MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
APRIL 8, 2024
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Rebecca S. Bruner
Vice Mayor Campbell Rich
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Christopher Collins
Commissioner Troy McDonald

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Manager, Michael J. Mortell
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

ROLL CALL

4:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Bruner, Vice Mayor Rich, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner McDonald

INVOCATION

Edward Skiba, Stuart Police Chaplain gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ARTS MOMENT - STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL MARKETING & ARTS

Stephanie Davis-Shang, Marketing Teacher, and Odza Sheryl, Art Teacher, from Stuart Middle School, presented the school's new crest and various art from the students.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK - APRIL 14-20, 2024

Stuart Police Department telecommunicators (dispatchers) received the Proclamation and thanked the City for the recognition. Police Chief Tumminelli came forward and expressed his appreciation of the dispatchers.

3. DONATE LIFE MONTH - APRIL 2024

Tara Mahovetz, Volunteer for LifeLink, received the Proclamation and shared a personal story on organ donation.

4. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH - APRIL 2024

Suzy Hutcheson, President/CEO of Helping People Succeed, Inc., accepted the Proclamation and announced statistics on child abuse.

5. STAMP OUT HUNGER DAY - MAY 11, 2024

Deidra Kinnaman, House of Hope's Director of Operations and a USPS Letter Carrier, received the Proclamation and provided information on the food drive and community needs.

6. LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2024

Pamela Klinger-Milazzo, Southeast Region Ambassador of Lupus Foundation of America, received the Proclamation and reported on diagnosis and treatment.

PRESENTATIONS

7. SERVICE AWARDS - APRIL 2024

Robert Carson	Fire Department	10 Years	Not Present
Jordan Pinkston	Community Redevelopment Agency	5 Years	Present
Jerry Thomas Jr.	Utilities & Engineering	5 Years	Present

8. 2024 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Ben Hogarth, Communications Liaison, presented a legislative update and reviewed with the Board the attachment within the agenda.

9. CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY (CSCMC) "BOOK SMART WORLD READER" AWARD FOR ESYI

Jim Chrulski, Community Services Director, announced the East Stuart Youth Initiative Program of the Children's Services Council's participation in the Book Smart Challenge Program K-5. The children of the 10th Street community center won the challenge. Kiana Kelly, Martin Reads Coordinator, gave a description of the program and presented awards to the children. Mr. Chrulski congratulated Dar Monique Butler, Program Leader of Community Services, and her staff for working so well with our children and producing a great result.

10. FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION QUIET ZONE ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS

Milton Leggett, Public Works Director, and Peter Kunen, Utilities & Engineering Director, presented on quiet zones; the process and preliminary reviews.

City Manager Mortell commented and a brief Commissioner discussion took place.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on April having many events and it being her birthday month.

- Commented on PACE reform program and that she received phone calls from those who participated in the program stating that they had to pay this additional tax.

Vice Mayor Rich

- Thanked the Mayor for her remarks at the baseball event; great program.
- Commented on the clean water efforts and thanked Congressman Brian Mast, Ben Hogarth, John Mehl of Martin County, his fellow Commissioners, the citizens, Mark Perry, and Drew Bartlett of South Florida Water Management District. Feels our participation helps to influence the decisions.

Mayor Bruner

- Commented on a 4-way stop on 7th and Alamanda Way and requested to find a way to slow traffic down.

Police Chief Tumminelli stated they would add some unmarked cars.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mortell

- Commented on the PACE Program; gave circumstances in which some people who received this loan are economically challenged and can't pay the additional tax; is looking into how to help.
- Commented that the Keep Martin Beautiful Environmental Stewardship Awards is coming up and the Public Works Department has some nominations. If extra tickets are available, Commissioners will be contacted.
- Stated the Stuart Heritage Museum will be on the referendum in August, they provided proposed ballot language that will be brought to the Commission on April 22, 2024.
- Noted that he communicated with Development Director, Jodi Kugler, and she will be presenting a summary of projects at Commission Meetings so that accurate information is disseminated.
- Announced that Stuart Main Street is hosting the annual Main Street Conference at the Flagler Center.
- Noted that he met with the landfill evaluation company, and they had completed their first phase. They are asking for an extension and at the next Commission meeting on April 22, 2024, they would like the Commission to review and vote to extend it until September.
- Announced the Finance Department received the 2024 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:34 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Ellen Murphy - Stuart; Introduced herself as the Brightline Train Community Moderator.
2. Jon Minadeo - Stuart; Commented as the co-founder of GTVFlyers and shared his experiences.
3. Colby Frank - Ft. Pierce; Spoke on white Americans and his organization.

CONSENT CALENDAR

11. APPROVAL OF 03/25/2024 CCM MINUTES (RC)

12. CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY ANNUAL GRANT FOR THE EAST STUART YOUTH INITIATIVE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 42-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY FOR THE EAST STUART YOUTH INITIATIVE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL GRANT IF APPROVED; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

13. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD RATIFICATION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 43-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD (CRB) MEMBER, FULFILLING THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD FOR THE REMAINING CURRENT TERM FROM PRESENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

***** PULLED ITEM #14 *****

14. ROAD TO VICTORY MILITARY MUSEUM (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 44-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER ALLOWING A UNITED STATES ARMY TANK TO BE DISPLAYED ON CITY PROPERTY LEASED BY THE ROAD TO VICTORY MILITARY MUSEUM, INC. LOCATED AT 319 E. STYPMANN BLVD. STUART, FL 34994 AS WELL AS ALLOWING THE ROAD TO VICTORY MILITARY MUSEUM TO RELOCATE THE FRANKLIN MONUMENT IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING AN

EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

15. CRA APPOINTMENT FOR CRB BOARD MEMBER MARK BRECHBILL (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 45-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPOINTING MARK BRECHBILL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA); FULL-FILLING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD FOR THE REMAINING CURRENT TERM FROM PRESENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5:44 PM MOTION: Approve agenda pulling Item #14.
MOVED BY: Campbell Rich
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ray Giasullo - Stuart; Reported on the Road To Victory Museum addition of a tank and the moving of the statue.

5:53 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

16. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN PROJECT LIFT AND THE CITY OF STUART (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 03-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PROJECT L.I.F.T., INC. AND THE CITY OF STUART TO CREATE A FACILITY REFERRED TO AS THE "STUART JOB TRAINING AND ENTREPRENEUR CENTER" FOR VOCATIONAL

TRAINING, WORKFORCE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING AND BUSINESS INCUBATION, WHICH IS TO BE LOCATED AT 720 SE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD, STUART; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director, gave presentation and provided a brief background on Project LIFT and the City of Stuart.

Commissioner Clarke commented that the layout of the inside of the building looks very busy and asked Mr. Zaccheo of Project LIFT to explain what the plans are for the building. Mr. Zaccheo reviewed the various plans and components of the Project LIFT building, mimicking a real world workshop.

City Manager Mortell provided a brief history of this project. Mr. Zaccheo reviewed the various programs available and told his personal story.

5:58 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Troy McDonald
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

6:30 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Rebecca S. Bruner, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 22nd day of April, 2024.