MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 12, 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 (ABSENT)
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 McDonald

ABSENT: Commissioner Collins

CLERK'S NOTE: Agenda Items were rearranged per the direction of the Chair; minutes follow the order of the meeting.

INVOCATION

Pastor Darrell Orman, First Baptist Church of Stuart, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ARTS MOMENT - ADRIANNA RODDIN, 'STARS OVER STUART' STUDENT SINGING "BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP" BY THE FOUNDATIONS.

Adrianna Roddin, sang "Build Me Up Buttercup" by The Foundations.

Mayor Bruner instructed the Kiwanis Club to present next. Item #6 was moved to be heard after Item #1.

6. KIWANIS CLUB SILVER AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

4:07 PM

Virginia Hill, President of the Kiwanis Club, presented the accomplishments of the Club and the recent award received.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. CONSTITUTION WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2024

4:15 PM

Portia Scott, Member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was presented with the Proclamation and thanked the Commission.

PRESENTATIONS

3. SERVICE AWARDS - AUGUST 2024

Theodore Delancy Jr.	Police Department	20 Years	Present
Karla Noguera	Util. Financial Serv.	10 Years	Not Present
Kimberly Allen-Hearn	Police Department	5 Years	Not Present

4. MARTIN MPO'S US-1 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC OUTREACH STUDY UPDATE

Beth Beltran, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), reviewed the purpose of the study and introduced Stewart E. Robinson, Project Manager of Kimley Horn Engineering, and their sub consultant, Bonnie Landry, Landry and Associates. A presentation was given and feedback from the Commission was requested.

Commissioner McDonald commented on bike lanes and studies on traffic pertaining to US1 in the downtown Stuart area.

Vice Mayor Rich commented on the Target Zero Plan mentioned in the presentation and it being implemented into the recommendations of the US1 congestion management plan.

City Manager Mortell noted that in 2003/2004, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented a study to widen US1 and make improvements to Jensen Beach Boulevard and other areas. It was recommended to have lane improvements or the City would receive an F for concurrency. At that time, the Commission voted to maintain the grade to have the traffic move slower for safety.

5. 2024 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION CHECK PRESENTATION

Jim Chrulski, Community Services Director, introduced both Senator Gayle Harrell and Jordan Connors, Jordan Connors Group, who participated in the representation for the City to receive $500,000.00 for the Guy David Park Renovations.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

4:50 PM

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on East Stuart properties in the Lake Street area, properties that

belong to the City, and drainage in the area.

City Manager Mortell noted that there is a right-of-way adjacent to Lake Street and with the direction of the Commissioners, will bring back a Resolution regarding the drainage and use of right of way as an agenda item. Consensus by board to bring it back.

- Commented on the CDBG funded projects on homes and complaints about the City denying inspections for work done since April 2022.
- Commented on Project LIFT status.
- Commented that she is glad to see Brightline on tonight's agenda, as people have been asking about it.
- Announced that the City has a question on the ballot on August 20th.
- Commented on the Guy Davis Park funds and the importance of the development and community input for its improvements.

Commissioner McDonald

- Requested to pull Item #13 from the Consent Agenda.

5:01 PM - PRESENTATION

7. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WEBSITE PRESENTATION

Jodi Kugler, Development Director, presented on changes and highlights of the information available on the City's Development Department website.

Commissioner comments continued:

5:11 PM

Mayor Bruner

- Announced her attendance at the recent swearing in of a new police officer.
- Commented on electric bikes and the danger of them being on the sidewalks; interested in a ban.

Commissioners entered into a brief discussion related to e-bikes and City Manager Mortell will bring the issue forward as an agenda item.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mortell

- Reported that Commissioner Collins was not able to attend tonight's meeting as he had a family emergency and Commissioner Collins requested that the Board consider continuing the Consent Calendar and Commission Action, Items #14 and #15. Commissioners denied the request, no motion made.

- Announced that Brightline, Item #15, will be heard next.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:17 PM Approve pulling Item #13 from the Consent Calendar and moving Item #15 before the Consent Calendar.
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Caryn Hall Yost-Rudge - Stuart; Commented on a 2021 email pertaining to canvasing meetings and provided emails for the Commissioners.

COMMISSION ACTION

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER LONG TERM LEASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTLINE TRAINS, LLC (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 52-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTLINE TRAINS, LLC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PASSENGER RAIL STATION ON FLAGLER AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

5:21 PM

City Manager Mortell provided the history of the Brightline submittal to enter into a long-term lease and briefly described the design plan. Construction is expected to begin in Spring of 2025 with a completion date of Fall/Spring 2027. City Manager Mortell introduced Brightline representatives, Brian Kronberg, SVP, Development and Construction, and Ali Soule, VP of Community Relations, for any questions Commission may have.

Discussion continued to include the parking garage and the CRISI grant.

Commissioner McDonald commented and recommended a book called "Paved Paradise".

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Tom Campenni - Stuart; Commented on the book "Paved Paradise"; not in favor of the parking garage.

5:32 PM MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously. Time voted 5:46 PM.

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN COUNTY (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 41-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN COUNTY PROVIDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PASSENGER RAIL STATION ON FLAGLER AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

5:47 PM

Lee Baggett, City Attorney, explained the history of the amended agreement.

5:51 PM MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

*****PULLED ITEM #13 FROM CONSENT CALENDAR*****

13. KINGSWOOD 3 WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 78-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING DIRECTOR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART ("CITY") AND THE KINGSWOOD 3 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION ("KINGSWOOD 3"), CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY, AND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER SERVICE LINE TO SERVE THE KINGSWOOD 3 PROPERTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner McDonald commented on why this Agreement is important. The Kingswood property that used to be part of the development was sold and a waterline running through it is for the Kingswood residences. The owner is getting ready to build houses and needed the waterline to be moved, creating a cost for Kingswood residents.

City Manager Mortell explained that the City is giving Kingswood an extended amount of time to cover the costs for this expense and it will be in their utility bill.

6:03 PM MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. APPROVAL OF 07/22/2024 CCM MINUTES (RC)

9. EMT/PARAMEDIC STUDENT AFFILIATION AGREEMENT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 72-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL CAREER ACADEMY, INC. FOR THE TRAINING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND PARAMEDIC STUDENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

10. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (ILA) WITH TREASURE COAST FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 73-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART ("CITY") AND THE TREASURE COAST FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ("TCFCA") AND ITS MEMBERS FOR MUTUAL AID FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FDLE DRONE REPLACEMENT GRANT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 76-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR DRONE REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT IF AWARDED; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ANY MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAM AS APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

12. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA HABITAT FUNDING GRANT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 77-2024; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STUART TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA HABITAT FUNDING GRANT FOR COASTAL HABITAT CONSERVATION; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT

AGREEMENT IF AWARDED; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ANY MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAM AS APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

***** ITEM #13 PULLED *****

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END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6:04 PM MOTION: Approve [Items 8-12]
MOVED BY: Troy McDonald
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

6:05 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Vice Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 26th day of August, 2024.

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