MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD June 8, 2020
AT 5:30 PM Commission Chambers & ZOOM Telecommunications
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION
Mayor Michael J. Meier
Vice Mayor Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Becky Bruner
Commissioner Merritt Matheson
Commissioner - VACANT

ADMINISTRATIVE
City Manager, David Dyess
City Attorney, Michael J. Mortell
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

5:30 PM ROLL CALL – Meeting Called to Order

THIS MEETING WAS A HYBRID IN PERSON/REMOTE MEETING.

Statement by City Manager Dyess:
Pursuant to Executive Order 20-69 issued by the Office of Governor Ron DeSantis on March 20, 2020, due to COVID-19, municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location and utilize communications media such as telephonic or video conferencing as provided by Florida Statute 120.54. Procedures for public comment by device; if you wish to speak during public comment, click raise hand at the bottom of the participant window. Your microphone will be unmuted when you are called on to speak. The public may choose to activate their camera if they wish. Both will be deactivated once their public comment time is completed. If attending by phone, press *9 to raise your hand, you will be called by the last three digits of your phone number. All are asked to state their name and address clearly for the record.

During Roll Call, for the record, Dyess requested the board state whether they are present in person or attending the meeting virtually.

5:32 PM Roll Call

Present: Mayor Meier, Vice Mayor Clarke, Commissioner Bruner, Commissioner Matheson (all board members in person)

Mayor Meier requested a moment of silence for the death of George Floyd, Brianna Taylor, Ahmad Arbury and countless others. A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. GARDEN WEEK - JUNE 7-13, 2020

Ms. Donna Berger, Chairperson of the Garden Club of Stuart thankfully accepted the Proclamation and announced their Garden Tour on March 20th and presented the City with a beautiful purple orchid in honor of Garden Week.

PRESENTATIONS

2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATE

Ms. Carol Ann Vitani of the Florida Department of Health in Martin County provided an update on the COVID-19 status in Martin County, reporting the case count at 917 positive cases and 13 deaths. 42% of the cases are from Indiantown and 37% of the cases are from Stuart zip codes 34994 and 34997. The positivity rate is 8.3%, above the state average but in the target range. Testing provided in May was successful and is currently still provided at this time. With the available testing, the number of cases is expected to rise. Vitani encouraged all to continue safety/hygiene measures and announced additional testing sites in Indiantown and Stuart.

3. HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION

Kate Cotner, Florida Power and Light (FPL) Senior External Affairs Coordinator presented on hurricane season preparations, customer outreach and communication, investments, lessons learned from past hurricanes, and the restoration process.

Police Captain Derek Ortado presented an update on the City of Stuart Emergency Management Plan, reviewed the current COVID-19 information and per NOAA Hurricane Tracker, reported the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook prediction of 19 named storms. Presentation included goals to prepare year around, adjustment of plans to current events, shelter protocol changes, and City EOC preparations.

6:15 PM BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bruner

- **Thanked City Manager for moving Green Market to Flagler, felt the residents liked it.**

- **Commented that she is glad to see some more people in the room and hopes that more can join us soon.**

Vice Mayor Clarke

- **Commented that Arts Moment is usually the first Monday of the month and will return.**
- **Received box of face masks from the Health Dept., placed in front hall for people to take.**
- **Shocked by recent flooding and thanked Dave Peters and Milton Leggett, our departments for what they do.**
- **Commented on the violation that occurred in the CRB Meeting (6/2/2020) Zoom recording, wonder if the people can be traced, stated it is a violation and against the people in our community; thankful for our manager for the way he has handled everything and wanted to let the citizens know that we were wronged and unhappy about the situation.**
- **Inquired about housing as it has been put on hold because of COVID, perhaps it could be a D&D at a future meeting.**
- **Situation/murder of Mr. George Floyd, she was approached and worked with community and City Attorney and looked at what our congress did to pass anti-racism came up with a diversity resolution, significance of June 8th, the 8th item on the agenda, and Mr. Floyd was held for 8+ minutes. Ask Police Chief to give info, guidance, and all to think of this. Commented on the participation in the Black Lives Matter and want things to change for the better and we continue to make a difference step by step.**

