

**SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HELD ON MAY 23, 2011
AT 4:30 PM IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**Chairperson Jeffrey Krauskopf
Vice Chairperson James Christie Jr.
Board Member Michael Mortell
Board Member Troy A. McDonald
Board Member Eula R. Clarke
Board Member Johnnie Bell
Board Member Samia Ferraro**

**Also in attendance were:
City Manager Dan Hudson
City Attorney Paul J. Nicoletti
City Clerk Cheryl White**

1. Request to approve the Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency of April 25, 2011

**MOTION: BOARD MEMBER CLARKE. : MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
SECOND: BOARD MEMBER MCDONALD
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Fiscal Year 2012 CRA Budget Approval

City Manager Hudson gave a Power Point presentation to the CRA Board.

He explained that the CRB recommended to the CRA to delete the \$10,000.00 from the Business Development Center and place proceeds in the infrastructure line.

He also stated this is the third year of the CRA funding for a Police Program within the CRA boundaries. He explained that the CRB has expressed concern over the recurring revenues of the CRA, and that the CRA will be locked into recurring kind of expenses, and will not be generating new money for projects if this continues to be a funded item. He asked for a recommendation from the CRA to the City Commission for adoption of the CRA budget.

Mary Hutchinson came forward and expressed concern over the CRA budget and the policing program. She encouraged the CRA and the City to support that program to allow people to feel safe when they come downtown.

Board Member McDonald agreed that the CRA needs to keep the CRA Policing funded. He expressed some concern over the removal of funding to the Business Development Board.

City Manager Hudson stated that the funding from the County for the BDB does come from countywide sources so people in the City are already paying into it. There is also \$15,000.00 in the General Fund of the City for the BDB.

Board Member Clarke asked how long has the City and CRA been funding the Business Development Board at the \$25,000.00 level, and what agreement does the City and BDB have for that funding.

City Manager Hudson gave an overview of the commitment of programs for funding by the BDB. He said reports have been provided when asked.

Board Member Clarke asked if these classes are held because the funding is available, or can they offer these types of programs to the public without the City's financial support. She asked why the CRB made that recommendation to remove that line item.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno explained that the CRB felt that moving the \$10,000.00 to the CRA Infrastructure fund would be more beneficial, since there are so many projects in progress.

Board Member Ferraro explained that the CRB felt there were many variables as to why they recommended removing the funding to the BDB. One, is the current legal issues, as well as the quantification of the organization. She also stated on behalf of the CRB that the Community Policing program was a benefit to the City and CRA, and felt it was necessary. They did however that the money has to come from somewhere and is funded by the CRA, but hope that eventually can be funded by the City's General Fund.

MOTION: BOARD MEMBER CLARKE. : MOTION TO APPROVE AND TRANSMIT TO THE CITY COMMISSION THE CRA BUDGET AND IN LINE 581 THE \$10,000.00 FUNDS FROM THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD BE REDUCED TO ZERO AND ADD BACK INTO LINE 563 INFRASTRUCTURE.

SECOND: BOARD MEMBER MORTELL

CHAIRPERSON KRAUSKOPF	YES	BOARD MEMBER CLARKE	YES
BOARD MEMBER BELL	YES	VICE CHAIR CHRISTIE	YES
BOARD MEMBER FERRARO	YES	BOARD MEMBER MORTELL	YES
BOARD MEMBER MCDONALD	YES		

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT 4:59 P.M.

Cheryl White, Board Secretary

Jeffrey A. Krauskopf, Chairperson

**Minutes approved at the Regular CRA
Meeting This 27th Day of June 2011**