MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
AT 5:15 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

5:21 PM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

None.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mortell

- Reported the Hearing Notice requirement by Florida Law for the record.
- Commented on the budget, noted agency monies and the requirements, and stated that the budget was adjusted to add the four additional firefighter employees and the reductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:25 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.

COMMISSION ACTION

1. TENTATIVE MILLAGE FOR FY 2026 (RC):

   RESOLUTION No. 87-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Michael Mortell, City Manager, reported on the Tentative Millage Rate.

Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Finance Director, provided a brief presentation on the tentative millage rate.

5:26 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
VOTE: 4/1 passed 5:30 PM.
YES: Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed
NO: Campbell Rich

2. 2026 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES (RC):

   RESOLUTION No. 88-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; DIRECTING CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE MARTIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Discussion took place pertaining to the signature pages of documents and accessibility. City Manager Mortell provided clarification on the Non-Ad Valorem assessment roll process.

Commissioner Clarke made a request to have Bryant Miller provide a presentation in the Spring. City Manager Mortell confirmed he will set it up to have them come in the spring of 2026.

5:40 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously. 5:50 PM

3. TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2026 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 89-2025; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Mortell provided a brief review of the tentative budget.

6:01 PM MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

The City Manager announced the final public hearing to adopt the fiscal year 2026 millage rate and final budget, scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., at City Hall, 121 SW Flagler Avenue, Stuart, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

6:02 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 22nd day of September, 2025.