

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming October 19, 2012 as; “Clean Water Act – Justin Riney Appreciation Day”**

The Proclamation was presented to Justin Riney by Mayor Christie on Friday October 19, 2012 in recognition of his efforts to help bring awareness to the pollution of the St. Lucie River Estuary. He paddle boarded from Sebastian to Jupiter stopping to meet with City and County leaders along his journey.

- 2. Employee of the Month**

Paula Sesta

Paula Sesta came forward and graciously accepted her award and thanked the Commission.

- 3. Employee Service Recognition**

William (Bill) G. Pecci, Jr. Police, 25-Years

Lisa M. Scott, Police, 25-Years

Richard L. Shine, Police, 10-Years

Bill Pecci and Lisa Scott came forward and graciously accepted their awards and thanked the Commission. Richard Shine was unable to attend and his award was accepted by Police Chief Dyess.

- 4. PRESENTATION: Awards Presentation to Stuart Main Street by Friends of Florida Main Street, Inc., Ann S. Macmillan.**

Ann S. Macmillan, Chairman of the Friends of Florida Main Street, Inc. presented awards to the following:

James Christie, Awarded for 25 Years of Stuart Main Street.

Bernie Malone, Awarded for Outstanding Local Mainstreet Program Supporter.

Ron Hart, Awarded Outstanding Business of the Year and Earthtones.

Milton Leggett, Teresa Lamar-Sarno, Terry McCarthy, Marcella Camblor, Awarded the most Outstanding Economic Restructuring Program/Project in the City of Stuart with the newly created Outdoor Seating Program.

Teresa Lamar Sarno, Julie Priest, Dave Collier; Awarded the Outstanding Private Public Partnership with the Colorado Avenue Business District Improvements.

Sam Amerson, Awarded the Outstanding Special Events for Dancin in the Street's.

5. PRESENTATION: Colorado Avenue Business District Improvements Update.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno introduced Joe Capra of Captec Engineering gave a brief update regarding the status of the Colorado Avenue Roadway project.

He stated the contractor assured the City that the November 30th deadline will be met.

Commissioner Glass-Leighton expressed concern over the size of the parking places and the traffic congestion that will be caused if someone is trying to parallel park.

Mr. Capra said the parking spaces are 22 feet long and the sidewalk breaks will provide space for shade trees.

Commissioner McDonald said visually the parking spaces look very small and he feared people would just drive by instead of trying to park in the small spots.

Teresa Lamar Sarno stated that the design of the parking spaces went through a lengthy design process with significant input regarding landscape and shade. The plan you see today was approved.

Commissioner Glass-Leighton and Commissioner McDonald would both like to have some of the bump outs removed.

Vice Mayor Clarke wanted to know if the changes made already would change the cost of the project or contract.

Mr. Capra said we have not installed irrigation or landscape at this point so removing them is a possibility. He also stated there have been some changes to the original contract and some adjustments have been made but not significant.

Commissioner Krauskopf suggested leaving the bump outs in and see how things work with the traffic flow, if they don't work out then they can be modified. He also asked what happens to the traffic signal at Martin Luther King.

Mr. Capra said that is going to be a roundabout and it is still in question who owns it.

Commissioner Krauskopf said that the City can re-use the signal don't get rid of it

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Mayor Clarke wore her pink hat in support of breast cancer awareness month. She noted the Lyric showing of a free movie sponsored by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers regarding the McDonald's "Hot Coffee" lawsuit, and commended all involved in Stuart Mainstreet that has made changes for the better in downtown Stuart.

Commissioner McDonald said on Friday he attended the event for Speak up for the St. Lucie welcoming Paddle Boarder Justin Riney to Stuart and he encouraged participation in advocacy to support the River. He expressed concern and stated the State and Federal Government are not looking out for our river. of the River. He also noted the City Attorney has been working on an Interlocal Agreement with the School Board and the Night Hoops program and may be approved by the School Board on October 30, 2012. He also encouraged visiting the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial at Halpatiokee Park this weekend.

