

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 AT 5:30P.M.
IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

CITY COMMISSION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

**City Manager, Paul J. Nicoletti
Interim City Attorney, Robert Kilbride
City Clerk, Cheryl White**

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TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING

1. City Manager – Explanation of the proposed millage necessary to fund the FY 2013-2014 City's General Fund Budget, as required by The Florida Legislature.

City Manager Nicoletti gave a brief overview of the proposed budget and included information about the proposed rollback or roll up rate. 4.6836. He stated that the City received a letter from the Property Appraiser indicating there was an error in the reporting of some property that was reported to be in the City but when in fact they were not. The net effect of that was a decrease in tax of \$195,000.00, but at the time the letter was written in July 5, 2013, it was indicated that the change would not be realized until the next year's tax roll. He gave the Commissioners choices of what they could do regarding the tax increase.

Commissioner Krauskopf said he has been focusing on savings with the CRA and Fire Rescue Department. He asked that those matters be looked at throughout the year.

City Manager Nicoletti stated that he would work with those departments and look at them with an open mind and continue to work on them.

2. General Public – Comments and questions from the general public regarding the proposed tentative budget and proposed millage rate.

3. City Commission – Discussion by the City Commission and the City Manager of any questions or amendments to the proposed tentative budget.

4. City Commission – Adoption of tentative millage rate resolution for FY 2013-2014 recomputed in light of any changes to the proposed budget.

a. RESOLUTION 91-2013 Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL RESOLUTION 91-2013

ROLL CALL

SECOND: COMMISSIONER GLASS LEIGHTON

ROLL CALL

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

4. City Manager – Announcement that the adopted tentative millage rate does not exceed the rolled back rate and in fact is equal to the rolled back rate.

City Manager Nicoletti announced the roll back rate status.

6. City Commission – Adoption of tentative budget resolution for FY 2013-2014, including any changes made to the proposed City budget.

a. RESOLUTION 104-2013 Adopting the Tentative Budgets of the City of Stuart for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013, and ending September 30, 2014.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL RESOLUTION 104-2013

SECOND: VICE MAYOR MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

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

7. City Manager – Announces the second and final public hearing on the final millage rate and the final annual budget on September 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Nicoletti announced the final hearing date.

Commissioner Krauskopf announced a motion for item 9 at this time. The motions and adoption of Ordinance 2271-2013 is stated after the item.

COMMISSION ACTION

8. Selection of City Attorney.

City Manager Nicoletti gave a brief background for the two candidates.

A ballot was provided to each Commissioner. The ballots were returned with a 3-2 vote in favor of Michael Mortell.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY
MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL MORTELL

SECOND: COMMISSIONER GLASS LEIGHTON

ROLL CALL

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| VICE MAYOR MCDONALD | YES | COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF | YES |
| MAYOR CLARKE | <u> </u> | COMMISSIONER GLASS LEIGHTON | YES |
| COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE | YES | | |

For the record Mayor Clarke comment at the roll call was as follows:

Mayor Clarke:” I think I am outvoted”

City Manager Nicoletti noted the meeting calendar for October will need to be amended due to the removal of the Furlough Days from the Budget. He noted that official action will take place on September 23, 2013.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

9. ORDINANCE 2271-2013 Relating to the Funding of Capital Improvements and essential services through the imposition of Special Assessments; providing the procedure for the imposition of such Special Assessments to fund the cost of Capital Improvements and Essential Services: Providing a special benefit to real property within the City; Authorizing the creation of assessment areas; Providing for the optional and mandatory prepayment of assessments; Establishing procedures for notice and adoption of assessment rolls, and for correction of errors and omissions: Providing that assessments constitute a lien on assessed property upon adoption of the assessment rolls; Establishing procedures and methods for collection of assessments including assessments imposed on government property; Authorizing the issuance of obligations secured by assessments; Providing for various rights and remedies of the holders of such obligations; Providing that such obligations will not create a general debt or obligation of the City.

Commissioner Krauskopf stated that when this is explained to the public it needs to be crystal clear and easy to understand.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2271-2013

SECOND: COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Clarke asked that for item 2 the email comments made by Mr. Mathes be entered into the record.

City Manager Nicoletti thanked Dottie Zaharako and her staff for their outstanding job of putting together the budget this year.

The Commission thanked the Financial Services Department for their hard work .

ADJOURNMENT: 6:20 p.m.

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Troy McDonald, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 13th Day January 2014**