Commissioner Matheson

- **Thanked the Vice Mayor and complimented her on her words.**
- **Apologized for and condemned the racist comments made over the CRB zoom meeting.**
- **NAACP Office is offering COVID-19 testing on June 20th.**
- **Commented on the recent rain and flooding, our River went from a B+ to a D when graded by the Florida Oceanographic Society. Would like the fertilizer Ordinance to be put on the website as a reminder as fertilizers should not be used through hurricane season. Thankful the Corp and SFWMD for working with us.**

Mayor Meier

- **As Mayor of the City, apologized to Mrs. Faye James and Mr. Lewis, the Jewish community members and all members of the community for the attack.**

6:34 PM Public Comment (on Vice Mayor Clarke's Motion, ie; Letter):

1) **Helen McBride – Flamingo Avenue; Commented that it should have never of happened but thanked them for their apology.**
2) **Donald Duffy – MLK Blvd.; Commented that he was in attendance, but no one stopped to address the incident or apologize after it happened. Feels the community should have an apology from the City.**
3) **Laurie Prim – Manatee Terrace; Commented against racism.**
4) **Betty Brinkley – Nassau Avenue; Commented on racism in Martin County.**

6:33 PM MOTION: Write and sign an open letter to the citizens that we condemn this attack that we apologize for it, that we recognize it, and that we look to move forward and move beyond this.
Moved by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Seconded by: Commissioner Bruner
Motion passed unanimously. 6:45 PM

Mayor Meier commented on investigating such attacks and noted the protections or the First Amendment, but a formal complaint is being filed with the IC3.

Vice Mayor Clarke requested that the City's boards and committees receive training on how to deal with disruptions.

6:48 PM COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dyess

- **Introduced Ms. Natasha Chen, a law student from the University of Florida Miami as a spontaneous Arts Moment to come forward and read a poem. Natasha commented on equality and read "Let America Be America Again".**
- **Housing Workshop policy direction is currently being implemented in the Comp Plan.**
- **In reference to the Zoom bombing issue, as open government, stated the meeting was not "hacked," people are not restricted from the meeting just as they are not restricted from entering the Chambers. There is a higher level of security by separating the board members attending via Zoom from the public attending via Zoom, but during public comment, anyone can still make inappropriate comments until mutes as quickly as possible.**

Mayor Meier asked if Public Works could provide a presentation on the flooding in the areas of Ocean, Flaming and Dolphin at an upcoming meeting. Asked Attorney Mortell about inappropriate public comment and his right as the meeting Chair to silence them.

Attorney Mortell replied stating the City has a civility code and the person can be asked to leave but if not hurting anyone, could say what they want.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6:56 PM MOTION: Move approval of the agenda as published.
Moved by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Seconded by: Commissioner Matheson
Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (5 Minutes Max.)

1) **Faye James – Kanner Hwy; Commented on her experience as a CRB board member during the June 2nd meeting and quoted the zoom meeting interruption offensive word many times, stating she felt unprotected in her own home and upset that the board or City didn't apologize. Stated the CBR Chair, Frank Wacha laughed when the disruption happened; thanked Commissioner Matheson and Mayor Meier for their phone conversations and apologies.**
2) **Betty Brinkley – Nassau Ave.; Commented that CRA money is spent in downtown and East Stuart is treated differently, commented that they are overlooked. Feels they are not treated equal, as with the Coronavirus, no masks are being handed out.**
3) **Jonny Hunter – MLK Blvd.; Moved to comment on Item #6.**
4) **Donald Duffy – MLK Bld.; Commented on equal rights, commented on the President of the United States.**
5) **Jimmy Smith – Apache Ave.; NAACP President, commented about the complaint about the Zoom meeting and glad to see that the City publicly apologized, commented that he knows the City Manager has and will continue to do his best to prevent such instances. Announced June 20th COVID-19 testing available with food, clothing, school supplies, census registration, and the Sheriff and Police Department at the NAACP.**

Clarke requested Smith get with City Manager and Clerk to know what it takes to be an advisory board Committee so people know that they can come and be a part of a committee.

