MINUTES
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
MAY 14, 2026
AT 5:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

Chair - Deana Peterson
Vice Chair - Christina Ouillette
Board Member - Paul Grosso
Board Member - Caitlynne Palmieri
Board Member - Clay Scherer
Board Member - Lance Vogl
Board Member - VACANT
Ex Officio Board Member - Mark Sechrist

ADMINISTRATIVE

Development Director - Jodi Kugler
Board Secretary - Susej T. Meleqi

CALL TO ORDER

5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vice Chair Ouillette, Board Member Grosso, Board Member Palmieri, Board Member Vogl
ABSENT: Chair Peterson and Board Member Scherer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:31 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Lance Vogl
SECONDED BY: Caitlynne Palmieri
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 03/12/2026 LPA MINUTES

5:31 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Paul Grosso
SECONDED BY: Caitlynne Palmieri
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

ACTION ITEMS

2. BACKYARD CHICKENS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2552-2026; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER II – ZONING DISTRICTS USES ALLOWED, DENSITY, INTENSITY, SECTION 2.06.00. – SUPPLEMENTAL USE STANDARDS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2.06.24. BACKYARD CHICKENS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS AND TO AMEND THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8 – ANIMALS, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL, SECTION 8.2. – LIVESTOCK PROHIBITED IN THE STUART'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY REMOVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO ALLOW BACKYARD CHICKENS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jodi Kugler, Development Director, presented the LDC text amendments, stating that there is only allowed 4 hens and no roosters, shared the CRB recommendations of coops being 7ft tall, 5 ft fence, and allowing bushes to be an option.

Board Members asked questions about needing a permit and why, asking if it'll be coyote proof coops, setbacks, licensing vs permits, anchoring these structures down in the event there is a storm.

Board Members and staff reviewed recommendations previously made by the Community Redevelopment Board, including allowing hedges as an alternative to fencing, increasing the maximum coop height, and modifying fence requirements.

Board Members continued discussions.

6:15 PM MOTION: Approve Ordinance as is.
MOVED BY: Caitlynne Palmieri
SECONDED BY: ----
VOTE: DIED FOR A LACK OF SECOND

6:15 PM MOTION: Approval of Ordinance No. 2552-2026 with the modification that backyard chicken permits be replaced with an annual licensing requirement consisting of an initial $65 fee and a $10 annual renewal fee.
MOVED BY: Paul Grosso
SECONDED BY: Caitlynne Palmieri
VOTE: MOTION PASSES 3/1.
YES: Cristina Ouillette, Paul Grosso, Caitlynne Palmieri
NO: Lance Vogl

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

6:17 PM

Susej T. Meleqi, Board Secretary

Deanna Peterson, Chair

Minutes to be approved at the LPA Meeting this 11th day of June, 2026.