

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
CITY MANAGER APPLICATION REVIEW &
WATER QUALITY PROJECTS GRANT AIPPROVAL**

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

ROLL CALL

2:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Mayor Collins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Giobbi

- Commented on the short list of City Manager applicants, and thanked the staff, especially Human Resources, for coordinating.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2:03 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi

Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

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.

Ruth Holmes, Environmental Attorney, provided an explanation of the limited timeframe for the application and reviewed the proposed projects for the grant.

2:14 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi

SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke

Motion approved unanimously.

2. CITY MANAGER APPLICATION REVIEW

Roz Johnson Strong, Interim City Manager, reported on the Screening Committee Meeting that took place this morning to review all received applications for the open City Manager position and narrowed down a shortlist to eight (8) candidates and five (5) second tier candidates.

Vice Mayor Reed reported on how the committee ranked the applicants, noted the veterans preference and felt that all thirteen (13) of the narrowed-down candidate listing should be interviewed.

Commissioners reviewed each of their top selected candidates and the candidate listing provided by the Screening Committee. The board agreed to have the interviews on two (2) separate days; February 24th and March 3rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ryan Carter - Stuart; Commissioner Clarke asked Mr. Carter to introduce himself and announced that he manages a basketball program in the City. Commissioner Reed added that Mr. Carter is very involved and contributes a lot to the community. Mr. Carter commented briefly on the meeting.

2:54 PM MOTION: Approve the first day of interviews on Feb. 24th and second day of interviews on March 3rd.

MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi

SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke

Motion approved unanimously.

3:06 PM MOTION: Approve the list read by Commissioner Reed, a motion that we set up times to interview over a two-day period, times be scheduled by staff on February 24th and March 3rd.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi

Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

3:13 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Christopher Collins, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 9th day of March, 2026.