

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2007  
AT 5:01 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE  
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**Roll call was answered by:  
Mayor Mary L. Hutchinson  
Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Krauskopf  
Commissioner Carol S. Waxler  
Commissioner Michael J. Mortell  
Commissioner James A. Christie, Jr.**

**Also present were:**

**City Manager: Dan Hudson  
City Attorney: Paul J. Nicoletti  
City Clerk: Cherie White**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**FINAL BUDGET AND FINAL MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. City Manager – Explanation of the 9.0 percent decrease in the final millage in the final millage necessary to fund the FY 2007-2008 City's General Fund Budget, as required by The Florida Legislature.**

Mr. Hudson gave a brief overview of the proposed budget for FY 2007-2008.

- 2. General Public – Comments and questions from the general public regarding the final budget and final millage rate.**

Armond Pasquale came forward and expressed concern over the proposed budget and felt it was too costly for the number of residents within the City. He also stated that businesses are not given the tax cuts that are given to permanent residents. He said there were many residents leaving and businesses closing due to over taxation.

He asked the City to look into the issue and the over taxation.

Vice Mayor Krauskopf expressed concern over the School Board and their exemption from any tax issues. He said he was pleased with this year's budget

and was happy to move it forward. He said the City has made strides but felt other agencies needed to also make strides.

3. **City Commission – Discussion by the City Commission and the City Manager of any questions or amendments to the final millage and budget.**
4. **City Commission – Adoption of final millage rate resolution for FY 2007-2008 recomputed in light of any changes to the final budget.**
  - a. **RESOLUTION 129-07. Resolution adopting the Final Millage Rate for the City of Stuart, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2008.**

**Attorney Nicoletti read the Resolution out loud and announced the 2007-2008 decreased millage rate of 4.3329 per \$1000.00 of assessed property value.**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL RESOLUTION 129-07

SECONDED: COMMISSIONER MORTELL

ROLL CALL

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

5. **City Manager – Announcement that the adopted final millage rate does not exceed the rolled back rate.**

Mr. Hudson stated that the adopted millage rate does not exceed the rollback rate and in fact it is a 9% reduction from the rollback rate.

6. **City Commission – Adoption of final budget resolution for FY 2007-2008, including any changes made to the proposed City budget.**
  - a. **RESOLUTION 130-07. A Resolution adopting the Final Budget of the City of Stuart, Florida, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2008.**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL RESOLUTION 130-07

SECONDED: COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE

ROLL CALL

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

**7. City Commission – Adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan resolution for Fiscal Years 2008-2012.**

**a. RESOLUTION 131-07. A Resolution adopting the Capital Improvement Program for the City Stuart, Florida, for the fiscal years 2008-2012.**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL RESOLUTION 131-07  
SECONDED: COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE

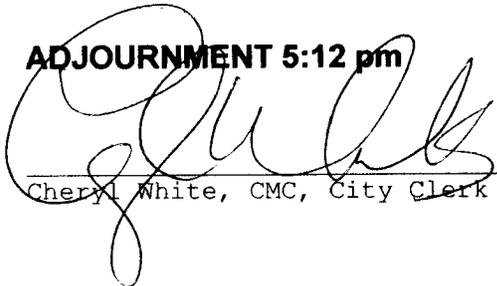
Mayor Hutchinson requested the City look at ½ cent sales tax and the plan of which direction we wish to go in the future.

Mr. Hudson said he would look into that and bring it back to the Commission.

ROLL CALL

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

**ADJOURNMENT 5:12 pm**

  
Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

  
Mary L. Hutchinson, Mayor

Minutes approved at the Regular Commission  
Meeting this 8th Day October 2007