6) **Mosezella Williams – 15th; Explained a neighbor's story about not getting police help and is concerned about when she calls the Police, with all going on in society, wants to know she can trust the police.**
7) **ZOOM – Frank Wacha – Commented that he would not tolerate racism and stated he was shocked by the CRB Zoom Meeting disruption and apologized that he did not react differently. Commented that the head of the NAACP would be a great addition to some of our boards.**
8) **ZOOM – James Christie III – Commented on a direct correlation between Ms. Brinkly's comment of East Stuart being neglected and Ms. James's comment about the head of a board chuckling at a racial statement three times. Feels the Chair should have apologized and removed from the board immediately.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF 05/26/2020 CCM MINUTES

5. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE MAKEMSON TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7:41 PM MOTION: Move approval of the Consent Calendar which includes Item #4 and 5.
Moved by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Seconded by: Commissioner Matheson
Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION ACTION

6. SPEEDY MART WAIVER (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

RESOLUTION No. 66-2020; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA GRANTING A DISTANCE WAIVER TO SHAHER BARGHOUTHY OWNER OF SPEEDY MART, INC., THEREBY PERMITTING THE SALE OF PACKAGE BEER AND WINE WITHIN 500 FEET OF A SCHOOL AND WAIVING THE PARKING REQUIREMENT FOR THE POPOSED USES AT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 502 THRU 516 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD; PROVIDING A SITE PLAN; AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Four (4) people sworn; Tom Reetz and Kevin Freeman, City of Stuart Development Department, Joseph Tumminelli, City of Stuart Police Chief, and Shaher Barghouthy.

Tom Reetz presented with a brief power point presentation reviewing the location, site plan, and conditions of approval.

Applicant Mr. Barghouthy came forward and answered questions about alcohol sales and rental space. Provided Clerk Petition to Support Speedy Mart for the record.

Public Comment:

1) **Jonny Hunter – MLK Blvd.; Opposes the sale to Mr. Barghouthy, feels he is a racist and doesn't want him in the community.**
2) **Adam Jolly – Walton Lake Dr. PSL; Commented that the plaza never used to sell alcohol, statute states that alcohol cannot be sold within 200 feet from a school without commission approval. Opposed to this waiver.**
3) **ZOOM - James Christie III – Requested clarification on the transfer of ownership, opposed.**
4) **Jonny Hunter – Came forward again and stated he does not want the man in their community.**

7:53 PM MOTION: Move we approve Resolution No. 66-2020.
Moved by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Seconded by: Commissioner Bruner
Motion passed unanimously.

7. CERP LETTER TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SFWMD):

RESOLUTION No. 67-2020; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A LETTER TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CLARIFYING THE POSITION OF THE CITY ON THE "SAVINGS CLAUSE" IDENTIFIED IN THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ben Hogarth, Communications Liaison reported on the letter.

8:15 PM MOTION: Approve the CERP letter to the Army Corp of Engineers.
Moved by: Commissioner Matheson
Seconded by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Motion passed unanimously.

8:16 PM Mayor called a 5-minute recess.

8:24 PM Meeting called to Order.

8. CELEBRATING DIVERSITY:

RESOLUTION No. 69-2020; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND DENOUNCING ALL ACTS OF RACISM, INTOLERANCE AND UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Vice Mayor Clarke read the Resolution in its entirety and commented on the divides coming to a head. When she was approached about what she was going to do about the injustices, she received assistance from Donna Dupuy to use Charlottesville's Resolution as a model and start in the City of Stuart. Some may say it is a PR gesture because of what is going on in the world now but stated that they are wrong. It is a bold statement for what comes next. As Dr. King has stated, "the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". Wants the City to move forward, have a better Police Department and better community relationship. We are better together. Commented we may need a racial reconciliation committee/East Stuart Advisory Committee with regular input from the East Stuart Community.

Mayor Meier is in support of a committee and commented on Section 5, addressing the logistics and what may be best, allowing the community to take the lead and what the City's role would be.

Commissioner Matheson thanked Vice Mayor Clarke for her leadership and comments, supports the idea of a committee as well. Stated he needs to hear the community's feedback and admitted, as a white male, having privilege and wants to actively work to stop it, and fight for equality. An advisory committee would help him to do that as he will never understand but the first steps are for him to admit it and fight to stop racism. Agrees that it should not be directly under the City but supported by the City.

