

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON JUNE 30, 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

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

County Commission Candidate Meeting Update

Mayor Mortell said he called the Special Meeting because he wanted to know if the City Commission wished to address key City issues to the Martin County Candidates in a public forum. He said if they agreed then the Commission needed to identify what is important to the City.

(Attached) are the questions posed by Commissioner Krauskopf as attachment "A"

The City Commission agreed that the following key issues should be included in the questions posed to the candidates:

If the candidates support the Constitutional Offices in the downtown.

Growth at the Airport.

Vacant 18th Street properties in the City, and do they feel a PILOP program to help the City fill the void is something they would approve.

Transfer of Palm City Road to the City.

Terry O'Neil suggested asking "Would you be willing to work with the City on an equity analysis relative to City tax payers and capture all the various areas where there maybe inequities.

Commissioner Krauskopf suggested asking if the County would consider allowing the City collect its own impact fees.

Mayor Mortell expressed concern over that matter because when the City is no longer collecting impact fees due to no development. The City would have no stand to use

impact fees being generated in the County for City use, even though development outside the City impacts the City.

He suggested narrowing it to say” recognize that a development outside the City of Stuart, impacts the City of Stuart.”

Terry O’Neil suggested an equity type sharing proposal.

Mayor Mortell expressed concern over what the City will generate for impact fees over the next 15 years. He said there is very little residential or commercial land left in the City.

Commissioner Krauskopf said that what could happen is redevelopment of existing buildings where we can utilize that for impact fee funding.

Terry O’Neil said the City can ask for a first look at the funding and released for broader areas. And the City could maintain a capital list that would be the first one addressed, by the dollars that are collected in the City.

City Manager Hudson said the equity sharing concept would be how he would characterize it.

Mayor Mortell suggested also addressing the lost ad valorem on the Willoughby Property.

Commissioner Krauskopf suggested asking the County about the IQ water system and whether or not there will be any obstructions in implementing the program, and also Discussion of State Board of Administration Investment Policies. He also felt the City and County should help small businesses startup to fill already vacant spaces.

Mayor Mortell suggested that they did not want to a grilling session with the candidates, but to put all the candidates’ names in a hat to be drawn at no certain order, and each person is going to get 10 minutes to respond to the questions verbally, and state their position.

The Commission agreed to also ask the following question:

Do you support the Amtrak facility on Flagler Avenue, and how do you see that kick starting East Stuart?

And will you be willing to work with the City to accomplish this?

The Commission agreed to hold the meeting on July 15, 2010 at 5:30 P.M.

The questions will be given to the candidates in advance to prepare for their answers.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked if the City Commission would like to send a letter or Resolution focusing on the City’s concern that there is no oversight or responsibility associated with the SBA staff recommendation. Who is taking responsibility for this action? As the legislatures go to certify, verify, they have to approve the recommendation of the SBA, to move into hedge funds, more aggressively. Were

asking our legislatures to say : “As participants in that, were concerned that there is no oversight. How can you reassure us what oversight or accountability there will be? Who is responsible? If you don’t know that answer now, then please ask it, and mail it down to us.”

City Attorney agreed with Commissioner Krauskopf recommendation, he said he would do it by way of motion.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SBA.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT 2:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Michael Mortell, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 26th Day July, 2010**