



City of Stuart

AGENDA
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
TENTATIVE MILLAGE & TENTATIVE BUDGET

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
AT 5:15 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Laura Giobbi
Commissioner Merritt Matheson
Commissioner Sean Reed
Commissioner Campbell Rich

ADMINISTRATIVE

Interim City Manager, Jim Chrulski
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

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If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceeding, and that for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

(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.)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF 08/10/2026 SCM-BUDGET WORKSHOP #1 MINUTES AND 08/24/2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 MINUTES

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSION ACTION

2. FY2027 TENTATIVE MILLAGE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 64-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. ADOPT ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR FY 27 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 65-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; DIRECTING CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE MARTIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 72-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROPRIATING CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2027 AND PROVIDING FOR A THREE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

5. GENERAL WAGE INCREASE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 63-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING COST OF LIVING INCREASES AND MERIT RAISES FOR THE CITY'S NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

6. FY2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 66-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

7. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL J. MORTELL AS CITY MANAGER AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 75-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL J. MORTELL AS CITY MANAGER AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CITY MANAGER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

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.