BRIAN MAST, SENATOR RICK SCOTT, AND SENATOR ASHLEY MOODY FOR LANGUAGE RELATED TO CERTAIN FEDERAL WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS, THROUGH THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, THAT WILL IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY AND HEALTH OF THE ST. LUCIE RIVER AND ESTUARY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ruth Holmes, Environmental Attorney, requested board support to send the enclosed letter to Congressman Mast and Senators Rick Scott and Ashley Moodey.

5:17 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

11. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR U.S.DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILD GRANT FOR MLK BLVD JR STREETSCAPE PROJECT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 04-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BUILD GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD STREETSCAPE

PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) MATCH TOWARDS THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director, presented the item.

Mayor Collins noted that this may be a good presentation for the CRB and CRA.

Vice Mayor Reed expressed his disagreement with the narrowing of the streets.

5:26 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
VOTE: Motion Passed 4/1.
YES: Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Campbell Rich, Laura Giobbi
NO: Sean Reed

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

12. STUART LANDINGS II MAJOR AMENDMENT TO COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AT 3991 SE FEDERAL HIGHWAY, LOT NO. 3 (QUASI-JUDICIAL) (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2545-2026; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, FOR A MAJOR AMENDMENT FOR LOT NO. 3 OF THE STUART LANDINGS II COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CPUD), ALSO BEING ASSOCIATED WITH LOT #1 AND LOT #2 OF THE STUART LANDINGS II CPUD; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER SITE PLAN FOR LOT NO. 3 OF THE STUART LANDINGS II CPUD TO ACCOMMODATE A 470 SQUARE FOOT COFFEE RUSH CONVENIENCE RESTAURANT WITH TWO DRIVE THROUGH FACILITIES AND THE EXISTING 2,845 SQUARE FOOT BURGER KING RESTAURANT AND SINGLE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY; PROVIDING FOR AMENDED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS, A TIMETABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND MASTER SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 3991 S.E. FEDERAL HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Baggett swore in (3) people; Jodi Kugler, Development Department Director, Ron Yost, Coffee Rush, Jeffrey Willliams, DKC Stuart Landings 2 LLC

Development Director Kugler presented the item.

Ron Yost, Co-Owner of Coffee Rush, and Jeff Williams, DKC Stuart Landings 2 LLC Chief Development Officer, discussed the drive-thru and landscaping.

5:29 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously. 6:01 PM

13. 1560 BOONE LLC., MAJOR AMENDMENT TO WINDEMERE POINT CPUD (QUASI-JUDICIAL) (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2546-2025; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MAJOR AMENDMENT TO PHASE 3B OF THE "WINDEMERE POINT" COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER SITE PLAN TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 1,995 SQUARE FOOT POPEYE'S RESTAURANT WITH DUAL DRIVE-THROUGH LANES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF N.W. WINDEMERE DRIVE AND NW FEDERAL HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Four (4) People sworn; Jodi Kugler, Director of Development, Michelle Arbuzow, Planner I of Development, Robert Sherman, MBA Development LLC, and Oliver Hurd, Owner/Operator of Popeyes.

Michelle Arbowzow, Planner I, presented the proposed plan.

Robert Shulman, representative of Boone LLC, reviewed the logistics of the project.

Oliver Hurd, Owner Operator of Popeyes, commented on the project.

The Commission's discussion included the signage, updated changes from the LPA Meeting, a letter from the Commission to Martin County and the Florida Department of Transportation about the possibility of a blinker light.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Loyd Navala - Stuart; Concerns about landscaping, air quality, and architectural rendering not fitting and stated the colors are nice, wished they were more Florida.
2. Peg Konnick - Jensen Beach; Concerned about the traffic, monument signage, coastal elevation, and landscaping.
3. Ron Marcucci - Jensen Beach; Windemere Association President, reimbursement concerns, easement, legal issues to close Windemere Drive entrance.
4. Jenn Costantini - Jensen Beach; Commented on traffic concerns, hours of the business and children in the area.

6:02 PM MOTION: Approval to be transmitted to the next meeting April 13th, 2026, meeting.
7:02 PM MOTION: Amend to move to second reading and the Interim City Manager will put it on the agenda when ready.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously. 7:04

***** Recess 7:04 PM *****
***** Reconvene 7:16 PM *****

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

14. REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY-CLIENT "SHADE" MEETING - POLK STREET HOTEL, INC. VS. CITY OF STUART

City Attorney Baggett requested and received authorization to schedule the Shade Meeting for January 26th, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

15. CITY OF STUART MAGISTRATE DISCUSSION

City Attorney Baggett provided information on the Magistrates for the City, noting that the primary Magistrate, Paul Nicoletti, has stepped down and is willing to serve as an alternate. Fees per hour of Magistrates include; Torcivia $200, Lashley, $375, and Nicoletti $400. Requested Commission to make a selection, primary and alternate for a Resolution at the next meeting.

16. DISCUSS RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CITY MANAGER; FINALIZING THE UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION; ESTABLISHING TARGET DATES; AND DETERMINING A SALARY RANGE

Interim City Manager reviewed the new City Manager job description, brochure, and salary range for the employment contract.

Commissioners discussed salary, qualifications, education, and comparables.

Roz Johnson Strong, Human Resource Director, provided information on the comparables of Degrees, and salary data.

Commissioners discussed the package that would be included in the contract.

Interim City Manager reviewed the planned timeline, and if the ad went out tomorrow, we would have a deadline of receiving all applications by 5 p.m. on February 3rd, 2026. Once applications are reviewed, the number of applications would be on the February 9th agenda. Once we pair down to a short list, the applications would then come back to a Special Commission Committee meeting on Friday 13th, 2026. The Interim City Manager would have a placeholder on February 23rd, 2026, with the short list for interview decision, then another placeholder on March 9th, 2026, for the awarded applicant. The City Attorney Baggett would then receive approval to negotiate. Final meeting on March 23rd, 2026, to finalize the hiring of the new City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

8:00 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Christopher Collins, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 26th day of January, 2026.