

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING – BUDGET
WORKSHOP #2
AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 5:00 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**

ROLL CALL

5:02 PM

PRESENT IN PERSON: Mayor Matheson, Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner Bruner, Commissioner Clarke

PRESENT VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Meier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:04 PM MOTION: Approval of Agenda with a request to add Public Comment before D&D.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Troy McDonald

Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

1. FISCAL YEAR 2023 ITEMIZED BUDGET

City Manager, David Dyess, briefly provided a recap of the first Budget Workshop, an overview of the new software and budget preparation process as well as congratulated the Finance Director, Louis "Joly" Boglioli, for his efforts and hard work in working with the

new software and preparing this budget. Announced revenue evaluations and that a balanced budget is being presented, maintaining the 5.000 millage rate, and includes a 5% COLA and 2% merit increase for general employees while union negotiations continue. CPI was 9.4, the total budget is \$85,572,943.53, which makes up all the funds; business, enterprise and general. The City manager turned over the budget report to Joly Boglioli to provide a demonstration of OpenGov to present to the Commission.

Joly Boglioli reviewed the budget in comparison to neighboring municipalities, and showed some of the capabilities of the new budget software. He provided a PowerPoint presentation that demonstrated the interactive appropriation account reports that displayed the charts and breakdowns of the funds in the Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The public will see a published page and the interactive software will be utilized by staff.

City Manager Dyess noted to the Commission that if they see "CM-", it is something the City Manager added.

Dyess referred to the ARPA Funds handout and reviewed the allocations and unallocated funds available, as well as the restrictions. He discussed proposals that will be coming before the Commission in the near future related to housing, parks, and public safety.

Pre-selected City staff came forward to discuss and deliberate their respective department's budget in further detail:

CRA - Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director

Pinal reviewed the new position requested in the CRA budget and the upcoming 2023 CRA projects.

Fire - Vince Felicione, Fire Chief and Troy Bowser

The City Manager and Fire Chief briefly reviewed the plan for Fire Station #3 and the hiring of six (6) new firefighters as well as the purchase of a 23-horse gas-powered boat.

Utilities & Engineering - Tim Voelker, Utilities & Engineering Director

Discussion of new positions and their expected duties and equipment replacement expenses.

City Manager Dyess noted some recent controversy on social media about capacity levels and requested Mr. Voelker clarify some information. Tim clarified the City's position. In addition, it was noted that the Utility Rate Workshop scheduled for September comes up every 5 years and this budget includes the utility rates that will be reviewed and discussed during that workshop.

Community Services - Jim Chrulski, Community Services Director

Jim provided a handout of various Community Services accomplishments. He reviewed the increases, requested a full-time position for a front desk staff member at the Community Center, the rental use of the shuffleboard building, and provided a brief update on the Children's Services Council.

Police - Joe Tumminelli, Police Chief

Discussion of four (4) new officers and a new K-9, reviewed the vehicle fleet issues and

the children's programs.

City Manager Dyess concluded by stating extensive planning of projects coming online, City works with State and Federal governments for traffic and planning. Thanked Joly Boglioli, Finance Director and his staff for the budget preparation.

Commissioner Meier commented on Amendment #3 on the ballot that may provide additional homestead exemptions for certain public employees at \$50,000 in value, and wondered about the future impact.

The Commission and City Attorney responded that the effect would be the following year and did not feel the impact to the City would be great.

Mayor Matheson thanked the City manager and Finance Director and commented that he is excited about the platform of the new budget software.

ADJOURNMENT

6:55 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Merritt Matheson, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 22nd day of August, 2022.**