Police Chief Tumminelli came forward and commented on the current situation. There are over 800,000 police officers in the US, and he oversees 46 of them here in

Stuart. He stated how unfortunate the situation was and that a person wearing the same uniform as he did something so ugly in Minneapolis and it affects them in Stuart. He has been reviewing our policies and procedures and read the Stuart Police Mission Statement. The Chief will not tolerate racism in his department and reported that he has suspended the use of carotid restraint.

Vice Mayor Clarke asked Chief Tumminelli about reprimand policies. Chief responded that if it does not fall under the first amendment and falls under the case law of Chicago, the employee is subject to discipline/termination.

Public Comment:

1) **Faye James – Kanner Hwy; Thanked the Commission for the Resolution and noted that she provided a letter to the City Clerk for the Commissioners about an advisory board.**
2) **Elmira Gainey – Sterling Dr.; In favor of a committee or board and would like people of the community and diverse backgrounds to be involved, feels it's time.**
3) **Helen McBride – Flamingo Ave.; Explained past PTA meeting story in relation to why the black mothers did not attend their meetings to demonstrate that adjustments must be made to get to know one another's lifestyles to allow all to be included.**
4) **Mosezella Williams – 15th; Commented on the board teaching communication between officers and the community, willing to be a volunteer.**

Commissioner Bruner emotionally commented on her feelings/concerns for the community and wanted all to know how much they care about this subject. Wanted to keep the focus on bad police officers and have the police be involved in the board/committee.

8:42 PM MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 69-20
9:28 PM AMENDED MOTION: To create the Celebration Diversity Commission working with other entities. [Section 5 Celebrating Diversity Commission]
9:32 PM AMENDED MOTION: The City will return with an agenda item to discuss the creation of the Celebrating Diversity Commission board.
Moved by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Seconded by: Commissioner Bruner
Motion passed unanimously.

9. RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO COVID-19:

RESOLUTION No. 70-2020; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO COVID-19; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

9:36 PM MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution 70-2020.
Moved by: Commissioner Matheson
Seconded by: Commissioner Bruner
Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

10. HARBOR GROVE APARTMENTS RPUD - FLUM AND RE-ZONING (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

ORDINANCE No. 2436-2020; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THEREBY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM "COMMERCIAL" TO "MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" FOR TWO PARCELS EQUALING 13.93 ACRES, OWNED BY TED GLASRUD ASSOCIATES, FL, LLC, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF S.E. COMMERCE AVENUE, SOUTH OF S.E. INDIAN STREET, AND NORTH OF S.E. FISCHER STREET WITH SAID LANDS BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED; AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT SAID LANDS SHALL CONCURRENTLY ESTABLISH THE AHS AT HARBOR GROVE RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT RPUD CONSISTING OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR (324) MULTIFAMILY UNITS WITHIN NINE (9) INDIVIDUAL THREE-STORY APARTMENT BUILDINGS; APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS AND A TIMETABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT; DECLARING THE PLAN TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Seven (7) people sworn; Tom Reetz and Kevin Freeman, City of Stuart, Juan Fernandez of AHS, Doug Fitzwater of Lucido and Associates, Susan O'Rourke of O'Rourke Traffic Engineering and Planning, and Bill Mathers, Civil Engineer.

Tom Reetz presented the site plan, proposed future land use, zoning, site design layout, developer contribution, environmental comment and the Local Planning Agency (LPA) approval information at the May 21,2020 meeting with conditions.

Kevin Freeman presented the data provided from the Martin County Engineer pertaining to traffic/intersection. This project will contribute approximately $420,000 to the County in impact fees. Reviewed staff recommendation.

Applicant Juan Fernandez, AHS came forward and briefly explained his company and the project. Doug Fitzwater, Lucido and Associates presented on Harbor Grove then Ms. Susan O'Rourke presented briefly on the traffic engineering.

Mayor Meier and Mr. Fernandez discussed building height options. Meier would like to see a section of the units carved out at an 80 to 100 market rate before second reading.

