MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
JANUARY 26, 2026
AT 5:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Interim City Manager, Louis J. Boglioli III
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

ROLL CALL

5:36 PM

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

INVOCATION

Pastor James Brocious of Stuart Alliance Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Collins

- Invited Helen McBride's daughter, Robin, to come to the podium. Robin shared heartfelt remarks about her mother's condition and spoke warmly about the deep love Helen always had for the City of Stuart.

Commissioner Rich

- Commented on Helen McBride's presence and involvement in the City of Stuart.
- Commented on the Rivers Coalition Meeting last week and the government's response to the needs of their communities.

- Pleased with the quick response to a request for new lighting at the pier and thanked the Interim City Manager. [Mr. Boglioli gave credit to Milton Leggett, Public Works Director.] Commissioner Rich continued that local government can be responsive and how important Home Rule is.
- Noted that he would be departing shortly before today's D&D to travel to Tallahassee this evening to attend the Legislative Conference at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on her visit with Helen McBride at Hospice in Stuart today.
- Commented on the Joint Meeting prior to this meeting and some of the items before other boards and encouraged people to become involved.
- Thanked Milton Leggett, Public Works Director, for all he does.
- Commented on the upcoming vote for Interim City Manager, Roz Johnson Strong.
- Thanked Commissioner Rich for planning to attend the Legislative Conference in Tallahassee.

Vice Mayor Reed

- Reviewed on the issues addressed at his Town Hall Meeting.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:51 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Janine Alexander - Gainesville; Reported on her arrest on March 11, 2015.
2. David Kehlmann - Stuart; Thanked Commissioner Rich and Environmental Attorney Ruth Holmes for coming to their property, regarding the Poppleton Creek sludge issue and looks forward to the conversation. Thanked Police Chief Zenelovic for coming to one of their community meetings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF 01/12/2026 CCM MINUTES & 01/13/2026 SCM - 2026 MAYOR GOALS MINUTES

2. APPOINTMENT OF CRB BOARD MEMBERS TO THE CRA (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 09-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPOINTING PHILIP DEBERARD AND FREDERICK JAMES TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA); FULFILLING THE TWO BOARD MEMBER SEATS FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD (CRB) AS REQUIRED PER CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-111 FOR THE CURRENT TERM FROM PRESENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2026; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5:58 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Sean Reed
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

3. UTILITIES EASEMENT — HANGAR #10 AT WITHAM FIELD AIRPORT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 08-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A UTILITIES EASEMENT GRANTED BY MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A PARTIAL RELEASE OF NON-EXCLUSIVE WATER AND SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AND MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATED TO HANGAR #10 LOCATED AT WITHAM FIELD AIRPORT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner discussion included the cost and responsibility of purchasing the line, discussions on the Joint City/County/School Board Meeting Agenda, and Martin County projects that impacts the City.

Peter Kunen, U&E Director, came forward and explained the process of the inspections to the utility easement and stated that all qualifications were met.

6:12 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

4. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 10-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPOINTING _____ AS PRIMARY CODE ENFORCEMENT MAGISTRATE FOR THE CITY OF STUART AND_____ AND _____ AS CODE ENFORCEMENT MAGISTRATE ALTERNATES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Lee Baggett, City Attorney, reviewed the history of the Magistrate discussion.

Mayor Collins passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Reed and made a motion for Brett Lashley to be appointed as Primary Magistrate and Gemma Torcivia as the alternative.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Clay Scherer - Stuart; Asked what the role of the Magistrate is? [City Attorney Baggett provided the responsibility of a Magistrate.] [Commissioner Clarke suggested a description be added to the City's website.]

6:17 PM MOTION: Approve.
6:25 PM AMENDED MOTION: To include $375.00 hourly rate for Brett Lashley and Gemma Torcivia.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

5. INTERIM CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT AND AIHC INCREASE FOR R. JOHNSON STRONG (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 11-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA REPLACING LOUIS J. BOGLIOLI, III, FINANCE DIRECTOR, WITH ROSAMOND JOHNSON STRONG, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER; AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION TO THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ACTING IN A HIGHER CAPACITY AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Rich questioned Roz Johnson Strong and noted that the Charter does not have specific language to address an Interim City Manager and should be looked into in the future.

Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Interim City Manager, clarified the selection process for an Acting vs. Interim City Manager position.

* PUBLIC COMMENT: (Unheard General Public Comment, not on Item #5)

1. Clay Scherer- Stuart; Commented on shade trees and various improvements and explained that he is launching a program he would like the Commission to consider, called Project Shade Maker. The program would involve participants with expert backgrounds, and his goal is to expand the existing Tree Planting Program by integrating additional elements such as sidewalks, utilities, etc. [Mayor Collins recommended he bring the plans forward before the Commission.]

