

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2008
AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

Roll call was answered by:

**Mayor Jeffrey A. Krauskopf
Vice Mayor James A. Christie
Commissioner Carol S. Waxler
Commissioner Michael J. Mortell (Absent)
Commissioner Mary Hutchinson**

Also present were:

**City Manager: Dan Hudson
City Attorney: Paul J. Nicoletti (Absent)
Acting City Attorney: Bob Kilbride
City Clerk: Cherie White (Absent)
Acting City Clerk: Mary Nash**

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

FINAL BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. City Manager – Explanation of the -0- percent change in the proposed millage necessary to fund the FY 2008-2009 City's General Fund Budget, as required by The Florida Legislature.**

City Manager Hudson announced that there was a zero percent change from the current year in the millage.

Mr. Hudson, in response to the public comment made at the previous budget meeting he stated it would be brought back as a more comprehensive look at any remaining drainage issues that we need to address.

- 2. General Public – Comments and questions from the general public regarding the proposed final budget and proposed millage rate.**
- 3. City Commission – Discussion by the City Commission and the City Manager of any questions or amendments to the proposed budget.**

Mayor Krauskopf thanked staff and all the employees in working on this year's budget.

- 4. City Commission – Adoption of final millage rate resolution for FY 2008-2009 recomputed in light of any changes to the proposed budget.**
 - a. RESOLUTION 117-08. Resolution adopting the Final Millage Rate for the City of Stuart, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2009.**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON: MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
117-08

SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER

ROLL CALL

VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES	COMMISSIONER WAXLER	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES	COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON	YES

5. City Manager – Announcement that the adopted final millage rate does not exceed the rolled back rate and in fact is less than the rolled back rate.

4.3329 is the final millage rate and is a reduction in the millage rate according to the states rollback calculation.

6. City Commission – Adoption of final budget resolution for FY 2008-2009, including any changes made to the proposed City budget.

- a. RESOLUTION 118-08. Resolution adopting the Final Budget of the City of Stuart, Florida, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2009.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE: MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 118-08

SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER

ROLL CALL

VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES	COMMISSIONER WAXLER	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES	COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON	YES

COMMISSION ACTION

7. CONTINUED FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

RESOLUTION 106-08 to adopt the proposed list of major issues to be included in the 2009 evaluation and appraisal report; providing for transmittal of the City of Stuart proposed major issues to the Department of Community Affairs and any other interested Governmental entity

City Manager Hudson gave a brief overview of the proposed EAR report.

Development Director Doug James also gave a brief overview of the EAR process.

City Consultant Linda Strutt gave a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan of the City and what it stands for.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Linda Strutt if the Commission would be participating in the entire process. She also felt the City should look at a more diversified population future rather than just the elderly. She felt it was easier for an elderly couple would have a better chance of finding housing than a family of four would. She wanted to really look at this.

Linda Strutt stated the comments were that you are always looking forward and that the population ages over time.

Commissioner Hutchinson felt concerned over the proposal.

Linda Strutt stated it could easily be changed to a more diverse population.

Commissioner Waxler asked what kind of accountability does the City have on what is being submitted to DCA?

Linda Strutt; This does not say you're going to do anything. It is just saying the goals objectives and policies in the future land use element, Do they address the diverse needs of the population.

Mayor Krauskopf asked what the economics were on A. He expressed concern over the promises made in the plan that maybe fiscally impossible.

Vice Mayor Christie expressed concern over the changes the State of Florida has made and how it affects cities and how the state regulates the funds.

Linda Strutt stated that issue has been around for along time to mandate rules without funding.

Commissioner Waxler felt that maybe the City could include a transmittal letter voicing its concern.

City Manager Hudson stated that how, is not part of this but would be looked at next year.

Linda Strutt: Staff worked on issues like how to encourage neighborhood identity such as uniformed signage neighborhood centers.

Commissioner Waxler requested bullet point number 3, annexation, be removed. She also mentioned the buffers in between residential, industrial and commercial uses, there is a problem in the City and must be addressed.

Commissioner Hutchinson requested the language mixed use and commercial and use for redevelopment that way it leaves it to be market driven and not specifically driven. She said we need to look at the City for what it is and not make us something that were not.

Vice Mayor Christie stated he would like to see the flexibility with the retail in residential areas because right now in East Stuart we are trying to develop this. He also felt affordable housing needed to be a bullet point.

The Commission agreed removal of "Transit Oriented Development".

Commission Discussion continued for Item 2B;

Commissioner Waxler felt that in item, C, Conservation of Resources, that we should not limit the alternative energy sources. I think we should take the example of the landfill out.

Mayor Krauskopf stated he did not want to mislead people on the irrigation strategies. What ever we do in that we should not lead people to believe they are going to have mauve pipe IQ at their house. I don't think we have the net work to do that.

Item #3 "Natural Resource Protection"

Linda Strutt stated that this item was added to be sure the new definition is added to the comprehensive plan. The issue has been though people have built in high density areas in the hazard area and since then a comprehensive plan has come out. She stated it can be deleted.

Item #4 "Intergovernmental Resource Sharing";

Commissioner Hutchinson wanted to still be able to achieve this but also maintain the City's identity and maintaining the City of Stuart.

Linda Strutt stated she understood this was a cost saving and efficiency item.

City Manager Hudson suggested adding a bullet : "With maintain Stuart's Identity."

Mayor Krauskopf stated that Commissioner Mortell may want this to remain in concrete. He also asked about traffic concurrency. He felt the City should know where are roads are that are deficient now and what the cost to cure is.

City Manager Hudson asked that Impact Fees be spelled out.

Item #5 Intermodal or Multimodal Transportation Systems:

Commissioner Hutchinson stated she did not want to see any strings attached. She again expressed concern over the state mandating programs but with no means to pay for it.

Linda Strutt asked if Bullet #3 was the key issue in this area?

Vice Mayor Christie expressed concern over any development of the airport.

Commissioner Waxler also felt the City should not be involved or an interest in the airport.

Staff stated to support limited commercial use of Witham Field.

Mayor Krauskopf stated that some of the land is in the City. He asked if that item should be removed and the Commission agreed.

The City Manager asked to remove "bridal path" in pedestrian scale connectors.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON: MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 106-08 WITH CORRECTIONS TO ATTACHEMENT "A" MEMORANDUM DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ISSUE ONE; AGING POPULATION WILL BE CHANGED TO DIVERSE POPULATION, ;TWO, ISSUE NUMBER FOUR, A TEXT WILL BE ADDED ALONG THE LINES OF KEEPING WITH STUARTS IDENTITY AND IN COLABERATION WHILE MAINTAINING SOVERIGN IDENTITY.

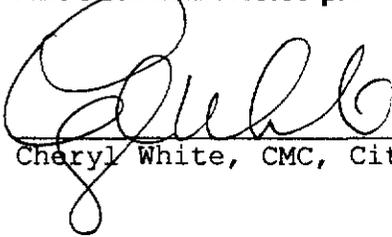
SECOND: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE

ROLL CALL

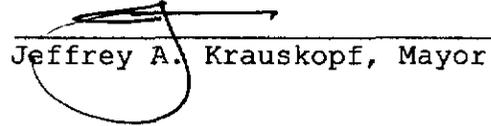
VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL YES

COMMISSIONER WAXLER YES
COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON YES

ADJOURNMENT:6:39 pm



Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk



Jeffrey A. Krauskopf, Mayor

Minutes approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 13 Day October 2008