10:26 PM MOTION: To approve Harbor Grove Apartments Ordinance No. 2436-2020.
Moved by: Commissioner Bruner
Seconded by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Motion passed unanimously.

10:31 PM City Manager Dyess requested to continue Item #16.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

10:31 PM 11. ABANDONMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AT OSCEOLA STREET:

ORDINANCE No. 2431-2020; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHTOF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY BEING THAT CERTAIN 50-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT OF KRUEGER PARK, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 25, PALM BEACH (NOW MARTIN) COUNTY, FLORIDA PUBLIC RECORDS RUNNING EAST TO WEST, DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF A PRIVILEGE FEE: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Stephen Mayer, Development Department Senior Planner stated that there is an updated appraisal.

10:32 PM MOTION: Move approval of Ordinance No. 2431-2020.
Moved by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Seconded by: Commissioner Bruner
Motion passed unanimously.

12. STUART OCEAN RPUD (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

ORDINANCE No. 2435-2020; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, TO APPPROVE A REZONING FROM R-3 MULTIFAMILY/ OFFICE TO RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT "RPUD" ON THE CITY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; FOR AN 11.04 ACRES PARCEL, OWNED BY SERRAGUI GROUP INVESTMENTS LLC, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SE OCEAN BLVD BETWEEN THE POINTE ASSISTED LIVING FACILTY AND KINGSWOOD CONDO ASSOCIATION, SAID LAND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED; ESTABLISHING STUART OCEAN TOWNHOMES RPUD CONSISTING OF EIGHTY (80) ATTACHED HOMES; APPROVING A MASTER SITE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS AND A TIMETABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, DECLARING THE PLAN TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ten (10) people sworn; Tom Reetz of the City of Stuart Development Department was the only person who testified.

Tom Reetz, Senior Planner briefly reviewed the LPA and Commission history.

10:38 PM MOTION: Approve Ordinance 2435-2020, Stuart Ocean.
Moved by: Commissioner Bruner
Seconded by: Commissioner Matheson
Motion passed unanimously.

13. MINOR AMENDMENT TO AVONLEA PUD (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

ORDINANCE No. 2438-2020; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO "THE NEW AVONLEA" PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD); THEREBY AMENDING EXHIBIT NUMBER 11 OF THE NEW AVONLEA PUD, ENTITLED THE OFF-SITE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN BY HJA DESIGN STUDIO; AMENDING THE CONDITION NUMBER 25 ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Matheson reported that he has completed Form 8B and will abstain from the vote.

10:40 PM MOTION: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2438-2020.
Moved by: Commissioner Bruner
Seconded by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Motion passed 3/4, Matheson Abstained.

Clarke - YES
Bruner - YES
Matheson - ABSTAIN
Meier - YES

14. TECO GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:

ORDINANCE No. 2441-2020; AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, A DIVISION OF TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO USE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE CITY OF STUART, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SAID FRANCHISE MAY BE EXERCISED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Meier commented on the reasons he is not in favor of this Ordinance; laying gas pipelines in the City and the future carbon footprint and its effects on climate change.

10:42 PM MOTION: Motion for Ordinance No. 2441-2020.
Moved by: Commissioner Bruner
Seconded by: Vice Mayor Clarke
Motion passed 3/1.

Clarke - YES
Bruner - YES
Matheson - YES
Meier - NO

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

10:46 PM 15. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE WELL'S BUILDING

Dyess provided an explanation of the two options before the commission:
Option 1 – Do not pursue the contract and withdraw from it.
Option 2 – Move forward on a lease contingency and vote on the purchase of the property.

10:47 PM MOTION: Approve buying this property, option 2.
Moved by: Commissioner Bruner
Seconded by: Commissioner Matheson
Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:
1) **Helen McBride – Commented on the class our City Commissioners and staff showed during the meeting with Martin County last week.**

16. PROPOSED ART/VINYL W RAPPING ON TRAFFIC CONTROL BOXES W ITHIN THE CITY LIMITS
(Continued to date to be determined.)

10:51 PM ADJOURNMENT

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Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk **Michael J. Meier, Mayor**

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 13th day of July, 2020.