

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 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
City Clerk: Cherie White**

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

TENTATIVE 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 the reason for the public hearing. He stated the final Budget Hearing would be held on Monday September 29, 2008 at 5:15, here at City Hall. He stated that Stuart is financially sound. He stated the City staffing is down by 6% over the two year period. He thanked the entire City staff for their efforts in this year's budget preparation and especially thanked the Finance Department for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Krauskopf asked if the update from Dottie and the net numbers from the September 16, 2008 memo were included in the proposed millage.

City Manager Hudson stated they were included in the proposed millage.

- 2. General Public – Comments and questions from the general public regarding the proposed tentative 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 tentative budget.**

Vice Mayor Christie stated he felt the City was in good shape and was happy to see this year's budget.

Mayor Krauskopf requested implementing an IQ system and green yard waste collection and processing system.

4. City Commission – Adoption of tentative millage rate resolution for FY 2008-2009 recomputed in light of any changes to the proposed budget.

- a. RESOLUTION 110-08. Resolution adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for the City of Stuart, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2009.**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER WAXLER: MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 110-08
SECOND: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE**

City Attorney Nicoletti noted for the record that the tentative millage for the FY 2008-2009 is 4.3329 per \$ 1,000.00 assessed valuation.

ROLL CALL

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

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

City Manager Hudson announced the adopted tentative millage rate is .05994, less than the rollback rate, so it is a decrease in property tax, as defined by the TRIM law.

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

- a. RESOLUTION 111-08. Resolution adopting the Tentative 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 111-08
SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON**

Mr. Robert Hall came forward and expressed concern that he did not have all the numbers in the budget to know what the City was adopting.

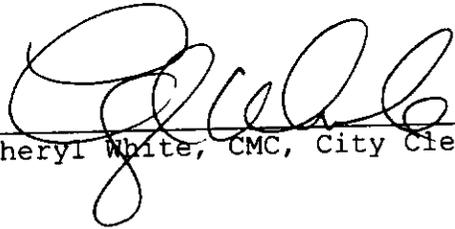
ROLL CALL

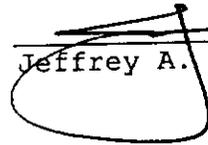
MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON	YES
VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES	COMMISSIONER WAXLER	YES

7. City Manager – Announces the second and final public hearing on the final millage rate and the final annual budget on September 29, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

City Manager Hudson announced the second and Final Budget Hearing date will be held on September 29, 2008 at 5:15 pm, 121 SW Flagler Ave, Stuart, Fl. 34994.

ADJOURNMENT :5:30 pm


Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk


Jeffrey A. Krauskopf, Mayor

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

