

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
AT 5:30 P.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
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.

PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming the month of October for Historic Preservation.

The proclamation was accepted by Chris Sawicki, President of the Stuart Heritage Museum, she presented a copy of a book and challenged the City Commission to read "The Last Cracker Barrel written by Ernie Lyons". She said she would like to see 1000 people read the book by the end of October.

2. Employee of the Month

Dave Tyler

Dave Tyler came forward and graciously accepted his award.

3. National Committee Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Presentation

Paula Nicoletti came forward and presented the City with an award from the Department of Defense on behalf of Guard /City Employee Rick June, who made the nomination.

City Employee's Sam Amerson, Dave Peters and Paul Hitchcock graciously accepted the Award on behalf of the City.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Waxler expressed concern over the letter she had received from Circle Yacht Club regarding the City's stop work order, she requested the City Manager to look into the matter.

City Manager Hudson said the matter is under investigation and a report will come back to the Commission shortly.

Commissioner Hutchinson wanted to correct the Stuart News reporter who has twice mistakenly referred to her as "Mayor" and she has reported her concerns to the editor.

Vice Mayor Mortell said the MPO has funds available but the City will not have a chance at \$40,000 that Sewalls Point did not want because the City had not given any estimates on sidewalks, so was not eligible for "prioritization" for those funds.

Commissioner Hutchinson said if we would have applied we could have gotten more money "from the pot" and the City needs to be more proactive in getting applications to the MPO.

City Manager Hudson said staff will be more proactive

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

Mr. Hudson announced the "Grand Re-opening" and track dedication at the 10th Street Center. He said in a public private partnership renovations have been completed to the Recreation center. He said the ceremony will be held this Friday (9/25) at 5 PM. Mr. Hudson also addressed a letter the City received from Assistant County Administrator Jim Sherman concerning County Office Space. He said they will be issuing a RFP. He requested the Commission consider participation in their process by providing information that the City would like to partnership with Martin County. He requested the City Attorney and Terry O'Neil work on the letter to the County in his absence.

Commissioner Hutchison suggested if the City is going to write a letter to Martin County it should include the City's stand that all County Offices is brought back to the downtown.

Vice Mayor Mortell agreed with Commissioner Hutchinson and recommended some incentives from the City.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON; MOVED APPROVAL THAT THE CITY SEND A LETTER TO MARTIN COUNTY THAT THE CITY'S INTENTION IS TO HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES BROUGHT BACK DOWN HERE TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA AROUND THE COURTHOUSE AREA, AND THE CITY IS WILLING TO WORK WITH THEM.

**SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

City Manager Hudson mentioned the following items:

The special events fees follow up is still pending. Staff is exploring a lease for temporary Station 3 in the Baker Road vicinity, and Dottie Zaharako will be Acting City Manager while I am on vacation starting 9/22/09.

Mr. Hudson noted that Item 7 – Stuart Mainstreet Lease had been pulled for discussion.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non-Agenda Matters Only – 5 min. max)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF AGENDA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. **Authorization to negotiate two contracts with the highest ranked Energy Conservation Professional responding to RFP #2009-78; Ameresco**
5. **RESOLUTION 109-09 Authorization for a budget amendment to the 2008-009 Annual Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Budget of the City of Stuart for the appropriation of additional funds \$30,000 and expenditure of total funds, \$80,000 for the construction of a public restroom facility adjacent to City Hall**
6. **RESOLUTION 110-09 Authorizing the acceptance and filing of the 2009 water and wastewater utility needs assessment report**
7. **RESOLUTION 111-09 Authorization to execute a lease agreement between the City of Stuart and Stuart Main Street Association to provide office space for Stuart Main Street at the City Hall Annex located at 300 S.W. Flagler Avenue, effective October 1, 2009 for a three year period until midnight September 30, 2012**
8. **RESOLUTION 112-09 Authorization for a budget amendment to the 2008-2009 annual general fund operating budget and transfer of funds from general fund, fund balance to Fire Rescue Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$184,000 and appropriation and expenditure of funds for the purchase of a 1997 Pierce Quantum Custom Rescue Pumper, in the amount of \$184,000**
9. **RESOLUTION 113-09 Authorization to accept the Gehring Group Proposal RFP 2009-80 for Health Insurance benefits from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Inc. and transitioning to the alternate blue options PPO plan at a decrease of 10% maintaining the current dental plan with Florida Combined Life (FCL) at a 7.2% increase (\$5034.00) and adding an alternate dental HMO; providing for the review, analysis and proposed recommendations pertaining to the City's Health Insurance Plan**
10. **RESOLUTION 114-09 Authorizing a budget amendment to the 2008-2009 annual Community Redevelopment fund operating budget for appropriation and expenditure of funds for construction of Confusion Corner Crosswalk improvements in the amount of \$70,000**
11. **RESOLUTION 117-09 Authorization to renew a contract for disaster debris monitoring services with Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc. as primary provider and with Captec Engineering, Inc. as secondary provider**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT
AGENDA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER
ROLL CALL

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

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Commissioner Hutchinson said she had pulled this item because she would like to limit the lease to (1) year instead of 3 years because, Mainstreet's new board has agreed to get back to what Mainstreet is supposed to do. She feels the City is doing things that Mainstreet should be doing.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 111-09 WITH THE LEASE TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND NOT SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

Commissioner Waxler asked if the history of the Mainstreet lease has been 3 years?

City Manager Hudson was unaware of a past lease with Mainstreet. Typically a lease with a non-profit has been 3-5 years.

SECOND: VICE MAYOR MORTELL
ROLL CALL

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSION ACTION

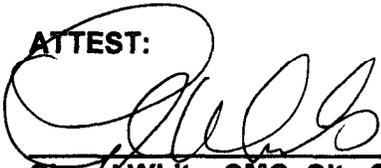
ORDINANCE FIRST READING

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT 6:01 PM

ATTEST:


Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk


James A. Christie, Mayor

Minutes approved at the Regular Commission Meeting This 12th Day October 2009