

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
TO BE HELD MAY 12, 2008
AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

Roll call was answered by:

Mayor Jeffrey A. Krauskopf
Vice Mayor James A. Christie
Commissioner Carol S. Waxler
Commissioner Michael J. Mortell
Commissioner Mary Hutchinson

Also present were:

City Manager: Dan Hudson
City Attorney: Paul J. Nicoletti
City Clerk: Cherie White

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Krauskopf read a short bio about John Lessor, Executive Director of the Lyric Theatre and the history of his success. He presented the Mayor's award for excellence to John Lessor.

John Lessor came forward and graciously accepted his award and thanked the citizens, City of Stuart and his staff. He said that because of the efforts of all of the volunteers and his staff the Lyric has been a huge success.

**B. PROCLAMATION; PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 10 THROUGH
MAY 18, 2008 AS TOURISM WEEK**

Gary Guertin, Chairman Martin County Convention and Visitors Bureau came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation and thanked the City Commission.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Mayor Christie wanted to remind the City Commission and Public of the East Stuart Business Forum to be held on May 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m at City Hall.

Commissioner Mortell read an article written by Karl Wickstrom of Florida Sportsman Magazine from February 2008. . The article referenced that meetings that took place 50 years ago discussion were that a new South outlet from Lake Okeechobee must be constructed in order to save the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries. He stated there is addition discussion on the web at; www.news.calooschatchee.org/docks/riverkillers.com.

Mayor Krauskopf asked the City Manager to look into see what Port St Lucie is doing with their issue with the SBA and money and see if it worthwhile to tag along and find out how we can pick up our \$130,000.00 in interest.

Mr. Hudson stated he would look into that and report back any findings.

Mayor Krauskopf also requested information on the latest Legislature meetings.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER AND REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

City Manager Hudson announced a Joint City School Boat Workshop to be held on May 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for 1 hour.

Correction #6 appropriation of \$25,000.00 and expend \$40,900.00

#7a additional consent item

#8 amendment language revision

#9 attachment of a Resolution56-08, has been included in the agenda item.

STAFF REPORT ON COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

- **Fiscal Policy on Investments** **Agenda 5/12/08**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON; MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WITH AMENDMENTS

SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Request to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of April 14 and April 28, 2008 and Special Commission Meeting of April 22, 2008**
- 2. RESOLUTION 49-08 Authorization to execute an agreement between the School Board of Martin County and the City of Stuart dated July 1, 2008 for the use of School Board buses by the City Recreation Department to provide transportation in conjunction with field trips from time to time**

3. **RESOLUTION 50-08 Authorization to execute six (6) agreements between the City of Stuart and Brown & Caldwell; Captec Engineering, Inc; Culpepper & Terpening; Engineering Design & Construction, Inc; Hazen & Sawyer, PC; and MWH Americas, Inc. to provide professional civil engineering services as needed by the City per the hourly rates in each agreement**
4. **RESOLUTION 51-08 Authorization to approve a plat titled “Thies Distributing Plant of Stuart” for a 160,872 sq. ft. total building footprint which has been issued a final Certificate of Occupancy**
5. **RESOLUTION 52-08 Authorization to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Stuart and Martin County to install landscaping within a portion of the Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) right-of-way on South Dixie Highway between S.E. Decker Avenue and S.E. Monterey Road**
6. **RESOLUTION 53-08 Authorization to approve budget amendment #9 to the 2007-2008 annual water & sewer fund operating budget for appropriation and expenditure of \$25,000 to fund professional engineering services for the City’s consumptive use permit application to the South Florida Water Management District**
7. **Advisory Board Appointments for City Commission’s ratification**

ADDED ITEM 7A

- 7A. **RESOLUTION 55-08 Authorization to approve budget amendment , authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$221,105.00 to fund completion of the Poppleton Creek Watershed Restoration Project. Also authorizing the City Manager to execute change Order #2 to West Construction in the amount of \$173,750 inclusive of the budget amendment.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WAXLER: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1,-7A

SECOND: VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON	YES
VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES	COMMISSIONER WAXLER	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

ORDINANCES FIRST READING

1. ORDINANCE No. 2158-08 (First Reading) Amending the Stuart Comprehensive Plan at Chapter 7 Intergovernmental Coordination Element and at Chapter 8 Capital Improvements Element and Concurrency Management System; and adding a new Chapter 10 entitled Public Schools Facilities Element; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE 2158-08 ON FIRST READING

SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER

Terry O'Neil reminded the Commission about the language change announced at the beginning of the meeting.

AMENDED MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE 2158-08 ON FIRST READING WITH ADDED LANGUAGE

AMENDED SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON	YES
VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES	COMMISSIONER WAXLER	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

2. Discuss the process for the planning, implementation and design of the Memorial Park Redevelopment Project

City Manager Hudson gave a brief overview of the plans relevant to the redevelopment of Memorial Park.

Albie Scoggins was present

Mr. Hudson stated he would like to move forward with setting up a steering committee. He also stated that inclusive of the agenda item was an added Resolution 53-08 for a budget amendment. He stated he and Albie would be looking at a prototype this week. He also stated the City would be looking at hiring a consultant in a NTE \$25,000.00 . The proposal is to look at a conceptual Master Plan including, Restrooms Pavillions, sidewalks and paths. Separately additional enhancements will be coming forward to enhance the Wastewater facility.

He recommended appropriating \$230,000.00 and approval of Res 56-08

Commissioner Waxler asked if the money would be reserved or are we going to start spending ?

City Manager Hudson stated the initial \$25,000.00 would be spent on a consultant but the City would not engage in any other contracts without Commission approval.

Commissioner Waxler expressed concern over the hiring of a consultant in the amount of \$25,000.00. She felt this was something that staff could work on.

Commissioner Mortell stated the City hired the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and suggested looking at their design or plan for Memorial Park. He expressed concern over the location and limited parking. He also suggested looking at the surrounding areas for landscape to make the project pedestrian friendly.

Albie Scoggins came forward and stated he was looking at the preservation of the park and the existing uses of the park would remain. He would like to see the project move forward so that he may apply for the Cultural Arts Program Grant with a deadline of submittal of July 4, 2008.

Vice Mayor Christie: Move forward but look at the way the money is spent.

Nancy Turrell Arts Council came forward and said Houston Couzza did some plans for Memorial Park and were done by all volunteers, she suggested the City contact or engage with him. She encouraged the City to move forward with the plans to enhance the park.

City Manager Hudson said he has begun discussions with a firm from Jupiter who was interested in consulting the Memorial Park Project. He stated the first thing the City must do is apply for the Cultural Arts Grant.

Commissioner Waxler said she does not want to spend that kind of money on a consultant but would engage in a contract for just the grant aspect of the project. .

Commissioner Hutchinson suggested looking at local firms for pro bono work and also suggested \$10,000.00 or \$15,000.00 instead of \$25,000.00.

Commissioner Mortell said he was ready to move forward with the project however he would expect a very good report for \$25,000.00. I will support the project for \$25,000.00 but it is raising the bar for me so the return product has to be something nice.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON: MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 56-08

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MORTELL

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON	YES
VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES	COMMISSIONER WAXLER	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

Commissioner Hutchinson asked about bringing forward a future item to discuss the hiring of a consultant.

City Manager Hudson said he would do what the Commission authorizes him to do. He said he would bring back possible ways of going about the hiring of a consultant issue relevant to the grant amount.

Commissioner Waxler suggested pulling together all the information already put together and sit down and have a meeting to discuss the matter.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WAXLER: MOVED APPROVAL TO BRING FURTHER INFORMATION BACK AT A LATER MEETING

The Mayor stated the City Manager has enough information to bring back additional information.

3. Discuss the City of Stuart Investment Policy for Public funds Resolution 54-08 attached

City Manager Hudson said the City has had an investment policy but has not been utilized. He stated unfortunately the Investment Advisor could not be present. And who drafted the policy. Mr. Hudson requested also the City adopt the inclusive Resolution .

Mayor Krauskopf had the following questions:

Page #4, bottom "And 2 citizens of the City of Stuart" He asked if that was citizen, resident, business owner? He also did not see how they got to where they are. Were they appointed by the Commission? How does that come about?

City Attorney clarified that it should be by appointment by the Commission and I think citizens can be very broad. It does not say resident, it can be anyone who has significant ties to the City.

Commissioner Mortell suggested a case by case basis.

Attorney Nicoletti also added the following language to the end of the sentence: "As appointed by the City Commission."

Mayor Krauskopf: On Page #6 , maturity and liquid acquirements, each year a cash flow analysis will be done, what time of year will this be done?

Dottie Zaharako stated it would be an annual forecast, so what I would envision would be where we are going to meet with the investment advisory initially to design the portfolio. She indicated it would be a monthly analysis but a report could be generated quarterly.

Mayor Krauskopf requested that whatever the City is doing we cannot accept always accept somebody else's word for it; he stated that the City clearly needs to understand what it is we are buying or not buying. Although we want a majority of funds to be super safe, there is some funds take property management for instance, where you may be able to be safe, but a bit more aggressive. I don't have an aversion to that on a much smaller percentage of the funds, and that is my standpoint. It does not have to be in weather future, but there are ways to clearly pick up better rates of return on a very smaller portion. He wants to know if this has been considered and if the investment advisor talked about that.

Dottie Zaharako gave a brief overview of the current concept but will look at other ways to individually pull out certain funds.

Commissioner Mortell did not want to get into the report on a month by month basis, but would accept a quarterly report.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORTELL: MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 54-08

SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER

ROLL CALL

MAYOR KRAUSKOPF	YES	COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON	YES
VICE MAYOR CHRISTIE	YES	COMMISSIONER WAXLER	YES
COMMISSIONER MORTELL	YES		

ADJOURNMENT: 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Jeffrey Krauskopf, Mayor

Minutes approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 19TH Day MAY 2008