

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD September 21, 2020
AT 3:00 PM Commission Chambers & ZOOM
Main Street & Sustainability Plan Workshop
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Michael J. Meier
Vice Mayor Eula R. Clarke (Late)
Commissioner Becky Bruner
Commissioner Merritt Matheson
Commissioner Troy McDonald

ADMINISTRATIVE

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



3:03 PM ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Meier, Vice Mayor Clarke, Commissioner Bruner, Commissioner Matheson, Commissioner McDonald

Late: Vice Mayor Clarke (6:08 PM)

THIS MEETING IS A HYBRID IN PERSON/REMOTE MEETING.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

No Comments.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dyess informed Commission that Vice Mayor Clarke would be late and thanked Helen McBride who accepted The City's nomination for the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

 **3:04 PM MOTION: Move for Approval.**
MOVED BY: Commissioner McDonald
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Matheson
Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

City Attorney Mortell read a Public Comment emailed by Robert Steinberg.

1.) Robert Steinberg- his letter provided an overview of his objections of the Flagler Waterfront Event Center and commented on the way it was handled. He felt the City could manage the facility and maintain the vision of the center.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

1. STUART MAIN STREET

Candace Callahan, Executive Director of Stuart Main Street, presented an overview of Stuart Main Street and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments and future.

Nik Schroth, Stuart Main Street President, provided information on the infrastructure plan to connect Flagler Park and Flagler Place to the Downtown, Community Outreach, Board Development, Historical Survey, and Promotions.

Discussion took place on Osceola Expansion, Board Seats, Incentives, and Stuart Mainstreet's next Chapter.



Bill Moore, Downtown Business Association President, provided an overview of the history of the DBA and Stuart Main Street and the efforts that went into making Downtown what it is today.

Further discussion took place on the circumstances of the City and the Florida Sunshine Law regarding Stuart Main Street. Conversation continued on the authority of board members and choices.

Rachel Snyder, Main Street Events Coordinator mentioned the promotion committee spends \$30,000 (\$15,000 from Stuart Mainstreet and \$15,000 from DBA) a year and brings 100,000 people to Stuart Downtown Events.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1.) Helen McBride, Flamingo Ave.; mentioned she attended the first Stuart Main Street meeting (33) years ago and she spoke in support of Stuart Main Street and felt the meeting helped to keep the public informed.

-  4:35 PM Mayor Meier called for a brief recess.
-  4:44 PM Mayor Meier reconvened the meeting.

2. SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

City Manager Dyess thanked the Sustainability Committee for their time and dedication.


Anne Ellig, Program Manager, provided a presentation on the City's Sustainability Action Plan with target areas including Climate Resiliency, Natural Resources, Renewable Energy, Pollution & Waste, Built Environment, Transportation, and Local Government.

Discussion took place with questions and suggestions on each topic to include incentives, budgeting, grants, lighting, and green industry promotion.

Mayor Meier suggested a public marketing promotion around the City's incentives to help educate our citizens.

Dave Peters, Public Works Director provided information on water reuse and water reuse study, recycling, mandates and timelines.

Michele Jett, GIS Analyst, provided an overview of the certification requirements to become a Silver level Sole Smart City Designation.

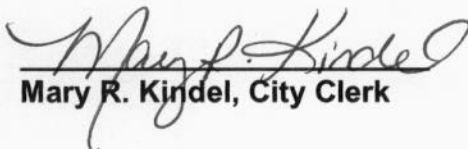
-  6:08 PM Vice Mayor Clarke arrived to meeting.


Discussion took place on the on recycling, composting, green buildings, charging stations, light pollution, City transportation, and a (4) four-day work week.

Vice Mayor Clarke explained why she was late to the meeting, mentioning a previous litigation commitment.

Anne Ellig continued the presentation with the implementation plan including periodic assessments with a Green Task Force.

-  6:55 PM ADJOURNMENT


Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk


Michael J. Meier, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 12th day of October, 2020.

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