

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD January 24, 2022
AT 5:30 PM COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Merritt Matheson

Vice Mayor Troy McDonald

Commissioner Becky Bruner

Commissioner Eula R. Clarke

Commissioner Mike Meier

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Manager, David Dyess

City Attorney, Michael J. Mortell

City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Police Sergeant, Michael Gerwan



5:57 PM ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



5:58 PM

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Clarke

- Commented on the well-attended Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Walking Tour and looks forward to more community involvement.
- Thanked Mr. Gore for the cleanup effort in East Stuart and his continued community involvement.

Vice Mayor McDonald

- Stated he has spoken with a Windemere HOA Board member about the Fire Station #3 plans, and he would like to set up a townhall meeting with Windemere to address community concerns; feels the City needs to move forward and select location.
- Commented that he is Interested in exploring adding dispatch in our Fire Dept.

Commissioner Meier

- Announced Florida League of Cities alert, supportive of HB 105 and SB 224 and feels it is a good bill and would like staff to draft a Resolution in support for the next Commission Meeting.
- Commented on today's CRA Meeting which reviewed the design of Guy David Park and recognized the comments received for the need for affordable housing. He would like the Commission to put ideas together and think about what is possible for us to do. Noted ARPA money dedicated to housing and how to extend those funds.

Commissioner Bruner

- Commented on the participation during the walking tour for the East Stuart neighborhood and The Creek District, complimenting Sandra Thurlow, Julie Priest, Christi Li Roberts, and Pearlie Clarke for all they have done in our City.

Mayor Matheson

- Provided a Lake Okeechobee update and that the Army Corp. hosted a listening session today. He will report back on that session at a future meeting.
- Announced upcoming virtual Rivers Coalition meeting this Thursday.
- Announced City's Tree Program for the East Stuart neighborhood and how it works.
- Commented on the walking tour and shared affordable housing ideas; to work with the building department and contractors to ease costs, and work with a non-profit for a tenant pool. Would like Commissioners to think about it and discuss it with members of the community.

 6:12 PM

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dyess commented on the APRA funding and a rumor of funding being pulled back, unsure but wanted to note what has been heard. Mr. Dyess also announced and wished a Happy Birthday to Mayor Matheson.

 6:13 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

 6:13 PM **MOTION: Move approval of the Agenda as published, pulling Item #2 from the Consent Agenda.**

MOVED BY: Commissioner Clarke

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Meier

Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minutes Max.)

- 1) Gwendolyn Hall-Brinkley – PSL; Commented on the Guy David Park design and feels the stage should be dedicated to Mr. Wayne Moore, also requested the City ease up on liens to help residents, wants community to participate in the Guy Davis Park process.
- 2) Tom Campenni – St. Lucie Crescent; Clarified his comments during the CRA Meeting
- 3) Betty Brinkley – Nassau Ave.; Feels residents should be considered as CRA board members.
- 4) Faye James – ZOOM; Commented on the Taylor property and asked when the item would be coming back before the Commission.



6:20 PM

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF 01/10/2022 CCM MINUTES

(PULLED) 2. TAYLOR PROPERTY FUND TRANSFER:

RESOLUTION No. 12-2022; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT No. 12-2022 THEREBY TRANSFERRING \$90,000 FROM THE BUILDING PERMIT FUND TO THE BUILDING DIVISION'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT TO FUND THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF THE CURRENT STRUCTURES, AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION OF THE FENCE ON THE TAYLOR PROPERTY ON EAST 10TH STREET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. BUDGET AMENDMENT No. 5, FIRE STATION #2 GROUNDWATER & SOIL SAMPLING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX PFOS:

RESOLUTION No. 14-2022; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT No. 5 TO THE 2021-2022 GENERAL FUND; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FIRE STATION #2 GROUNDWATER & SOIL SAMPLING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX PFOS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

4. STATE REVOLVING FUND AMENDMENT 2 TO LOAN AGREEMENT DW430430:

RESOLUTION No. 16-2022; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDMENT 2 TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN AGREEMENT DW430430; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT 2; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR



6:22 PM MOTION: Adopt Consent pulling Item #2.
MOVED BY: Commissioner Clarke
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Meier
Motion approved unanimously.



6:23 PM

2. TAYLOR PROPERTY FUND TRANSFER:

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CLERK'S NOTE: Resolution No. 12-2022 is authorizing Budget Amendment #4.

City Manager Dyess reviewed the history of the Taylor property including the explanation of the code violations and fines. Noted the Taylor's have objected proposal of a fence.

City Attorney Mortell provided clarification on the lien and the stipulation in the agreement.

Discussion continued amongst Commissioners, City Manager, and City Attorney.



6:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Helen McBride – Commented on the senior citizens that play dominos in that area and a need for a senior center at 10th Street.

Commissioner Meier commented about bringing a domino table at the recreation center and mentioned that people are staying in the Taylor Property structures when they shouldn't be.

Commissioner Clarke and Attorney Mortell discussed the agreement in place, violations, and liens against the property.



6:40 PM

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Faye James – ZOOM; Concerned about the safety of the people in the community due to the conditions of the Taylor property. Thinks its great that the City is working with the family to assist them in fixing the property.



6:30 PM MOTION: Move to approve.
MOVED BY: Vice Mayor McDonald
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.



6:43 PM

COMMISSION ACTION

5. OPPOSING LEGISLATION RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDING:

RESOLUTION No. 10-2022; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1162 AND HOUSE BILL 621 RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ben Hogarth, Communications Liaison, came forward and gave a brief synopsis on what the Senate Bill is.



6:44 PM MOTION: Move approval.
MOVED BY: Vice Mayor McDonald
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.



6:47 PM

6. LIVING SHORELINE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT:

RESOLUTION No. 13-2022; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN INDIAN RIVER LAGOON COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SE ILLINOIS AVENUE LIVING SHORELINE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Tim Voelker, Utilities and Engineering, presented on the location, grant requesting \$85,000 and the City would provide the match next FY.



6:51 PM MOTION: Move for approval.
MOVED BY: Vice Mayor McDonald
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Kat Kehoe – SE 13th St; Questioned if is worth planting seagrass or seamoth because of the Manatees.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

None.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

None.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION



6:54 PM ADJOURNMENT

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Merritt Matheson, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 14th day of February, 2022.**