

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2012  
AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.  
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**CITY COMMISSION**

**Mayor James A. Christie, Jr. (Absent)  
Vice Mayor Eula R. Clarke  
Commissioner Troy A. McDonald  
Commissioner Kelli Glass  
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf**

**Also in attendance were:**

**City Manager, Paul J. Nicoletti  
City Attorney, Michael D. Durham  
City Clerk, Cheryl White**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming The Month of February 2012 as  
Black History Month**

Dr. J. Thompson came forward and graciously accepted the Proclamation and thanked the City.

**2. Employee of the Month**

**Janine Wilde, Public Works**

Janine Wilde came forward and graciously accepted the Proclamation and thanked the City and Public Works Department for her award.

**3. Employee Service Recognitions**

**Elise Farrell, Fire Rescue, 15 Years  
Michael Anthony Pope, Police Department, 5 Years  
Bruce Luriea, Public Works, 5 Years  
Robin Lemay, CRA, 5 Years  
Don Wilgan Jr., Code Enforcement, 5 Years**

All employees came forward and graciously accepted their awards, with the exception of Elise Farrell who was unable to attend.

**4. Employee of the Year 2011**

**Gloria Fike**

Gloria Fike came forward and graciously accepted the award and thanked the City.

**Employee of the Year Runner-up 2011**

**Mary Kindel**

Mary Kindel came forward and graciously accepted the award and thanked the City.

**COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Glass sent kudos to all involved in the Martin Luther King festivities and also commented on the beauty of the new “Sails” shade structure.

Commissioner Krauskopf said he had received a lot of comments about the low pressure sewer program, and there were no negative comments. He also asked if there had been a response from the County regarding the Palm City Road issue.

City Manager Nicoletti stated they had not but would contact them tomorrow.

Commissioner McDonald congratulated the Employee of the Month, Employee of the Year and the Runner Up and also complimented the Martin Luther King celebration. He asked about the completion date for the East Ocean Blvd. construction, he noted that he received several comments from the businesses along the roadway.

City Manager Nicoletti stated that this was a county project but understood it to be a month behind.

City Engineer Sam Amerson said the County has given a date of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, due to firing of initial sub-contractor and hiring of a new contractor that is due to start work this Friday.

Commissioner McDonald also noted he had received some complaints about the LED sign being placed on the Haney Creek parcel.

Vice Mayor Clarke congratulated McDonald and herself on the completion of their first year as City Commissioners. She also noted concerns on the East Ocean construction project and the parking issues. She noted that Mabel Witham was present in the audience tonight. Regarding the MLK festivities, Clarke said she had guests who thoroughly enjoyed the events especially being given a tour of the City by the “trolley guys.”

**COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Nicoletti noted the following:

1. City Employee parking has been moved to the old Dockside Restaurant parking lot.
2. Ribbon cutting for the new "Sails" shade structure is scheduled for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. (It was noted that Commissioner Glass would not be able to attend as that is her wedding day).
3. Based on discussion at recent City Commission meeting regarding parking he has asked staff to prepare a draft Ordinance amendment to allow for the parking of Boats, trailers and RVs on driveways so long as it doesn't cause people to park other vehicles on the grass. Mr. Nicoletti state it is tentatively scheduled for discussion on the February 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.
4. On Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM the Treasure Coast League of Cities will hold its monthly meeting at Tradition Town Hall with a presentation by Steve Anderson of FPL regarding the installation and use of the new "Smart Meters."
5. Coffee with the City Manager is now scheduled for 8 AM on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Flagler/ Lyric Center.
6. The City has had a recent request from Sandy Thurlow and Julie Preast to apply for designation on the National Register of Historic Places for the Stuart Feed Store. Nicoletti has asked City Clerk Cherie White to assess the significance of that designation and he will report back with her findings prior to any application.
7. Nicoletti reminded everyone of the State of the County Address tomorrow morning (1/24) at the Martin County Commission Chambers starting at 8:30 AM
8. Re: article in Stuart News regarding the Lamar Board being moved to the new 2-acre parcel, Nicoletti said there seems to be a valuable tradeoff in locating all of the commercial uses on one property and thereby freeing up another couple of acres to be added to the Haney Creek Preserve.
9. Nicoletti requested Agenda Item 8 be added for discussion of the Korean War Memorial placement in Memorial Park.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING ITEM 8.  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Robert Steinberg came forward and expressed concern over the management agreement of the Lyric/Flagler Center.

