

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON June 5, 2013
AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Eula R. Clarke
Vice Mayor Troy A. McDonald
Commissioner Kelli Glass Leighton
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf
Commissioner James A. Christie, Jr.

ADMINISTRATION

City Manager, Paul J. Nicoletti
Interim City Attorney, Robert Kilbride
City Clerk, Cheryl White
Development Director, Terry O'Neil

Mayor Clarke delivered the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER: KRAUSKOPF MOVED APPROVAL AGENDA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER GLASS LEIGHTON
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non-Agenda Matters Only – 5 min. max)

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION : Workshop on Economic Development .

City Manager Nicoletti gave a brief overview and Deanna Freeman, Senior Planner Development Department presented a Power Point presentation to the Commission and Public at the request of the City Commission staff who prepared what economic development means to the City, in a proactive way.

The Commission agreed to create a plan and establish a team of existing City Employees to focus on economic development.

Terry O'Neil wanted to clarify that this will be implemented by the City but asked how we would implement the program and will need to be addressed as to whether this will be a key component to the fiscal policy, or looking at this as part of the budget each year.

Commissioner Krauskopf suggested that for branding purposes the City needs to use it's name, Stuart and make it simple.

The Commission agreed that the City should promote Economic Development in a simple manner.

Mayor Clarke suggested using arts and culture as part of the branding for the attraction to Stuart, as well as the waterfront.

Tammy Simoneau of the Economic Development Council came forward and suggested looking at impact fees in the City. She suggested going after and targeting the technology based businesses. The waterfront is also a ley to businesses.

Tim Dougher, Business Development Board Director came forward and was happy with what the City is doing but wants to have all the stakeholders come together to discuss the matter.

Joe Catrambone Martin County Chamber of Commerce agreed to participate and be part of the process and looks forward to it.

Mayor Clarke stated the City needs to look at incentives to make it more marketable.

Susan O'Rourke came forward and suggested the City not make this too strict.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR MCDONALD: MOVED APPROVAL TO SUPPORT OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION OUTLINED ON THE SCREEN AND DIRECT STAF TO ENGAGE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLAN AS DESCRIBED AS PRESENTED.
SECOND: COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE

AMENDED MOTION: VICE MAYOR MCDONALD: MOVED APPROVAL TO SUPPORT OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION OUTLINED ON THE SCREEN AND DIRECT STAF TO ENGAGE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLAN AS DESCRIBED AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY TO GO OUT AND RFP FOR A CONSULTANT AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION FUNDING FROM THE MANAGER CONTINGENCY.
SECOND: COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER GLASS LEIGHTON	YES	COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE	YES
VICE MAYOR MCDONALD	YES	COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF	YES
MAYOR CLARKE	YES		

CITY COMMISSION ACTION

2. Consider appointment of new City Attorney.

The City Commission took a ballot vote and the results were :

Michael Mortell -2

David Migut-3

No further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT :12:57 p.m.

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Eula R. Clarke, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 8th Day July, 2013**