MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
AUGUST 25, 2025
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Chair - Campbell Rich
Vice Chair - Christopher Collins
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Laura Giobbi
Board Member - Sean Reed
Board Member - Mark Brechbill
Board Member - Frederick James

ADMINISTRATIVE
City Manager, Michael J. Mortell
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
CRA Executive Director, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

CALL TO ORDER

4:03 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Rich, Vice Chair Collins, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Reed, Board Member Brechbill

ABSENT: Board Member James

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:04 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Jimmy Smith - Stuart; Commented that he has prayed for the Commission and stated that the whole country watches Stuart, heard complaints about anger and fights; encouraged the board not to cut employees.
2. Althea Wiley - Stuart; Commented in appreciation of how the City is cared for, while

recently away from Stuart, recognized how nice home is; don't take advantage of those residents that elected you.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on budget time; complimented the City's hard-working CRA Director.

Board Member Brechbill

- Commented the he feels the City should keep the millage rate up and give a cut in services, because in the CRA it makes a big difference to the amount of dollars that comes directly to us and when reducing those dollars it will ultimately ends up at the County.
- Commented he fully supports the City joining the lawsuit against the State on SB180 Home Rule. Stated he does not want to break the law up to that point and would like to see the projects that would have been approved under the old laws as well as the new laws.

STAFF UPDATE

1. UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITHIN THE CRA

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director, provided a presentation update on the Riverside Park Neighborhood Improvement and Mike Mortell, City Manager, provided some clarification on the Riverside Park Project.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas continued with updates on the Downtown Undergrounding and Seminole Streetscape Improvements.

CJ Roady, Burkhart Construction, came forward and noted that it is too premature to identify specific locations under budget.

Milton Leggett, Public Works Director, provided a status update of the amphitheater project in Memorial Park, with a construction completion date of June 2026. Jim Chrulski, Community Services Director, provided the amphitheater park capacity.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas concluded with a brief status of the Project Lift Project.

ADJOURNMENT

4:37 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Chair

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