MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP #2
OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2025
AT 2:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Campbell Rich
Vice Mayor Christopher Collins
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Laura Giobbi
Commissioner Sean Reed

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

ROLL CALL

2:04 PM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Michael Mortell, City Manager, provided a brief review of Budget Workshop #1 and tax bills that went out to City residents. The budget presented at this meeting does not exceed 4.75 Mills per the consensus of the Commission.

Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Finance Director, presented the status update, noting the prepared budget at 4.75 Mills. Joly referenced the TRIM notice, announced the dates of the upcoming Special Commission Meeting for the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget on September 8th at 5:15 PM.

City Manager Mortell initiated the board discussion. Discussions included union contracts, tax bills, services, public safety and calculations referring to the exact millage proposed being 4.8733.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented that a reduced budget will hurt services and people in the community.
2. Mark Brechbill - Stuart; Commented positively on the approach to temporary cost cuts to better identify permanent needs in the future.

3:31 PM MOTION: That we have coming back to us at the TRIM Meeting the 4.75 (4.8733) Budget but amended with four additional fire rescue that would have us look at a slightly different millage to be determined for the next meeting.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
VOTE: Passed 4/1
YES: Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed
NO: Campbell Rich

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Giobbi

- Commented that budget time is difficult, but we are a small city, and it is not necessary to portray doomsday regarding the services.

Commissioner Reed

- Commented that he would like his taxes to go down.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3:34 PM MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

3:45 PM

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Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 8th day of September, 2025.