MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 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

4:01 PM

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

INVOCATION

Pastor James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ARTS MOMENT - SABRINA ZAMBRANO, SONG PERFORMANCE

Sabrina Zambrano sang "Do Not Go, My Love" by Richard Hageman.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. JUNETEENTH - JUNE 19, 2024

Jimmy Smith, President of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Nina Dooley, President of Afro-American Citizens of East Stuart (AACES), received the Proclamation, announced the upcoming Miss Juneteenth Pageant on June 19th at the 10th Street Recreation Center. Mr. Smith complimented the City Fire Department as they recently tended to a fire on his street.

PRESENTATIONS

3. SERVICE AWARDS - JUNE 2024

Michael Woodside	20 Years	Water Treatment Team
Michael Marshall	20 Years	Wastewater Treatment (not present)
Robert Green	15 Years	Wastewater Treatment
Thomas Gillen	15 Years	Distribution & Collection
Robert Cummings	10 Years	Fire Department
Corey Lee	10 Years	Police Department
Darren Duke	5 Years	Technology Services

4. PROCEDURE FOR BLUE-GREEN ALGAE HEALTH ADVISORY NOTICES, PRESENTATION BY THE MARTIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mr. Nick Clifton, Health Officer/Administrator of the Florida Department of Health, briefly presented on the Martin County Department of Health tests for blue-green algae and the protocol for advisory notices. He stated that if citizens see signs of algae, they are encouraged to take a photo and send it in to *floridadep.gov/AlgalBloom.*

5. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

City Manager Michael Mortell presented the update, and provided a map of the City boundary demonstrating future land use, a brief historical timeline, explanation of the Comprehensive Plan, census statistics, development approvals, and growth rate.

The Commission participated in a discussion.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner McDonald

- Commented he is looking forward to hearing the report on ISO Class 1 Rating given by the City Manager for the Fire Department.
- Commented that the City Manager will be giving a report on Riverpoint Drive parking.
- Expressed that the Memorial Day Parade was a success.

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on the Water Department, the great work they do, and the many years some have given; commended Mike Woodside, Peter Kunen, and Milton Leggett. Complimented the Recreation Department and a program, Take Back Our Children, that was organized this past weekend. Complimented Jessica Tharp, Mike Redstone and members of the community who offered their support. Would like the East Stuart Community to have more events on the Fourth of July holiday.
- Announced two upcoming meetings on June 13th; the Joint City/County/School Board Meeting at the Blake Library at 9:00 a.m. and a Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the 10th Street Recreation Center.

Commissioner Collins

- Commented on a pilot program at the Poppleton Creek Pond concerning herbicides, would like to review the program and have a presentation.

Commissioner Bruner

- Commented on the trams and would like the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to move forward in wrapping additional trams.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mortell

- Commented that Joe Gilio, President of Lake Okeechobee Restoration Initiative, was authorized to use the Poppleton Creek Dog Park to do the pilot program, and provided a report which stated it maintained the status quo. He stated he will report on this subject next month.
- Commented on Darren Duke, IT Director; noted the good job he has done since being hired.
- Announced that July 8th will be the first scheduled budget meeting.
- Commented on Riverpoint Drive, explained the history of rock or pebble driveways. After meeting with staff, it's been determined that those who have been notified will enter into a revocable permit, and no future expansions will be done without City permission and no citations or code enforcement hearings will result. An acknowledgment will be shared by property owners to not store personal property in the public right-of-way and to acknowledge that these parking spaces are not considered private property. Those that received a letter will receive a follow-up letter pertaining to the revocable permit.
- Commented on the ISO Class 1 Rating received by the Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

1. Brent Wohlenberg - Fellsmere; Commented on the chemistry of the lagoon.
2. Deborah Wilson - Stuart; Thanked Commissioner Collins and City Manager Mortell, would like improvements to their street, Riverpoint Drive.
3. Althea Wiley - Stuart; Thanked the City Manager for participation in the event, Take Back Our Children, in East Stuart.
4. Laura Giobbi - Stuart; Thanked Mortell for the informative presentation and expressed concerns about public parking spaces.
5. Sean Reed - Stuart; Commented on data he collected.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. APPROVAL OF 05/28/2024 CCM MINUTES (RC)

7. DECLARING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 54-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR AUGUST 20, 2024; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING BEGINNING ON AUGUST 10, 2024 AND ENDING ON AUGUST 17, 2024 AT THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE, 135 SE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD, STUART, FL; AND PROVIDING FOR VOTING AT REGULAR PRECINCTS ON ELECTION DAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

***** PULLED ITEM #8 *****

8. AWARD TO RFQL #2024-400: CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) FOR UNDERGROUNDING AND STREETSCAPE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 55-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AWARD OF PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO RFQL #2024-400, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) FOR UNDERGROUNDING AND STREETSCAPE PROJECT WITH A PRICE FLORIDA PRICE NOT TO EXCEED $67,800.00 TO BURKHARDT CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF WEST PALM BEACH, TO PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

9. UPDATE TO ARPA PROGRAM GRANT EXPENDITURE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 56-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #10-2024 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ENTERPRISE FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S 2022 STORMWATER MASTER PLAN, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6:07 PM MOTION: Approve, pulling Item #8.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

***** ITEM #8 PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR *****

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Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, reviewed the process for the project and clarified the Resolution.

Mr. Christopher (CJ) Rodey, Project Manager, Burkhardt Construction; reviewed the process.

Commission discussion continued with regard to financial concerns and other jobs Burkardt Construction has completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Keyvan Bohlooli - Stuart; In favor of the project.
2. Nina Brody - Stuart; Commented on the condition of Seminole Street, understood it to be an approved budget project; in favor.
3. Bill Moore - Stuart; Commented on the condition of Seminole Street; in favor.
4. Aaron Hawkins - Stuart; Stuart Main Street Board Member, offers his support for the project.
5. Walter Loyd - Stuart; Commented that this project should be broken down by incremental costs.
6. Joe Flanigan - Stuart; Commented on the budget; in favor of moving forward to make an informed decision.
7. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented that moving forward is the right thing to do; in favor of investment.

6:21 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously. 7:04 PM

COMMISSION ACTION

10. FDOT PERMITS FOR TEMPORARY CLOSINGS OF STATE ROADS TO INSTALL MONUMENT SIGNS (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 38-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR STATE PERMITS NEEDED FOR TEMPORARY CLOSINGS OF STATE ROADS TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN WAYFINDING AND/OR "WELCOME" MONUMENT SIGNS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

7:05 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

7:05 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Rebecca S. Bruner, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 24th day of June, 2024.