6:27 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

6.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 — SHORT CHAIN PFAS REMOVAL PILOT STUDY (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 12-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE SHORT-CHAIN PFAS REMOVAL PILOT STUDY; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE WATER & SEWER UTILITY ENTERPRISE FUND; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A RELATED TASK ORDER WITH HOLTZ CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Peter Kunen, Utilities & Engineering Director, provided information on the pilot study and introduced Mike Woodside, Superintendent of the Water Treatment Facility, who commented on the experience of PFAS and PFOA and explained the pilot study.

Dr. Will Lovens stated that the proposed pilot is scheduled for a six month duration.

Mr. Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Finance Director, stated there are finances to fund this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Robin Cartwright - Stuart; Asked why the money was not being used from the settlement.

7:06 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

***** 7:10 PM - RECESS *****

***** 7:33 PM - RECONVENED*****

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

7. STUART LANDINGS II MAJOR AMENDMENT TO COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AT 3991 SE FEDERAL HIGHWAY, LOT NO. 3 (QUASI-JUDICIAL) (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2545-2026; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, FOR A MAJOR AMENDMENT FOR LOT NO. 3 OF THE STUART LANDINGS II COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CPUD), ALSO BEING ASSOCIATED WITH LOT #1 AND LOT #2 OF THE STUART LANDINGS II CPUD; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER SITE PLAN FOR LOT NO. 3 OF THE STUART LANDINGS II CPUD TO ACCOMMODATE A 470 SQUARE FOOT COFFEE RUSH CONVENIENCE RESTAURANT WITH TWO DRIVE THROUGH FACILITIES AND THE EXISTING 2,845 SQUARE FOOT BURGER KING RESTAURANT AND SINGLE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY; PROVIDING FOR AMENDED

DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS, A TIMETABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND MASTER SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 3991 S.E. FEDERAL HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Bagget, swore in four (4) people: Robert Good, Coffee Rush/The Good Group, Tessa Yost, Coffee Rush, Jason Gunther, Thomas Engineering, and Jodi Kugler, Development Director. Ms. Kugler noted the two changes from First Reading being larger trees and color of the building. At Second Reading, the applicant agreed to the request of the Commission to add outdoor seating.

7:46 PM MOTION: Approve to include outdoor seating and that it can be done administratively without obtaining a separate application through this process.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

* 7:48 PM Commissioner Rich left the meeting to attend a meeting in Tallahassee.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

8. CODE AMENDMENT ADDING LANGUAGE RELATED TO REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2547-2026; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 8.07.07 OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IN COMPLIANCE WITH RECENTLY ENACTED LEGISLATION, SENATE BILL 954; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Baggett reviewed the proposed added language.

7:59 PM MOTION: Approve to transmit Ordinance 2547-2026 to second reading and bring to LPA and the City Commission.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.
Yes: Motion Passed 4/0.
Absent: Campbell Rich

9. DISSOLUTION OF EAST STUART HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2548-2026; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE III. – BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, DIVISION I, SECTION 2-28 AND DIVISION 7 EAST STUART HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECTIONS 2-118 THROUGH 2-121, OF THE CITY OF STUART'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY REMOVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE EAST STUART HISTORICAL COMMITTEE DUE TO DISSOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR

CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Baggett communicated the history of the East Stuart Historical Advisory Committee (ESHAC) and provided the timeline of meetings.

A brief Commission discussion took place.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Philip Harvey - Stuart; ESHAC member, stated they did not have the opportunity to provide historical information, prefers the sunshine law be removed from their board.
2. Pearlie Clark - Stuart; Commented that she prefers if they have a neighborhood advisory group so they can get together without depending on others and restrictions and be able to go to the City if support is needed.
3. Kim Grant - Stuart; Commented that she served briefly, liked the concept, but thought it would have more impact, and was concerned if the newly formed committee would be taken seriously.

8:08 PM MOTION: Approve to transmit Ordinance 2548-2026 to second reading.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Sean Reed
VOTE: Motion Passed 3/1 8:27 PM
YES: Christopher Collins, Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed
NO: Eula Clarke
ABSENT: Campbell Rich

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

10. AMENDMENT TO THE MEGA & FSP GRANT FOR THE TRAIN BRIDGE

Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Finance Director, provided a brief review of the MEGA Grant (the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program) and FSP Grant (Forest Stewardship Program) and stated we are awaiting the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) decision. The deadline is February 7th, and we must either move forward with what is approved or forgo the MEGA Grant and instead apply for the $200 Million FSP Grant.

11. PRESENTATION OF BACKGROUND ON JANINE ALEXANDER'S COMPLAINTS AND CASES

City Attorney Baggett recapped the allegations and summary of complaints by Janine Alexander followed by a Commissioner discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

9:17 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Christopher Collins, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 9th day of February, 2026.