

**SPECIAL SESSION BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON JULY 27, 2009
AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**Roll call was answered by:
Mayor James A. Christie
Vice Mayor Michael Mortell
Commissioner Carol S. Waxler (ABSENT)
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf
Commissioner Mary Hutchinson**

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

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

1. Review and discuss the updated budget and millage for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

City Manager Hudson said what we are looking for today is the primary balancing options that were prepared for to look at. He also asked the Commissions direction in addressing Martin County's as to their budget decisions. He discussed the various budget balancing options. He noted the Property Appraisers billing error has been corrected and would change the budget numbers for the City as a reduction needed of \$21,000.00. He stated there was much discussion regarding merit pay to employees and presented the amount of \$193,000.00 in the General Fund.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked if the City feels comfortable with the cash flow, so that you can put accrued leave on the chopping block.

Dottie Zaharako stated all we need to find is \$137,000.

Commissioner Krauskopf said the reduction of the funding of the accrued leave. He said he would feel comfortable picking the accrued leave over the merit pay for funding.

Vice Mayor Mortell did not feel comfortable taking away merit pay.

Hutchinson said a better policy is needed for merit pay. She also said to look at the Manager's contingency fund to cut instead of departmental budget.

City Manager Hudson said he thinks we can balance the budget with the items discussed today. He asked the Commission for a motion to set the millage at 4.3329, which is the same millage rate as currently in place.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL TO SET THE MILLAGE AT 4.3329
SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Commissioner Krauskopf requested the City Commission direct the City Manager to have the Mayor sign a letter this morning to transmit to Martin County encouraging them to consider the effects that any tax increase would have on our 16,000+ residents.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO HAVE THE MAYOR SIGN A LETTER THIS MORNING TO TRANSMIT TO MARTIN COUNTY ENCOURAGING THEM TO CONSIDER THE EFFECTS THAT ANY TAX INCREASE WOULD HAVE ON OUR 16,000+ RESIDENTS.
SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Review timetable for budget adoption.

City Manager Hudson asked the two confirmed dates for the public hearing are Set 14th and Sept 21st at 5:15 pm.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL THE TWO CONFIRMED DATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ARE SET 14TH AND SEPT 21ST, 2009 AT 5:15 PM.
SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Approve Interim Investment Plan.

City Manager Hudson gave a brief overview regarding the investment policy. He said we would exclude the funds from the general fund from the definition of available funds for investment purposes. He also stated the current policy prohibits limits certificate of deposits. He requested that be increased from 50 % to 100%.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR MORTELL; MOVED APPROVAL TO EXCLUDE THE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE DEFINITION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES. HE ALSO STATED THE CURRENT POLICY PROHIBITS LIMITS CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS. HE REQUESTED THAT BE INCREASED FROM 50 % TO 100%.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON

ROLL CALL

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

***Mayor Christie passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Mortell to continue the meeting.**

4. Consideration of Community Services Department.

City Manager Hudson gave a brief overview regarding the proposal to change the name of the Recreation Department to Community Services Department.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR MORTELL; MOVED APPROVAL TO RENAME THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT 9:51 AM

ATTEST:



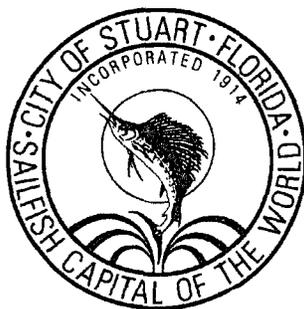
Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk



James A. Christie, Mayor

Minutes approved at the Regular Commission Meeting This 24th Day August 2009





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CITY COMMISSION

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Commissioner Mary L. Hutchinson
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf
Commissioner Carol S. Waxler**

absent

ADMINISTRATIVE

**City Manager, Dan Hudson
City Attorney, Paul J. Nicoletti
City Clerk, Cheryl White**

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If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceeding, and that for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

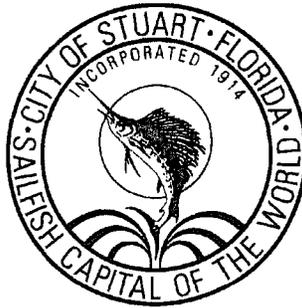
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2. Review timetable for budget adoption.
3. Approve Interim Investment Plan. M - H all 4-0
4. Consideration of Community Services Department. H-K

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@ 5:15
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470

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Auth Mayor Letter To me
encouraging them to consider the
tax increase what it will
do to the City residents



AGENDA

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AGENDA

Chairperson James A. Christie, Jr. ✓
Vice Chairperson Michael J. Mortell ✓
Board Member Mary L. Hutchinson ✓
Board Member Jeffrey A. Krauskopf ✓
Board Member Carol S. Waxler *absent*
Board Member Gene C. Rifkin *absent*
Board Member Samia Ferraro ✓

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9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Request to approve the Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency from June 22, 2009 (RC)

H-M

2. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 CRA TIF Budget

K-F all

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT