

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 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.  
Vice Mayor Eula R. Clarke  
Commissioner Troy A. McDonald  
Commissioner Kelli Glass Leighton  
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf**

**Also in attendance were:**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming the week of October 22, 2012 as  
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Week**

A representative of the Martin County Veterans Chapter came forward and graciously accepted the award and thanked the Commission. He announced the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be visiting Stuart on October 25-28, 2012 at Halpatiokee Park. It will be staged on October 24, 2012 at the Port St Lucie Civic Center for transporting to the park for display.

**2. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming October 2012 as Historic  
Preservation Month**

Accepted by Joette Lorion-Rice who came forward and graciously accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Martin County Historic Preservation Board, she thanked the Mayor and Commission.

**3. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming September 2012 as Sickle Cell  
Awareness Month**

Accepted by Bruce Glover who came forward and graciously accepted the Proclamation and thanked the City of Stuart.

**4. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming October 1, 2012 to November 16,  
2012 as "Million Meals for Martin Food Drive"**

Accepted by Diane Tomasik, House of Hope Communications Director came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation and thanked the City for their participation.

**5. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming September 2012 as Suicide Awareness Month**

Stephen Leighton, on behalf of Congressman Rooney's Office came forward and thanked the City of Stuart. He announced that Congressman Rooney will be at City Hall tomorrow to formally accept the Proclamation at 10:00 a.m.

**6. Employee of the Month – September**

**Roz Johnson**

Roz Johnson came forward and graciously accepted her award and thanked the City.

**7. Employee Service Recognition**

**Melanie Forsythe, Police Department, 10 Years**

Assistant Chief David Dyess came forward and graciously accepted the award on behalf of Melanie Forsythe who was unable to attend.

**COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Glass-Leighton congratulated David Dyess on his promotion to Chief of Police and asked about the plan for an Assistant Chief position.

City Manager Nicoletti said as part of reorganization what he is looking at doing is to keep the assistant chief vacant at this time. He said if it doesn't work then he will come back to the Commission.

Commissioner Glass-Leighton would like to be sure funds will be available if more police presence is needed on the street.

Commissioner McDonald also congratulated both Assistant Chief and Chief Morley on their promotions and retirement. He also referenced the Vietnam Veterans Week Proclamation and said his father was a Vietnam vet and encouraged everyone to go see the Vietnam Memorial Wall replica when it is on display at Halpatiokee Park October 25-28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Krauskopf would like the City to produce a resolution regarding Amendment 4 that would put a cap on ad valorem at the next meeting.

City Manager Nicoletti said he represents the City on the Chamber of Commerce which has come out in favor of Amendment 4. He further added that he explained to the Chamber the impact to City's if Amendment 4 is adopted.

Commissioner Krauskopf noted the potential effect on the CRA and wants to contact the legislative delegation to give the City the alternative ability to raise sales tax if they do approve Amendment 4. He suggested bringing back to the Commission for discussion.

The Commission agreed.

Commissioner McDonald agreed and said we should include in there the effect on all the residents.

Commissioner Krauskopf, noted that the City previously discussed improvements to Palm City Road. He asked the City Manager to get with Joe Capra who has “sketched out” some preliminary plans, and bring back to the Commission for discussion.

The Commission Agreed.

Commissioner Krauskopf, apart from the Business Development Board’s efforts and he would like to have a City Commission discussion on exploring an RFQ for a “Corporate Headhunter” for the City of Stuart who has done this successfully, understands what we are, and brings us a factory, assembly institution, something that employs people who may help with rebuilding our base, and focusing in on infill. “We have seen a phenomenal ad valorem drop and we can’t afford not to take a laser focus action in this regard.”

Mayor Christie said this is the kind of alternatives that we are looking for because we are losing revenue and thought it was a wonderful idea.

Commissioner McDonald said he has talked with a “couple of cities” that have “their own person” and has been very successful.

Vice Mayor Clarke added her congratulations to Chief Dyess and asked that he concentrate on Community Policing. She also addressed the issue of Amendment 4 suggesting the City consider the proposed amendment by the Florida League of Cities, and agreed with Commissioner Krauskopf suggestion. She also addressed Kindred Street and Colorado construction noting traffic seems to be flowing. Vice Mayor Clarke requested the status of the Lyric Theatre time extension.

City Manager Nicoletti said we did extend the time, and he has scheduled a meeting tomorrow with John Loesser who has been away for a month. Nicoletti said it is “likely” we will see something on October 15<sup>th</sup> regarding a further time extension further.

Vice Mayor Clarke also asked for a report on results of the number of hits to the City’s web site regarding the Business Development Board pitch to get people to come to Stuart.

Mayor Christie congratulated Chief Dyess and wished Chief Morley a happy retirement. He noted the City’s centennial year for 2014 and noted a group that has been meeting to try and organize a formal board. He expressed concern over the board and whether or not we are working toward the effort to formalize the groups.

City Manager Nicoletti said the appropriate thing to do would be to adopt a Resolution and adopt a Resolution to create a Centennial Task Force and give a certain charge to that for that board to do certain amount of work. He explained that Board would be Sunshine Board and from their those individual members’ role would be to seek out people to help them.

#### **COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Nicoletti announced Congressman Tom Rooney will be at City Hall to formally accept the proclamation, proclaiming September 2012 as Suicide Awareness Month on Tuesday September 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. He announced that he will be attending the grand opening of the Osprey Lodge in Taveras Florida. Osprey Lodge is an assisted Living Facility built by the same firm that is building the Stuart Lodge on Palm Beach Road.

Saturday September 29, 2012 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon at Flagler Park volunteers will be placing oyster shell and reef balls just off shore, he welcomed volunteers from the public.

Monday October 1, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. at the Public safety Building, a change of command ceremony and oath of new Police Chief will be held, everyone is invited to attend.

He announced that the City continues to work with County staff on the 60 DNL airport noise compatibility study, and are working toward a meeting with FAA staff for October 4, 2012, in Orlando to clarify some outstanding issues. Terry O'Neil, Commissioner McDonald and myself and tentatively scheduled to go.

He introduced Teresa Lamar-Sarno and Joe Capra to provide a monthly report on the Colorado Avenue project.

Joe Capra, Captec Engineering came forward and gave a brief update to the Commission and public regarding the Colorado Avenue project.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER GLASS LEIGHTON  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8. RESOLUTION 88-2012 Authorization to assess the costs incurred by the City pursuant to Chapter 20, "Environment" of the City of Stuart Code of Ordinances (2010), as amended, to Abate Nuisances on Non-Public Real Properties within the City and including an Administrative Charge of \$100.00 per property; and providing that the Assessments shall bear Interest at the rate of Twelve Percent (12%) until paid**
- 9. RESOLUTION 89-2012 Authorization to approve the Award of ITB No. 2012-278, Chemicals: Water Treatment/Waste Water Treatment Plans to the lowest, most responsive bidders**

**10. RESOLUTION 90-2012 Authorization to approve the Award of RFP No. 2012-108, Business Telephone & Voice Mail System to the highest ranked firm, Joy Communications**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL CONSENT

CALENDAR

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

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

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**COMMISSION ACTION**

**11. New Appointment of an Elected Official to the Southeast Florida Intergovernmental Coastal Waters Task Force**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL TO APPOINT VICE MAYOR CLARKE

SECOND: MAYOR CHRISTIE

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

**12. ORDINANCE 2249-2012 (Second Reading) Request to approve a Major Amendment to the Eco-Center Commercial Planned Unit Development (CPUD), thereby approving a revised Site Plan, Landscape Plan and Building Elevations to accommodate an Expansion of the Mortuary Facility (Quasi-Judicial).**

Sworn: Terry O'Neil and applicant Mark McDonald.

Terry O'Neil gave a brief presentation to the public and Commission

Mark McDonald came forward and thanked the City staff.

City Manager Nicoletti announced the effective date will be added to the official Ordinance for recording.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2249-2012 ON SECOND READING WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF TODAY

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

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

**DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION**

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:36 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk**

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**James A. Christie, Mayor**

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission  
Meeting This 15th Day October 2012**