Armond Pasquale came forward and complained over the construction along the East Ocean Blvd corridor during the busiest time of the year.

Danielle Batt came forward and expressed concern over the Fisherman's Village neighborhood and complained it was junky looking.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5. **Request to approve the Minutes of the Attorney/Client Session of December 12, 2011 and Regular Commission Meeting of December 12, 2011**
  
- 6. **REQUEST TO CONTINUE TO FEBRUARY 13, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING  
ORDINANCE 2238-2012 (First Reading) Request to consider a Rezoning from R-3 to CPUD and approve a Site Plan for the Covenant Fellowship Baptist Church property located at 2880 Astor Lane**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR 5,6

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER GLASS	YES	COMMISSIONER MCDONALD	YES
VICE MAYOR CLARKE	YES	COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF	YES

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**COMMISSION ACTION**

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION**

**7. Palmetto Harbor Sewer Special Assessment District**

Dave Peters gave a brief overview regarding the different options available to those residents in the Palmetto Harbor Special Assessment District who are requesting the same incentives offered to those in the Manor and Pelican Sewer basins. There were three options presented to the residents, one was to do nothing, two provide the 17 property owners who have paid off the entire assessment, the \$3,000.00 in incentives currently being offered to those residents in the Manor and Pelican Sewer basins. He noted the reimbursements would go to those who actually wrote the check to the tax collector. The second part of that option is to provide the 31 properties that continue to pay their special assessment a \$2,000.00 credit toward the remaining balance of the assessment or the next 16 years and in addition provide them the opportunity for an additional \$1,000.00 incentive if they pay the assessment off in the next 12 months. Option 3 is to provide the to provide the 17 property owners who have paid off the entire assessment, the \$3,000.00 in incentives currently being offered to those

residents in the Manor and Pelican Sewer basins. He noted the reimbursements would go to those who actually wrote the check to the tax collector. The second part of that option is to provide the 31 properties owners an opportunity to execute an agreement with the City to pay the remaining balance at no interest through the monthly utility bill, which would abolish the Palmetto Harbor Special Assessment district.

Staff recommended option 2.

City Manager Nicoletti announced that his property would be affected by the staff's recommendation.

Laura Todzia came forward and asked for clarification of staff's recommendation.

Commissioner McDonald disclosed that one of the affected properties is owned by his father-in-law and may cause a voting conflict on the matter.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER LISTING ALL OF THE OPTIONS TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PALMETTO HARBOR & LARK & MANOR SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND WITH A RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMISSION TO APPLY OPTION 2.  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER GLASS

Bill Davis came forward and asked if the letter would have a choice by the residents to choose?

Dave Peters stated that the letter may include which option would you be in favor of option 2 or 3.

The City Manager stated the details of the letter would be discussed at a staff level.

ROLL CALL			
COMMISSIONER GLASS	YES	COMMISSIONER MCDONALD	YES
VICE MAYOR CLARKE	YES	COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF	YES

Item #8 added

City Manager Nicoletti provided a 3 page description of the proposed Memorial Park "War Memorial".

Commissioner McDonald said he met with the groups who prepared the plans for the memorial.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD; MOVED APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE PLAN AS A TEMPLATE.  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Philip Vozzella, 427 Robalo Ct. came forward to comment regarding the parking of boats trailers and likewise in driveways. He stated that the problem is where they are parked in the

driveways however everything else is parked on the lawn that is the problem. He asked the City looks at this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT 6:32 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

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James A. Christie Jr., Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission  
Meeting This 23rd Day January, 2012**