

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON APRIL 11, 2011
AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**Mayor Jeffrey Krauskopf
Vice Mayor James Christie Jr.
Commissioner Michael Mortell
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Troy A. McDonald**

**Also in attendance were:
City Manager Dan Hudson
City Attorney Paul J. Nicoletti
City Clerk Cheryl White**

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

PRESENTATIONS

**1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming the Month of April 2011 as
Environmental Studies Awareness Month.**

Kelly Pelletier came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation. She announced the upcoming Fishnic Event April 30, 2011 at Flagler Park. Proceeds from the Fishnic will be used to support projects at the Environmental Studies Center in Jensen Beach. She thanked the City for their support to the environment with all the environmental projects in the City.

Mayor Krauskopf asked if they would be interested in helping with mangrove planting along the St Lucie River, in the City.

Kelly Pelletier said they would be happy to assist in the project.

**2. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming the Week of April 10-16, 2011 as
National Volunteers Week**

Diane Young came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation and thanked the City of Stuart. She encouraged those who volunteer to register their hours.

3. PROCLAMATION: S.P.A.M. Robotics Team

Susan O'Rourke and Richard Brooks came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation and thanked the City. She stated the project that the students created is up for a national award. Mr. Brooks stated they are a Science Technology, Engineering and Math Club.

4. Check Presentation to the Community Services Division from the Golf Tournament Proceeds

Jim Chrulski, Community Services came forward and presented two checks to the City on behalf of two golf tournaments fundraising events in the amounts of \$6,643.52 and \$9,356.32 the funds will go to the The East Stuart Youth programs.

5. Presentation by Colonel Alan Weierman entitled "Blue Star Awards"

Colonel Alan Weierman came forward and announced a program named the Blue Star Awards program. The program thanks and honors those service members who sacrificed their lives and who did not qualify for a congressional award. The first awards will be presented on April 26, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

6. Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Mr. Ron Conrad, Audit Partner, Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP

Mr. Ron Conrad, Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP presented the Annual Financial Report of the City. He stated that the City of Stuart's report has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He advised the Commission that there will be amendments in the horizon to the definitions and terms of governmental funds.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORTELL MOVED APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
SECOND: COMMISSIONER CLARKE
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Power Point Presentation by David Smith, Economic Council on Proposed US Customs and Border Patrol at Witham Field

David Smith, Board Member of the Martin County Economic Board Transportation, Presented a powerpoint slide show for a proposed US Customs and Border Patrol office at Witham Field, servicing boaters and aircraft. He presented the cost and revenue associated with the program.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD MOVED APPROVAL OF TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY TO MARTIN COUNTY FOR THE PROGRAM.
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MORTELL
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

John Leighton came forward and requested the city support the program.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Clarke announced volunteerism week and she had the pleasure of visiting the habitat angels in the East Stuart neighborhood. She commended the Community Services Department for their work with the different community groups to get the project completed. She also said she has been working with all City Departments but thanked those who are helping put together her upcoming Town Hall meeting. She complimented all City staff for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Stuart.

Commissioner Mortell encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming public meeting on April 20, 2011 at 6:00 pm to hear a presentation by Dan Burden on walkability and street corridors in downtown Stuart including the Colorado Avenue Business District.

Vice Mayor Christie echoed Commissioner Clarke's comments for the Habitat Angels and Extreme Makeover in East Stuart. He said the neighborhood was a buzz over the weekend.

Mayor Krauskopf noted that he and City Attorney Nicoletti went to the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting and the City of Stuart received approval for becoming part of the Pilot Mooring Program along with the City of St. Augustine.

City Attorney Nicoletti stated that the City of Stuart's approval is "fragile" because there is the possibility that there will be an objection filed regarding the Martin County's [Jensen Beach] mooring field location.

Mayor Krauskopf announced that on April 20, 2011 a Budget Workshop will be held at 4:30 pm-6:00 and at 6:00 p.m. the City Commission will hold a special meeting to hear a presentation by Dan Burden on walkability and street corridors in downtown Stuart including the Colorado Avenue Business District.

Mayor Krauskopf asked what savings would there be to hold one Commission Meeting a month rather than two.

Mayor Krauskopf commented on a concern that the area of riverfront from St. Lucie Avenue to "the Bridge" and the unsightly riprap and would like the Commission's support to look at volunteer mangrove planting program in that area.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hudson reminded the Commission and public of the following meetings: Town Hall Meeting to be hosted by Commissioner Clarke at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 14th, 2011 at the SFWMD office on Indian Street.

Budget Workshop on 4/20/11, at 4:30 PM, City Hall Commission Chambers.

Special Commission Meeting with Urban Planner Dan Burden on 4/20/11 at 6:00 p.m.

Community Redevelopment Board 4/25/2011 at 5:00 p.m. the meeting is expected to be longer than normal because the CRB meeting lasted 2½ hours.

Coffee with the City Manager 4/29/11 at 8 AM City Hall Commission Chambers.

The Martin County Commission meeting has two items affecting the City of Stuart, one is recommendation from the Land Acquisition Steering Committee recommendations on rankings of property for the property north of the bridge will be heard at 10 AM and the County Office Building discussion proposal will be addressed at 10:30 AM. City Manager, the Mayor and members of City staff will be in attendance.

Mayor Krauskopf asked that the City look into the structure of the various City Advisory Boards and see if it may be worth scheduling quarterly meetings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Caryn Yost-Rudge came forward and expressed concern over the City's Code Enforcement Case against their property and the recent letter she received regarding the hearing before the City Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8. Request to approve the minutes of the Special City Commission/CRA/CRB Meeting of March, 21, 2011 and Regular Commission Meeting of March 28, 2011**
- 9. RESOLUTION 30-2011 Authorization to apply for and, if successful, execute an application for Financial Assistance from the Florida Department of Transportation for the Beautification of Dixie Highway including Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Landscaping and Audible Pedestrian Signal Upgrades**
- 10. RESOLUTION 31-2011 Authorization to rescind a Revocable Permit previously granted by Resolution Number 63-07 allowing HHR, LLC, Developer of the now defunct, partially complete, 4-unit Bahama Square Affordable Housing Project located at 945 SE Bahama Avenue, to construct (2) two parking spaces within the right-of-way of SE Bahama Avenue, and awarding a new Revocable Permit to construct said parking spaces to the property's new owner, Martin County, in furtherance of the County's efforts to complete the project and rent its units to low to moderate income tenants**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES
COMMISSIONER CLARKE	YES	COMMISSIONER MCDONALD	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

COMMISSION ACTION

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

11. ORDINANCE 2224-2011 (Second Reading) Amending the Stuart Code of Ordinances Renaming the Recreation Advisory Board to the Community Services Advisory Board

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORTELL: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE

Robin Pasano came forward and expressed interest in serving on the Board.

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES
COMMISSIONER CLARKE	YES	COMMISSIONER MCDONALD	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Jeffrey A. Krauskopf, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting This 25th Day April 2011.