

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2010
AT 5:30 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
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**

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming November 2, 2010 as “Be a Hero” Day and the Month of November, 2010 as “Be a Hero” Month**

A representative from the Florida's Blood Center came forward and graciously accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission. He invited everyone out on Nov 4th, 2010, where Big Apple Pizza of Stuart on East Ocean Blvd will be hosting a Blood Drive from 11am-8pm.

- 2. PROCLAMATION: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Arts Council, Inc.**

Nancy Turrell of the Martin County Arts Council came forward and graciously accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission. She introduced Arts Council Chairman Jim Simoneau. He came forward and stated he appreciates the support of the City of Stuart.

- 3. Employee of the Month (will be presented at the November 8th Commission Meeting)**

Thondra Lanese, CRA

- 4. Employee Service Recognition**

William Spence, Fire Rescue, 20 Years

William Spence came forward and graciously accepted his award and thanked the Commission.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hutchinson announced that her Father-in-Law James Hutchinson who graduated from Martin County High School will be inducted into the Florida Artist Hall of Fame.

Commissioner Krauskopf said he had received calls from residents along St. Lucie Blvd regarding speeding he asked the City to look into the matter. He said it may be emanating from St. Lucie Place. He also said he received two emails on code enforcement. He also reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Mayor Mortell said he has been doing a non scientific poll regarding the Christmas Boat Parade, and has yet to find a place to observe it other than Sandsprit Park. He also understood that the judging area last year was at John Piersons Home, and was unsure of where it would be this year. "I still feel like the City could push and try and get the Christmas Parade downtown."

Mayor Mortell also noted that the candidates for City Commission told the Stuart News that the most common expense they found relating to money being spent in the City of Stuart is the Crary House. "I just bring that up because not a single person mentioned at all the \$165,000. A year that get spent on baseball subsidizing 96% of people which are not Stuart residents. Effectively to me this is the Crary House in perpetuity."

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hudson announced two purchasing items that do not require Commission action but reported.

Emergency Repair to the Kindred Street Lift station to; Felix and Associates LLC in the amount of not to exceed \$35,163.33. Funding is available in the Wastewater Treatment renewal and replacement account.

He announced a sole source purchase of a patented Weir Cleaning system for the City's water reclamation facility to Gill Trading.com Inc, in the amount of \$19,450.00. This replaces a manual cleaning and funding is available.

City Manager Hudson said he had been meeting informally with a group of residents that are interested in putting in a dog park. A location has been identified at Poppleton Creek and funding is available from a donation received by the former Envinrude Foundation.

He requested that item 7 be withdrawn and continued to work on the issue. He said the November 8, 2010 joint meeting with County Commission has been cancelled and rescheduled to December 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. possibly at the Flagler Center.

Mayor Mortell expressed concern over the meeting date and the current outgoing Commissioners, as well as whether or not Commissioner Krauskopf would be abstaining from the discussions.

Commissioner Krauskopf said he would speak with the City Attorney regarding the matter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: VICE MAYOR WAXLER: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Oats Reis came forward to thank the Public Works staff who worked on the neighborhood cleanup efforts on Saturday. He was able to get rid of several items that he otherwise would not have been able to throw away. He also complimented the City on their garbage service.

Robert Steinberg addressed residents concerns over recent code violations. He specifically addressed parking of vehicles on grass. He suggested allowing the owner lay mulch especially in his neighborhood where there may be a concern over the aquifer. He felt the same standards should apply in the entire City and not just the CRA. He also felt that the requirement for RV to be contained within a fence will create a hardship for residents.

Elie Jouni came forward and expressed concern over the approval of the Racetrac Station. He objected to the City's approval of allowing the project to have 10 pumps, and again asked the City for protection of the existing gas stations nearby the approved project. He noted a recent lawsuit against the City of St. Petersburg where there was infringement on an Ordinance in the City regarding building within 800 feet.

He said this is a PUD site should be negotiable based upon the code which calls for protection of adjacent, existing, and future development.

Mayor Mortell said the only objection to the project that has been raised against Racetrac is that it might give too much competition for the current existing gas stations.

No further action was taken on this matter.

William J. Rudge IV came forward to address three items. He read aloud a flyer he gave a copy to each of the Commissioners. The flyer is about a Truth in Office Ordinance. He said they are currently working on an initiative to present to the Commission. He also wanted wish the two outgoing Commissioner's well.

Kenneth Glass came forward and expressed concern that there would be no Hobgoblin Parade this year. He asked for the City's help and felt the event is good for the community.

Commissioner Hutchinson explained to Mr. Glass that this has always been a Mainstreet sponsored even, and they are having a Board meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Glass asked that the City encourage it.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5. Request support for Road to Victory Military Museum Stuart Air Show to be held at Witham Field scheduled for November 12, 13, and 14, 2010, and allowing certain equipment to be used during the event

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 5

SECOND: VICE MAYOR WAXLER

ROLL CALL

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

- 6. ORDINANCE 2211-10 (Second Reading) Providing for amendment to the Parking Regulations of the City to allow for the addition of Anchorage Way to the three-hour parking district; providing penalties; providing for codification

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2211-10

SECOND: COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE

ROLL CALL

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

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

This item was withdrawn.

- 7. Update on Martin County Offices

ADJOURNMENT 6:07 PM

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Michael Mortell, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting This 8th Day November, 2010