MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD January 22, 2019
AT 1:00 PM Commission Chambers - CITY TOPICS WORKSHOP
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION
Mayor Rebecca S. Bruner
Vice Mayor Eula R. Clarke (ABSENT)
Commissioner Kelli Glass Leighton
Commissioner Merritt Matheson
Commissioner Mike Meier

ADMINISTRATIVE
City Manager, David Dyess
City Attorney, Michael J. Mortell
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

ROLL CALL

1:13 PM Roll Call.
Present: Mayor Bruner, Commissioner Glass Leighton, Commissioner Matheson, Commissioner Meier.
Absent: Commissioner Clarke.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Dyess introduced Ms. Susan Glickman and commented that this workshop is for the Commission, no motions are expected, this meeting is a culmination of various requests that the Commission has requested over the past few months.

1:13 PM 1. FUTURE PROOFING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Susan Glickman, Florida Director of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, presented on environmental impacts and what Cities can do.

City Manager Dyess followed up with the interest on the Treasure Coast level, reporting that Ms. Glickman will be invited to present there. In addition, he reported

on the efforts Stuart has made such as the FPL Canopy Structure for solar energy, other uses for solar energy, and sea level rise impact planning.

1:53 PM 2. CITY FACILITIES - WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

David Dyess, City Manager, presented on the current City facilities and development in the City. A green space map and Acreage Report demonstrated that the City of Stuart currently has conservation green space of approximately 1.1 square miles of a 6.5 square mile City. Discussed draft plan of the three ballfields in the East 10th Street Community Center area, Sailfish Park, Flagler Place Lease, Public Works Garage relocation and City Hall. The current City Hall location needs repairs that have been on hold until the future of City Hall would be determined. Options for City Hall included:

- Keeping the current location and invest money into City Hall and City Annex facilities
- Building a new site down Flagler Ave. or in current location.
- Moving all a facilities to 1939 SE Federal Hwy, the TC Palm building.
- Moving City Hall and Annex to 301 SE Ocean Blvd., the Wells Fargo Building, including the small plaza east of the building.

Attorney Mortell commented that a referendum would be necessary if anything is decided with the current City Hall site.

Commission discussion led to direction to the City Manager to evaluate the current leases for the Wells Fargo property and bring back an item to the Commission to authorize fruition.

2:49 PM 3. RIVER UPDATE

Ben Hogarth, Community Services, gave a brief presentation on the St. Lucie River and environmental legislation and policy, and the priorities for the future. Recommendation for the funds that have been set aside for the river be used for conservation and not rush into action.

3:20 PM 4. URBAN RESILIENCE

Kevin Freeman, Development Director, presented on Urban Resilience and its relation to the City's stormwater system.

3:56 PM 5. GOALS OF CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Glass Leighton

- The City Hall site was her main goal.

Commissioner Meier

- Reviewing the current codes and how the City uses its funds for active green spaces.

- Met with Commissioner Heard, discussed CERP, suggests we partner with the County to redevelop on urban areas and in exchange, we could support preservation efforts to help accomplish CERP by supporting IRL South.

Commissioner Matheson

- IRL South
- Use funding for more plantings, living shorelines, etc.
- Septic to sewer conversion, concerned over the boats in the Harbor and possible dumping into the river, and a program to compare the Harbors receipts to the septic disposal company's receipts.
- 8 foot sidewalks to be enforced.

Commissioner Meier

- Push for complete streets with the MPO.

Mayor Bruner

- Review the code and determine the best suited neighborhoods to allow rentals.
- Downtown landscaping
- Would like Christmas Eve, December 24th, to be an employee holiday.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:30 PM COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (5 min. max)

Helen McBride – Pleased with new City Manager and glad to see the City moving forward. Agrees with the ballparks plan and complimented the plan that presented the building and the parking lot swapped in City Halls current location.

Nic Schroth – on behalf of Stuart Mainstreet, supports a relocation plan for City Hall but recommends that an executable plan be put in place. Mainstreet would like to join in the conversation with the City on Flagler Place. Commented that 8' sidewalks are good but do not always fit.

CONSENT CALENDAR

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSION ACTION

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

4:36 PM ADJOURNMENT

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Rebecca S. Bruner, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 11th day of February, 2019.