

MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
TENTATIVE BUDGET & TENTATIVE MILLAGE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
AT 5:15 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Troy McDonald
Vice Mayor Becky Bruner
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Christopher Collins
Commissioner Campbell Rich

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Manager, Michael J. Mortell
Interim City Attorney, Paul J. Nicoletti
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

ROLL CALL

5:20 PM

PRESENT: Mayor McDonald, Vice Mayor Bruner, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Rich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

None.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:20 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

COMMISSION ACTION

1. ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 70-2023; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Mortell announced the tentative millage rate adoption by law, announced the advertisements, noted the intention to keep the millage rate at 5.0, reviewed the results and it was determined to propose a rate of 5 mills to fund current operations and increases in insurance costs plus operations. All employees are set to get the same COLA increase.

5:29 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

Motion approved unanimously.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 71-2023; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; DIRECTING CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE MARTIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Mortell commented on the history of the Fire Assessment and answered questions of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Caryn Yost Rudge - Palm City Road; Commented that this is a tax, stated we do not need to be sued to take care of our Fire Department and Police Department. Stated we were sued and it was all legal, a new way to create revenue, not the way to treat our residents.
2. Helen McBride - Flamingo Avenue; Attended the same meetings in 2014, questioned the past Finance Director, to understand how all are being equally treated, paying for the Fire, EMT, and Police, and now have wonderful service.

5:37 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Christopher Collins

SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke

Motion approved unanimously.

3. ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 72-2023; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Manager Mortell thanked Louis "Joly" Boglioli, Finance Director, for his help and guidance in the process. The final budget will be approved and adopted on Monday, September 25th at 5:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

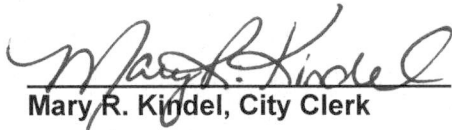
1. Al Pulvirenti - Poinsettia Street; Questioned if quiet zones are being included in the budget.


5:45 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Becky Bruner
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT

5:52 PM


Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk


Troy McDonald, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 25th day of September, 2023.

