



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF STUART,
TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND, TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT,
TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE PARK
HELD ON JULY 31, 2012
AT 12:00 NOON AT THE LYRIC'S FLAGLER CENTER
201 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

CITY OF STUART

**Mayor James A. Christie, Jr.
Vice Mayor Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Kelli Glass Leighton
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf
Commissioner Troy A. McDonald (Absent)**

ADMINISTRATIVE

**City Manager, Paul J. Nicoletti
City Attorney, Michael D. Durham
City Clerk, Cheryl White**

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT

**Mayor Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch
Vice Mayor Paul Schoppe (Absent)
Commissioner Thomas Bausch (Absent)
Commissioner Pamela Busha (Absent)
Commission Paul Luger (Absent)**

ADMINISTRATIVE

**Town Manager, Robert Kellogg
Town Attorney, Glen Torcivi (Absent)
Town Clerk, Ann-Marie Basler**

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE PARK

Mayor David Myers
Council President Jim Walker
Council Vice President Ann Kagdis
Councilwoman Earlene Cairns
Councilwoman Camden Griffin
Councilwoman Patricia Ruge
Councilman Lawrence Vaught

ADMINISTRATIVE

Town Manager, Terrance O'Neil
Town Attorney, William F. Crary II (Absent)
Town Clerk, Pamela Orr

TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND

Mayor Harry Charlston (by phone)
Vice Mayor William Brown (Absent)
Commissioner Barbara Carr (Absent)
Commissioner Charles Falcone
Commissioner Anne O'Laughlin Scott (Absent)

ADMINISTRATIVE

Town Manager, Gene Rauth
Assist. Town Manager / Finance Director, Michael Ventura
Town Attorney, John C. Randolph
Town Clerk, Gwen Carlisle

City of Stuart Mayor Christie delivered the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Boards.

City of Stuart, Mayor Christie, gave a brief overview regarding why the City of Stuart has called this meeting. He recognized Taryn Kryzda and County Commissioner Ed Fielding, as well as Martin County Sheriff Candidate David Dees in the audience.

City of Stuart, Commissioner Krauskopf, asked that the City's within Martin County to meet and discuss a unified voice of the municipalities regarding the proposal by Martin County to formulate the Fuel Tax in a different formula that affects the budgets all of the budgets. He suggested a quarterly meeting of the municipalities in the future to discuss the various items and formulate a strong voice for the future. He invited the attending municipalities to host a future joint meeting in the future.

Town of Jupiter Island, Commissioner Charles Falcone, said he agreed that a joint meeting would be helpful, and felt it could be a mutual advantage to the attendees

today. He did say they do not have a quorum, but would be happy to share the information from today with his Commissioner.

Town of Jupiter Island, Town Manager, Gene Rauth, agreed with Commissioner Falcone, and stated he would bring back to his Commission the various actions that come out of today's meeting.

Town of Sewall's Point, Mayor Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, thanked the City of Stuart for hosting this meeting and also announced they too do not have a quorum.

Town of Ocean Breeze Park, Mayor David Myers, was supportive to the idea of continuing these Joint Meetings for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes each)

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

1. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the recent Martin County Staff Proposal to Apply the Formula identified in Sec. 336.025, Florida Statutes (Fuel Tax), and incorporate it into a Joint Five Year Interlocal Agreement.

City of Stuart, City Manager Nicoletti, gave a brief overview regarding the proposal by Martin County to amend the Fuel Tax distribution that would follow Florida Statutes formula and the City of Stuart request a status quo formula, for one year. This would give the City's time to meet with the County to discuss and better understand the statutory formula and how it is constructed.

Town of Jupiter Island, Commissioner Charles Falcone, asked the City of Stuart to explain further the details of why this sudden event.

City of Stuart, City Manager Nicoletti, explained that the City was not notified until late into its budget cycle and expressed concern over the need to either have employee layoffs or raise the millage.

Town of Jupiter Island, Commissioner Charles Falcone, asked if the City was seeking a joint resolution or motion to support the status quo of the formula for one year so that the municipalities can all agree to a formula that would be more lasting and equitable to the county as well.

City of Stuart, City Manager Nicoletti, stated that was correct, and he does not know what that formula would be, but he stated he could conceive of three or four different ways to do it, so that hopefully it smooth it out, so that the numbers don't shift wildly from period to period.

Town of Sewall's Point, Mayor Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, asked City manager Nicoletti to explain how the process and calculation is derived.

City of Stuart, City Manager Nicoletti, explained that it based upon the statutory formula, which has a five year look back period. He further added that it is also based upon the dollars spend on roads, road maintenance, storm water and other things. He explained that the political bodies including the County would need to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to maintain the status quo including any other formula.

Town of Sewall's Point, Mayor Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, asked if there were any discussions between the County staff and municipality staff regarding their position to the matter. "Do they feel it's unfair?"

City of Stuart, City Manager Nicoletti, stated he has met with County staff and they have no direction other than to follow the statutory formula.

City of Stuart, Vice Mayor Clarke, asked when would staff bring this back to the Commission for their approval.

City of Stuart, City Manager Nicoletti, stated that he could have something back at the first quarter of next year.

Town of Jupiter Island, Commissioner Charles Falcone, stated he could personally support this as a Commissioner, noting there was no quorum and he would make a recommendation to their Commissioner at the next meeting. "I would anticipate approval of it by our Commission."

City of Stuart, Vice Mayor Clarke, asked if the staff municipalities would be meeting jointly to discuss this matter.

Town of Ocean Breeze Park Town Manager, Terrance O'Neil, stated that their Town Council had an opportunity to discuss this matter at their July meeting, and noted that they all agreed to the extension for one year of action regarding the recent Martin County Staff Proposal to Apply the Formula identified in Sec. 336.025, Florida Statutes (Fuel Tax). He said for the Town of Ocean Breeze Park it is significant and our budget is on a very thin margin.

The Town of Sewall's Point made the following Motion:

We jointly pass a Resolution between the four municipalities requesting the County Commissioners extend for one year, the current formula in place for the gas tax distribution.

Mayor Charlston, Town of Jupiter Island, (by phone), supported that we hold off on this until people have a chance to review its impact.

Seconded: Town of Ocean Breeze Park

Town of Jupiter Island, Town Attorney, John C. Randolph, asked the City of Stuart for a consensus not a motion so that they may take this matter before their boards, and make the recommendation proposed, "Isn't that enough?"

City of Stuart, City Manager Nicoletti, agreed and said that may be the best way to do it.

The Town of Sewall's Point withdrew its motion.

Mayor Christie asked if all the Boards jointly submitted a letter to Martin County jointly supporting the original motion.

Town of Jupiter Island, Town Attorney, John C. Randolph suggested each Board vote on the matter independently. And would also discuss and vote upon the matter regarding the letter to Martin County either by the Town of Jupiter Island independently or jointly. He did note no action can be taken because they do not have a quorum, but would take this matter before the Commission at its next meeting.

The Town of Ocean Breeze Park noted they would also discuss and consider the matter at its August 13, 2012 meeting.

The Town of Sewall's Point noted they would also discuss and consider the matter at its August 15, 2012 meeting.

The Town of Ocean Breeze Park withdrew its second.

The Town of Sewall's Point Mayor Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, suggested meeting in 6 months but felt it may be important to keep flexibility in case something comes up, and also suggested being open to communication. The Boards jointly agreed to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss mutual matters.

City of Stuart Mayor Christie noted that this forum and the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities could transmit matters to Tallahassee on matters concerning the municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT 12:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, MMC, City Clerk

James A. Christie Jr., Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 10th Day September, 2012**