

**SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 OF  
THE CRA AND THE STUART CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON JULY 23, 2012  
AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE  
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

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Chairperson James A. Christie, Jr.  
Vice Chairperson Eula R. Clarke  
Board Member Kelli Glass Leighton  
Board Member Jeffrey A. Krauskopf  
Board Member Troy A. McDonald  
Board Member Johnnie Bell (Absent)  
Board Member Austin Tyo

**Also in attendance were:**

City Manager, Paul J. Nicoletti  
City Attorney, Michael D. Durham  
Financial Services Director, Dorothy Zaharako  
City Clerk, Cheryl White

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**1. FY 2013 Budget Workshop #2**

City Manager Nicoletti introduced the agenda item and explained the proposed budget.

Financial Services Director Zaharako gave a brief presentation and summary of the proposed budget to the Commission, and CRA Board. She explained there were a few outstanding matters that may impact the proposed budget. She expressed concern over the proposed local option gas tax and that it maybe a 50% reduction to the City.

City Manager Nicoletti stated he would like to meet with the affected municipalities to discuss the gas tax matter. He also noted the City request of Martin County to set aside \$1 million dollars from their infrastructure sales tax for the purpose of constructing of three ball fields at the 10th street complex.

The City Manager announced the CRA Budget and explained that the proposed budget has been reviewed and recommended approval by the CRB. He noted the CRA will be subsidized this year by the General Fund but anticipates a restructuring for future years.

Vice Mayor Clarke asked if the property owners in the downtown and business owners being educated regarding the CRA.

City Manager Nicoletti explained the joint cooperation between Stuart Mani Street, Downtown Business Association and the CRA. The information is jointly shared.

Commissioner McDonald asked if it would be worth re financing the debt of the CRA.

Financial Services Director Zaharako said the City's is always looking for ways to save money and would do so if it is available.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CRA BUDGET  
SECOND: VICE MAYOR CLARKE

Mark Brechbill came forward to thank the CRA, Stuart and East Stuart Mainstreet's, and the coordination and working relationship between everyone, and asked that the City find a way to keep that in operation. He also noted that the business and property owners have expressed an interest in a Special Assessment for additional downtown parking. He also asked the City to look into the CRA allocations because he felt they maybe a little heavy and may reduce the amount of funding from the City.

City Manager Nicoletti thanked Mr. Brechbill for his work with the Mainstreet organizations.

ROLL CALL

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

## **2. Prioritization of Pending City Wide Projects**

### **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION**

#### **3. FY 2013 CRA Budget Approval COMMISSION ACTION**

#### **4. Motion to set "Not to Exceed" Millage for FY 2013**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF; MOVED APPROVAL TO SET THE NOT TO EXCEED MILLAGE RATE OF 4.5524 MILLS.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:23 PM**

**ATTEST:**

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Cheryl White, MMC, City Clerk

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James A. Christie Jr., Mayor

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