

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2011
AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**Mayor Jeffrey Krauskopf
Vice Mayor James Christie Jr.
Commissioner Michael Mortell
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke (absent)
Commissioner Troy A. McDonald**

Also in attendance were:

**City Manager Paul J. Nicoletti
City Attorney Michael D. Durham
City Clerk Cheryl White**

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming September 17 through September 24, 2011 as CONSTITUTION WEEK

Attorney Portia Scott came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation on behalf of Halpatickee Chapter of the National Society Daughter of the American Revolution.

2. Presentation by Stuart Main Street thanking the City and Sponsors for supporting the Star Spangled Stuart Fourth of July Celebration.

Thondra Lanese, Main Street Coordinator thanked the many sponsors and contributions to the past 4th of July Celebration in downtown Stuart.

3. Presentation FY 2011 CDBG Commercial Revitalization Application Summary

Nancy Phillips, Nancy Phillips and Associates came forward and announced the public hearing for the FY 2011 CDBG grant application for the purposes of the Colorado Avenue Business District for commercial revitalization. The City intends to fund various aspects of the revitalization to the corridor in the amount of \$272,369.55. They also plan on installing 19 parking facilities and traffic calming in the area, in the amount of \$417,630.45 plus the grant administration in the amount of \$60,000.00. Total request is for \$750,000.00. It is also anticipated to leverage tiff funding of \$495,808.79.

She opened up the public hearing for comments.

Mayor Krauskopf asked if there was any member of the public who wished to speak.

No public comments.

4. Presentation Fair Housing Workshop for Elected Officials and General Public

Nancy Phillips, Nancy Phillips and Association presented a Fair Housing Workshop to the Commission and public.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

None

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nicoletti and his wife offered condolences to the family of Catharine Scott.

Residential parking ordinance will come back to the Commission on August 22nd for First Reading.

He said he met with Dottie Zaharako Financial Services Director and he was pleased to announce the proposed 2012 budget has held together.

We are still looking for final numbers for the Wellness Clinic, but state revenues have been finalized and only changed by about a negative \$50,000, which can be absorbed within the existing budget and the existing tax rate. Our medical insurance premiums are expected to rise, and they have been projected to go up as much as 30% or \$700,000. "Unfortunately it is unlikely that we will have those numbers firmed up until late in the calendar year when the contract is due for renewal."

He stated the City Commission asked for a response regarding the Virginia Jones inquiry. He copied the Commission a memo prepared by the City Attorney, and it includes data from DEP and City Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Clarke was unable to attend the meeting tonight but send her regards.

Note on Agenda Item 7 –Resolution amended section 4 to eliminate the hours of Early Voting amended to read "For at least 8 hours per day or as otherwise established by Supervisor of Elections." He explained the cost is the same because you pay for the day of the Clerk's time anyway.

Mayor Krauskopf requested that the memo be sent to Ms. Jones.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION : COMMISSIONER MORTELL MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ITEM 7.

SECOND: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Armond Pasquale came forward and expressed concern over the upcoming Dancing in the Streets event. He asked that it be moved out of the downtown. He asked that the City consider the residents.

Caryn Yost Rudge came forward and thanked the City for helping them get their property AT 1701 Palm City Road into compliance. She presented a letter to the Commission from their engineer stating, The house on their property is structurally sound and they should be allowed to move forward and have a hearing on the house.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5. Request to approve the Minutes of the Joint CRA/City Commission Budget Meeting of July 18, 2011 and Regular Commission Meeting of July 25, 2011**
- 6. RESOLUTION 63-2011 Authorization for the renewal of contracts with two current contractors pursuant to RFP #2009-79 for Auto & Truck Body Repair Service**
- 7. RESOLUTION 64-2011 Authorization to call the General Municipal Election for November 8, 2011 and a Run-off Election, if necessary for January 9, 2012; Establishing a qualifying period for Candidates; Providing for Early Voting beginning on October 29, 2011 – November 5, 2011 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM and providing voting at regular Precincts on Election Day**
- 8. RESOLUTION 66-2011 Authorization for the City's application for a Commercial Revitalization Community Development Block Grant for fiscal year 2011; Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute said Grant, any and all applications and other documents incident to obtaining and administering said Grant; and authorization of expenditure of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds on behalf of the City**
- 9. RESOLUTION 67-2011 Authorization to extend the Contracts for Debris Removal Services with Ash-Britt, Inc. as primary provider and with Grubbs Emergency Services, LLC as secondary provider through December 31, 2011**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE: MOVED APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR 5-9 WITH ITEM 7 BEING AMENDED.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES
COMMISSIONER CLARKE	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER MCDONALD	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSION ACTION

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

10. ORDINANCE 2232-2011 (First Reading) Amending Chapter 42 Utilities Article VI, Utility Extension and Connection Policy

Dave Peters, Assistant Public Works Director came forward and gave a brief overview and addressed the concerns and questions that had been previously raised by the Commission regarding the proposed Ordinance.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE: MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2232-2011 ON FIRST READING.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MORTELL

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES
COMMISSIONER CLARKE	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER MCDONALD	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT 6:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Jeffrey A. Krauskopf, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 22nd Day August 2011.**