

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON MARCH 11, 2013
AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

CITY COMMISSION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

**City Manager, Paul J. Nicoletti
City Attorney, Michael D. Durham (absent)
Guest City Attorney Fred van Vonno
City Clerk, Cheryl White**

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. PERFORMING ARTS MOMENT: Irish Step Dancers will perform in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.**

Hank Gonzales of the Martin County Council of the Arts introduced the Irish Step Dancers in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The dancers are here from the Florida Art and Dance Company, and will be performing at the March 23-24 Arts Fest.

- 2. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming March 2013 – as FIREFIGHTERS APPRECIATION MONTH**

Stephanie Glavin, area director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association came forward and thanked the City for their support of "Firefighters Appreciation Month". She thanked the Stuart Fire Rescue Department for their support during the Fill the Boot Campaign which this year raised \$11,200.00 in just three weekends. She said the funds do stay locally so what they do is very important.

David Harrow Firefighter Paramedic came forward and said this is a big honor for the City and IAFF, and could not do it without the support of the City Commission and Fire Chief David Dyal. He also thanked the citizens for their gracious support to such a wonderful cause.

Mayor Clarke announced Thurlow Lippish was present in the audience tonight.

- 3. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming APRIL 9, 2013 - as BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PALM BEACH AND MARTIN COUNTIES DAY**
- 4. PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming March 11, 2013 as Bria Anderson Day!**

Ms. Bria Anderson came forward and graciously accepted the award and thanked the City.

5. PRESENTATION: Martin County Business Development Board Quarterly Report Update.

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Dougher, Martin County Business Development Board presented the BDB Quarterly Report to the City Commission and public.

6. PRESENTATION : Debra Klein, encouraging property owners to plant native plants in their yards which are consistent with the original ecosystem and habitats that would attract native and migratory wildlife to our area.

Debra Klein's visual presentation focused on "Neighborhood Wildlife Corridors" that "create a habitat that would have existed prior to development" by planting native plants in the back setback of yards. She requested the City issue a resolution to "encourage homeowners to plant natives in their back yard setbacks."

City Manager Nicoletti explained that staff is working on the wording of the resolution as there are some issues that need to be addressed such as "fire breaks and code enforcement." A resolution will be brought back to the Commission the first meeting in April.

Ms. Klein encouraged the Commission to move forward on the matter.

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Christie noted the recent City staff strategic planning retreat and stated it was and very challenging" to plan for 15 years ahead. He appreciated the citizen participation and thanked them.

Vice Mayor McDonald noted and thanked the anonymous donor who purchased the remaining memorial plaques for Veterans' Memorial Park. He also noted that he will be going to the Legislative Conference in Tallahassee.

Mayor Clarke noted that she will also be attending the Legislative Conference and pointed out that both she and McDonald were featured in articles in the recent edition of Hometown News. Clarke's other comments included the following: Notation of the St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade to be held in the City on March 17; she hoped to have a summary of the City's Strategic Retreat; applauded the City Manager and staff for putting together the retreat; mentioned Moore's Cemetery and sign; and asked the City Manager for information pertaining to dates of Colorado Avenue Project ribbon cutting and Budget Workshop schedule. The Mayor had also received a letter from Armond Pasquale regarding "noise" and said we need to let people know we are serious about not having noise disturb neighbors.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nicoletti noted that the City was beginning to prepare the 2014 Budget and maybe looking at a downturn of revenues. He said that date for the Colorado Ribbon cutting has not yet been set because the City is still working with the contractor to finalize the project but hopes to have a date in a week or two. Moore's Cemetery, the Historic Black Cemetery located on Monterey and Seville was established in 1925. The City spent \$15,000 cleaning up the site and having a commemorative sign placed there. Staff continues to research the history of the cemetery. The Budget workshop

schedule is out and will be posted on the City web site. Sunday's St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 2 PM. No date has been set for the Colorado ribbon cutting but it will be planned for early evening after the 5 PM rush hour. He did note that he received the letter from the Pasquale's, and would work with them to resolve the matter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTIE; MOVED APPROVAL OF AGENDA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER GLASS LEIGHTON
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Dennis McKenna, President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, came forward and invited the Commission to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Debra Drum came forward and expressed concern over Bird Island and small island near Sewall's Point. She said fishing line left behind endangers the birds and Martin County is pursuing through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission a critical wildlife area or designation for Bird Island, which would protect the island itself and allow for a no-entry buffer around the island. She respectfully requested Stuart's support of the effort by Resolution. The Commission stated they would address the matter at the next meeting for consideration.

Michael Houston, Martin County project manager for MC-2 Project, aka Bird Island, stressed the importance of preserving and protecting the bird sanctuary.

Jackie Thurlow Lippisch, Sewall's Point Commissioner, on behalf of the Rivers Coalition and the River Kidz asked for the City's support of the County's efforts to obtain a CWA designation for the Island.

Attorney Howard Heims came forward and encouraged the City to have the Stuart Commission meetings broadcast on MCTV.

Commissioner Krauskopf noted that the City explored the idea on a static tape and to be replayed online was around \$200,000.00.

Donna Meltzer Martin County Conservation Alliance and was in support of the Native Plant and Bird Island projects. She also noted that native plants help our water supply.

Mayor Clarke noted that the Board of County Commission named a park in Rocky Point in honor of former Commissioner Maggie Hurchalla.

Helen McBride came forward and stated that this was the third time she had come to City Hall early because a CRA meeting had been published and then was told it was cancelled again. She also noted that she lives by the airport and fairgrounds and said "we all have a problem with sound" but she comes downtown every weekend to enjoy the festivities and she always has a good time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7. **Motion to approve minutes of 2/11/2013 Regular Commission and 02/15/2013 Special Commission Meeting.**
- 8. **RESOLUTION 28-2013 Authorization to renew the award of RFP No. 2011-111 To CHERRY BEKAERT LLP, to provide municipal audit services for the first of four renewal periods to March 25, 2014.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF: MOVED APPROVAL CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND: VICE MAYOR MCDONALD

ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSION ACTION

- 9. **RESOLUTION 27-2013 Opposing and protesting any changes in the City’s ability to provide water and sewer service as established by the Florida Legislature in Section 180.91, Florida Statutes, and specifically the efforts identified in House Bill 733 of the Florida House of Representatives to regulate the services provided to consumers outside the City’s municipal boundaries.**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR MCDONALD: MOVED APPROVAL RESOLUTION 27-2013

SECOND: COMMISSIONER KRAUSKOPF

ROLL CALL

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

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

- 10. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2256-2013: (SECOND READING) Amending the City Code of Ordinances, Section 40, Traffic and Vehicles, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 40-43, Three Hour Parking District. (RC)**

Neil Whipkey came forward and stated his concerns over the item have all been addressed by Mr. Nicoletti, and he deferred any comment.

Armond Pasquale came forward and expressed concern over the proposed Ordinance.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR MCDONALD: MOVED APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2256-2013 ON SECOND READING

SECOND: COMMISSIONERGLASS LEIGHTON

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

DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION

ADJOURNMENT: 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

Eula R. Clarke, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting This 8th Day April, 2013**