

**SPECIAL SESSION BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2008  
AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.  
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  
Commissioner Mary Hutchinson**

**Also present were:**

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

**1. Request to approve the minutes of the Special Session Budget  
Workshop of July 14, 2008**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORTELL MOVED APPROVAL OF MINUTES SPECIAL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP OF JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

**SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON**

**ROLL CALL**

<b>MAYOR KRAUSKOPF</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER WAXLER</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MORTELL</b>	<b>YES</b>		

**2. Review Revised Budget Line Items**

Dottie Zaharako gave a brief overview of the proposed revised budget items. She also presented a packet of information to the commission attempting to answer each and every questions raised by the Commission. She stated there would be some additional changes prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing because Martin County has changed their millage.

Commissioner Hutchinson questioned the number of development reviews.

Dottie Zaharako stated that the expenses were calculated and felt the revenues will be at least that much. She stated that if there were additional revenues they could not be used to offset other general fund expenses.

Dan Hudson gave a brief overview of the city's plan for fees.

Dottie Zaharako stated the City has a deferred revenue account and if there is a shortfall in the revenues, we can dip into that reserve to fund these expenses.

Mr. Hudson said he was comfortable doing \$50-\$60 thousand dollars.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked will the fiscal policy be adopted with the budget?

City Manager Hudson stated the policy was adopted already in early spring. He stated the way the property management fund is set up is that it can be used including the operations and maintenance.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked about the amount listed under City Attorney consultants and felt that if it was planning, it should be listed under Development.

City Manager Hudson stated the consulting fee is often for different purposes and divided among three different departments but would be happy to consolidate the charge into one.

City Attorney Nicoletti stated the fees may include paralegal research and is more than just planning.

Commissioner Mortell recommended paying a stipend to the Mayor and felt it would be easier to track rather than reimbursed expenses.

City Manager Hudson stated that he spoke with Dottie and felt the stipend payment would be the better choice.

Mayor Krauskopf stated that overall he had received comments on the 4.2% C.O.L.A and people wonder how and why we are doing this. My response to them is quite frankly staff is working a lot harder and being a lot smarter. He stated that with the new Fire Inspector position there should be no doubt that we can make the rounds.

Dave Dyal, Assistant Fire Chief stated that the second inspector would allow for inspections of lower priority businesses and should be relatively quick where the 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Inspector would concentrate on larger business that take more time. He stated they are also looking at formulating on site visits by in service Fire Crews. He stated there would be a thorough accountability on this position.

Mayor Krauskopf asked when the City would be freeing up funds from loans.

Dottie Zaharako stated that would not be anytime soon. USB is the FMLC Bonds.

Mayor Krauskopf asked for sources for accelerated debt reduction.

Dottie Zaharako stated the only debt the City has is Water, Sewer which is refinanced, the CRA Bond which is refinanced, and we have the GO Bond and the FMLC.

Mayor Krauskopf asked about the Northpoint coming on line?

Dottie Zaharako stated the City and the CRA with the CRA being an agency, and concluded the monies belong to the property management fund instead of the CRA.

Mayor Krauskopf : So into next year which is 2009, in property management fund, projects will be a little over \$900,000.00.

**3. Set Preliminary Millage Rate**

City Manager Hudson announced the tentative budget hearing for September 22, 2008 and final budget hearings for September 29, 2009, both to be held at 5:15 pm.

City Manager Hudson announced the millage rate at 4.3329.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WAXLER MOVED APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY MILLAGE RATE OF 4.3329.

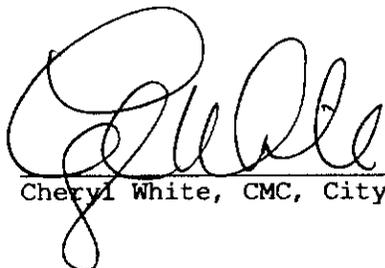
SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON

ROLL CALL

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

**ADJOURNMENT 10:14 am**



  
Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

  
Jeffrey A. Krauskopf, Mayor  
*Vicemayor*

Minutes approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 8 Day September 2008