

**SPECIAL SESSION BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON JUNE 16, 2010  
AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.  
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**Roll call was answered by:**  
**Mayor Michael Mortell**  
**Vice Mayor Carol Waxler (ABSENT)**  
**Commissioner James A. Christie**  
**Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf**  
**Commissioner Mary Hutchinson**

**Also present were:**  
**City Manager: Dan Hudson**  
**City Attorney: Paul J. Nicoletti**  
**City Clerk: Cherie White**

**1. Budget Workshop Presentation for Fiscal Year 2011**

City Manager Hudson gave a brief PowerPoint presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted the following concerns;

Manager Contingency funds increased to 1% and asked that this number be looked at.

Dottie Zaharako explained the discrepancy in the policy changes made last year.

Hutchinson: Look at the operations of the City Development Department and the cost per inspection.

Mayor Mortell requested that staff look into the cost to operate fire service North of the bridge.

City Manager Hudson said he just reviewed the quarterly reconciliation for that and it is off y one or two calls.

Hutchinson also asked why the Retirement Contributions went up?

City Manager Hudson said it included \$143,000 that was a bill vetoed by Governor Crist and there was also a rate increase that was programmed in.

Hutchinson also asked about Retirement contributions for PT employees and asked if that was required by the State?

Manager Hudson said yes.

Commissioner Christie asked about the Community Services department that is now under Public Works and if the budget has been amended to reflect the changes?

Dottie Zaharako said it has been amended to reflect changes.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked Dottie if she had any concerns or vulnerability from the State.

Dottie Zaharako stated that the only concern she may have would be revenues.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked if there was any additional cost savings for parks.

Commissioner Hutchinson also asked about lighting at the ball fields late at night.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked if the storm water funds are in line with all the properties that have been annexed.

City Manager Hudson said the City is collecting all storm water fees for the City.

The Commission agreed to hold the next Budget Workshop on Monday July 26, 2010 at 4: 30pm.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN RFP ON THE CRARY HOUSE.  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

City Manager Hudson asked the Commission to support sending a letter to Martin County that the City is open to working cooperatively on a small area plan.

Mayor Mortell stated he will attend the County meeting to present the letter to the County.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the School Board also expressed interest in moving their offices to that site.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked if the City Commission would like to conduct interviews of the County Commission Candidates.

Mayor Mortell said that many years ago when the School Board had several candidates running the planning department put together a series of City interested subject matter, kind of stuff. The City had the candidates come to the City at a published meeting informally question and answer as it relates to the issues. He agreed that it may benefit the City. The Commission agreed to hold an open forum.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT 2:43 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

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Michael Mortell, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission  
Meeting This 12thDay July, 2010**