



AGENDA

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING CITY MANAGER APPLICATION REVIEW & WATER QUALITY PROJECTS GRANT APPROVAL

**FEBRUARY 13, 2026
AT 2:00 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, Roz Johnson Strong
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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMISSION ACTION

1. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT EPA GRANT APPLICATION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 15-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING A U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATER QUALITY PROJECTS BENEFITTING THE ST. LUCIE RIVER, INCLUDING MUCK REMOVAL FROM CREEK(S); AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT IF AWARDED, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ANY MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO GRANT WORKS FOR THE WRITING AND SUBMISSION OF SAID GRANT APPLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

2. CITY MANAGER APPLICATION 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.

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 2/13/2026

Prepared by: Ruth Holmes

Title of Item:

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT EPA GRANT APPLICATION (RC):

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Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") recently issued notification of grant funding opportunity for water quality and wetlands projects that will enhance the protection and restoration of Florida's Coral Reef, the Everglades, and associated seagrass meadow, mangrove, and wetland habitats, all which support the unique South Florida ecosystem. This grant opportunity would provide the City funding for certain water quality projects that will improve the water quality of the St. Lucie River. The City has identified certain creeks within the City limits that are connected to the St. Lucie River and in dire need of muck removal. The EPA has listed muck removal as an eligible water quality project for funding under this grant opportunity. The City's Public Works Director and Environmental Attorney desire to utilize City contractor, Grant Works, for the writing and submission of the grant application.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve Resolution 15-2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. R15-2026 EPA Grant



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-2026

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) recently issued notification of grant funding opportunity for water quality and wetlands projects that will enhance the protection and restoration of Florida’s Coral Reef, the Everglades, and associated seagrass meadow, mangrove, and wetland habitats, all which support the unique South Florida ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks funding for water quality projects that will improve the water quality of the St. Lucie River; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified certain creeks within the City limits that are connected to the St. Lucie River and in dire need of muck removal; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has listed muck removal as an eligible water quality project for funding under this grant opportunity; and

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 15-2026; U.S. EPA Grant Application Authorization

WHEREAS, the City will not be required to provide matching funds for this grant, if awarded; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Public Works Director and Environmental Attorney desire to utilize City contractor, Grant Works, for the writing and submission of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submission of said grant application is March 16, 2026.

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

SECTION 1: The precatory language above is hereby adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City Commission hereby approves the purchase order for Grant Works to work with staff, including the Public Works Director and Environmental Attorney, to write and submit application for EPA grant: EPA-I-R4-SFL-2025-01 by March 16, 2026; and to execute an agreement, if the grant is awarded; and to make minor amendments to any such agreement; subject to review and approval by the City Attorney and City Environmental Attorney.

SECTION 3: 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:

CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, MAYOR
SEAN REED, VICE MAYOR
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER
LAURA GIOBBI, COMMISSIONER
CAMPBELL RICH, COMMISSIONER

YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 15-2026; U.S. EPA Grant Application Authorization

MARY R. KINDEL, MMC
CITY CLERK

CHRISTOPHER COLLINS
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

LEE J. BAGGETT, ESQ

CITY ATTORNEY

**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
City Commission**

Meeting Date: 2/13/2026

Prepared by: Susej Meleqi

Title of Item:

CITY MANAGER APPLICATION REVIEW

Summary Explanation/Background Information on Agenda Request:

The City Manager position became vacant in October 2025, and the City has since undertaken an active recruitment process. A total of 82 applications and credentials were received from interested candidates. The Screening Committee will meet on February 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to review and rank all submissions and recommend candidates for interviews for the City Commission. The City Commission will review the Screening Committee's recommendations on February 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m and finalize the list of candidates to be interviewed. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2026.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Selection of City Manager candidates to be interviewed.

ATTACHMENTS: