

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON JULY 23, 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.

Commissioner McDonald wished Betty Smith, Government Reporter, a very Happy 85th Birthday.

PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming August 12, 2012 as St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church Day

A representative of the church came forward and graciously accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Church.

Vice Mayor Clarke said was married there 26 years ago.

2. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming the Month of August, 2012 as Leukemia & Lymphoma Month

Ken Coe came forward and graciously accepted the Proclamation and invited all to participate in the upcoming Golf Tournament and fundraising Event in August.

3. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming August 7, 2012 as National Night Out

Chief Morley, Mike Pope and Linda Skoaglund came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation on behalf of Crime Watch.

4. Employee of the Month

Nickolos Corey

Nickolos Corey came forward and graciously accepted his award and thanked the Commission.

5. Employee Service Recognitions

Thomas Reetz, Development, 5 Years

Mercedes Pantoja, Public Works/Building Maint. Team, 5 Years

Thomas Reetz and Mercedes Pantoja came forward and graciously accepted their awards and thanked the City.

6. Guardian ad Litem Program Power Point Presentation

Gail Griffith was unable to present the video due to technical difficulties.

7. Appreciation of Fourth of July celebration sponsors

Thondra Lanese, Stuart Main Street Manager thanked many businesses, and private individuals for their support to the 2012 4th of July Fireworks celebration with certificates and plaques of appreciation.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Christie noted that the 4th of July Event spells out the spirit and graciousness of the people and businesses in the community. As Mayor I was at Flagler Lyric Center enjoying the good food, and the entire event was pleasant and a part of what Stuart is. He thanked all those who participated and worked hard to make it happen.

Commissioner McDonald commented that he hopes Martin County considers putting back on the ½ Cent Sales Tax back on the ballot.

City Manager Nicoletti stated that he would be discussing that tomorrow with Marin County.

Vice Mayor Clarke noted that she considers Stuart a safe place, and invited everyone to participate in the National Night Out Event. She also asked the citizens of Stuart to be prepared for Hurricane Season.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nicoletti request that he bring a letter from the City to the County requesting they hold back from their \$4.45 million dollar infrastructure sales tax that they are going to dedicate to their recreation throughout the County, that they actually

hold back \$1 million dollars for the City's use in redeveloping the 10th Street Complex. He read the letter into the record and asked that it be added as item 14a on tonight's agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
ADDING ITEM 14A PULLING ITEM 11
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Tara Beik came forward and invited the Commission and public to a fundraiser they are having Wednesday Night at the Deck Restaurant to benefit improvements to the Dog Park. There will be a \$10.00 donation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8. Request to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of July 9, 2012**
- 9. Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter supporting the initiative between the Boys and Girls Club of Stuart and the Community Services Advisory Board of the City of Stuart entitled "Nite Hoops". This program would entail utilization of the Stuart Middle School gymnasium facility for youths ages 12-18 and would promote positive behavior with mandatory satisfactory academic standards**
- 10. RESOLUTION 50-2012 Authorization for Budget Amendment #15 to the 2011-2012 Budget, General Fund, Public Works Department; Community Services Division, recognizing the Donations from the Community Services Advisory Board Fundraising Activities**

Item 11 was heard separately

- 11. RESOLUTION 61-2012 Authorization for a Non-Binding Resolution supporting the Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) to help residents and small businesses save on their energy bills and help create jobs**
- 12. RESOLUTION 62-2012 Authorization for the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Boys and Girls**

Club of Martin County and Tykes & Teens, Inc. for the provision of services at the 10th Street Recreation Center

13. Under the 2011 Charter Amendments, the City Commission is permitted to have fewer than 2 regular meetings each month. The City Manager is proposing that the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2012 be cancelled

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR HEARING ITEM 11 AS A SEPARATE ITEM.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

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

11.RESOLUTION 61-2012 Authorization for a Non-Binding Resolution supporting the Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) to help residents and small businesses save on their energy bills and help create jobs

Doug Coward, Executive Director came forward and gave a brief presentation regarding the program and asked for the City's support.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked if home wind generators were included in the program.

Mr. Coward said no unfortunately Florida is not a wind generating state.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 61-2012

SECOND: VICE MAYOR CLARKE

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION ACTION

14. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners requesting a one (1) year Extension to the Recalculation of State Gasoline Tax Distribution Method

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 14

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

14A. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the County requesting they hold back from their \$4.45 million dollar infrastructure sales tax that they are going to dedicate to their recreation throughout the County, that they actually hold back \$1 million dollars for the City’s use in redeveloping the 10th Street Complex.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 14A
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

15. ORDINANCE 2247-2012 (First Reading) Request to amend Chapter 3 of the City’s Land Development Code (LDC) granting properties within the Woodlawn Park Section of the Stuart Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) a credit for on-street parking spaces in meeting the LDC’s off-site parking requirements

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2247-2012 ON FIRST READING
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

Deanna Freeman gave a brief presentation to the Commission and public regarding the proposed Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

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

16. ORDINANCE 2248-2012 (First Reading) Request to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Financial Matters of the Stuart Code of Ordinance, Division 4, Procurement Procedures for the City of Stuart

Terry Iverson introduced Lanora Darden, City of Stuart Buyer for the purchasing department. Mr. Iverson gave a brief presentation to the Commission and public regarding the proposed Procurement Ordinance.

City Manager Nicoletti explained that there will be a coordinating Resolution to adopt the policy at second reading. This will then dovetail to the Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Clarke questioned if the City would be looking at local preference for vendors as well as Minor contractors.

Terry Iverson stated the manual includes step by step instructions that maintain a fair and even market out there for all vendors to compete.

Commissioner Glass Leighton noted that she sees that many small businesses can't bid on some of the projects due to the insurance and bonding requirements.

Mr. Iverson agreed that this is the case sometimes but the requirements are in place to protect the City.

Commissioner McDonald expressed concern over the cooperative purchasing section. He felt that there should be language in the policy manual that it not be used for construction projects. He also expressed concern over section 2-275, whereas he wanted to see a dollar amount listed and felt there wasn't enough oversight by the Commission.

Mr. Iverson explained that certain items would come back and a level could be set with complicated purchases over the City Manager's threshold amount for Commission approval.

Commissioner McDonald suggested maybe a notification is all that may be needed to the Commission but also agreed it could come back in the purchasing manual.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD; MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2248-2012 ON FIRST READING CONSIDERING COMMENTS MADE BY THE COMMISSION AND ALSO BRINGING BACK THE COORISPONDING PURCHASING MANUAL FOR APPROVAL ALSO BRINGBACK TO THE COMMISSION WHETHER OR NOT THE SNAP PROGRAM EXIST OR WHAT IS IN PLACE AT THIS TIME.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF

ROLL CALL

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT 6:42 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, MMC, City Clerk

James A. Christie Jr., Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting This 13th Day August, 2012