Mayor Christie noted October 27th begins early voting. Also October 28th is the Hobgoblin Parade Events in downtown Stuart and said Vice Mayor Clarke will be the "mascot" in the Hobgoblin parade. He reminded people to look out for children in the streets on Halloween, and to keep everyone safe.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nicoletti noted that Martin County has a preset hearing scheduled tomorrow at 1:30 pm to discuss a proposal of the BDB named Project marlin, which is a business expansion project that may add 200 jobs to our immediate area if favorably approved. This is a good effect on the City if approved. He encouraged City Commissioners attend the hearing. He also announced the traveling Memorial Wall will be traveling through Stuart and encouraged everyone to go and see it. TD Storm 18, Sandy has the storm passing to our East and there is some uncertainty as to the path and strength. We are monitoring the storm. Wed October 24, 2012 is the 7-50 Workgroup Roadshow will be held at the Chastain Center IRSC on Salerno Road from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. He reported to the Commission that the mural on the South side of Gusto's Restaurant is crumbling away from the wood wall. The City has

determined that it is not salvageable and the City has consulted the Artist and is working on the matter to be resolved. He said the City of Stuart is proudly mentioned in the recent Florida League of Cities Magazine regarding winning Citizenship Awards in categories: Water Conservation programs and the Watershed Program. Also announced is Jeffrey A. Krauskopf has completed 25 years of Elected Service to the Community. He announced that the City has received an answer from FAA regarding the inquires made by the City. He said he will be looking at those to see how it affects the City.

The School Board Hearing will also be held on October 30, 2012 at 6:00 rather than October 31, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF AGENDA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

President of Stuart Main Street Mark Brechbill came forward and graciously thanked the City for the help and efforts to the partnership between the DBA, Stuart Main Street and CRA.

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

Douglas Campora, Campora Construction came forward and expressed concern over the City/County Impact Fees quoted for Supreme Meats to expand their existing business.

Commissioner Krauskopf asked that the City Manager look into the matter and report back to the Commission.

City Manager Nicoletti agreed.

Robert Hall, Voice of the Peoples Coalition came forward and expressed concern over the improvements made around town and that there were none in East Stuart. He said he there have been no repairs done to the East Stuart area in quite some time. He also said there has been harassment by the Police Department in East Stuart.

Shirley Salt came forward and expressed concern over the recent pillow case burglaries and she was a victim. She said her home had been robbed in mid-afternoon while she was at a doctor appointment. She has talked to the new Police Chief and the City Manager about the need for more street patrols noting there are only 24 patrol policemen.

Mr. Nicoletti asked the Chief to look into the need for more patrol officers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. **RESOLUTION 94-2012: Creating an ad hoc advisory board to be known as the “Stuart Centennial Task Force” which shall be responsible for guiding the events and memorials commemorating the Stuart Centennial.**
- 7. **RESOLUTION 96-2012: Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Stuart and Duffield Marine, Inc. for that certain property known as the Shepard Park Building (Former Chamber of Commerce Building).**
- 8. **RESOLUTION 97-2012: Approving a road closure for the 39th Annual Stuart Boat Show on January 9th through January 13, 2013, along Dixie Highway (SR 707) from Albany Avenue South of the Old Roosevelt Bridge to Fern Street at the FEC RR Crossing, North of the St. Lucie River draw Bridge, subject to the Florida Department of Transportation approval.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION ACTION

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

- 9. **ORDINANCE 2250-2012: Amending Chapter 20, Article II, Environment, Lot Cleaning; Chapter 26, Article II, Law Enforcement, Code Compliance Article III, Junked Wrecked, Abandoned Property; Chapter 36, Article VI, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, News racks; Chapter 40, Article II, Traffic and Vehicles, Stopping, Standing and Parking; and Chapter 44, ARTICLE II, Waterways Trespassing Vessels and Dinghies.**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2250-2012 ON FIRST READING

SECOND: VICE MAYOR CLARKE

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 6:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

James A. Christie, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 5th Day November 2012