MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD September 10, 2018
AT 5:15 PM TENTITIVE MILLAGE, Commission Chambers
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION
Mayor Kelli Glass Leighton
Vice Mayor Becky Bruner
Commissioner Merritt Matheson
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Mike Meier

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

Clerk's Note: Oath of Commissioners – Merritt Matheson and Mike Meier were individually sworn in, taking the Oath of a Commissioner at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

5:15 PM Roll Call.
Present: Mayor Glass Leighton, Vice Mayor Bruner, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Matheson, Commissioner Meier.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Attorney Mortell announced that the two new Commissioners have been sworn in and are legal to participate and vote during this Special Commission Meeting, and a formal swearing in will be at at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Matheson expressed his frustration about being in the position of a new commissioner and having the first order of business be voting on the budget.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:18 PM Motion: Move approval of Agenda as published, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Clarke, Seconded by Commissioner Meier.
Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (5 min. max)

No comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSION ACTION

5:18 PM 1. RESOLUTION No. 83-2018; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Interim City Manager announced that two public hearings are required by law to adopt the millage rates. He announced the purpose of tonight's meeting. The City's roll-back rate for 2019 is 4.313 mills. The City is proposing a millage rate for FY2019 of 4.75 mills. He explained the purposes for the increase.

5:21 PM Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 83-2018., Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Matheson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bruner.
Motion passed unanimously.

5:22 PM 2. RESOLUTION No. 84-2018; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; DIRECTING CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE MARTIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5:22 PM Motion: Approval for Resolution 84-2018., Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Meier, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bruner.
Motion passed unanimously.

5:22 PM 3. RESOLUTION No. 85-2018; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Meier commented that he would like to discuss the option of creating an item in the budget that can fund local organizations for water quality issues and education. Thinks the water issue can be seen as a CRA issue. Discussed Kilroy Monitoring Stations and the possibility of having one located within the City. Commissioner Meier stated a Motion.

Public Comment:

1) Marty Baum – Concerned about the toxic bacteria in our waterways and how it may affect children. Supports the motion.

2) Mary Baysinger – Concerned about the BMMA Toxin level in our river. Supports the motion to fund river research.

3) John Bobb - Harborage Yacht Club Assoc. President, supports the motion.

4) Pasquale – Commented on the increase in millage and taxes and the fiscal responsibility of the City. Per the algae, feels it is coming from Orlando and the efforts of the City are a waste of money.

5:26 PM Motion: Move that we work with the City Manager, the Finance Director, and staff to set aside a line item in our budget if we can in the general fund, if not, in the CRA where we do have access capital that going to go into reserves, an amount of $100,000.00 for this fiscal year to fund Orca, an Orca Kilroy, perhaps fund research into identifying an endangered species which will allow us a better chance to fight at federal level, perhaps with education through Orca and the Florida Oceanographic Society." Amended Motion: To include all areas of the budget including all funds. Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Meier, Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Motion passed unanimously.

5:45 PM Motion: To have staff bring back at a future meeting the possibility of a full-time, part-time or addition of work load for a city employee to be designated as a river advocate and to be on call to educate the commission going forward.

No motion necessary as the discussion of a river advocate dedicated employee will be addressed separately at the regular meeting.

Motion: Approve Resolution 85-2018, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Matheson, Seconded by Commissioner Clarke.
Motion passed unanimously.

Interim City Manager Dyess announced that the final public hearing to adopt the FY2019 Millage Rate and Budget is scheduled for September 24, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. here at City Hall.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

5:46 PM ADJOURNMENT:

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Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk **Kelli Glass Leighton, Mayor**

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this 24th day of September, 2018.