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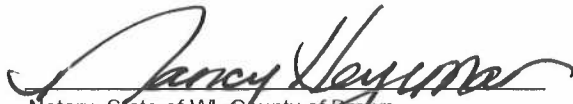
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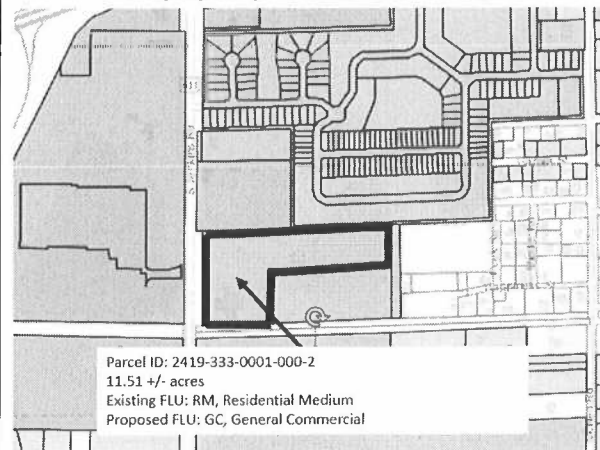
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Subject Property: Parcel ID: 2419-333-0001-000-2

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/s/ Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

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# Many killed by police mentally ill

Exact number is unclear due to information gap

Andrew Selsky and Leah Willingham  
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SALEM, Ore. — One summer night, Misty Castillo stepped out of her house

in Salem, Oregon, called 911 and asked for the police, saying her son was mentally ill, was assaulting her and her husband and had a knife.

"He's drunk and he's high and he's mentally ill," Castillo told the emergency dispatcher, emphasizing again her son's mental condition. Less than five minutes later, a police officer burst into the

house and shot Arcadio Castillo III dead as he stood, his mother said later, "Frozen like a deer in headlights."

"He didn't try to calm him down. He just came in and immediately shot my son," Castillo said.

Time and time again across the U.S., people experiencing mental health crises are being killed by police, but the ex-

act number remains unknown because of a yawning governmental information gap.

A law passed by Congress in 2016 requires the Department of Justice to collect and publish data on how often federal, state and local officers use force,

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# Fixing housing affordability faces political risk in Stuart



**Blake Fontenay**  
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It takes a lot of treasure to live on the Treasure Coast.

As Katie Wegman noted in a story published a few days ago, no one making minimum wage can afford a two-bedroom rental unit in the region.

RealPage, a national real estate analysis firm, found "effective asking rent" — the listed price minus discounts — as of July was \$1,901 per month for St. Lucie and Martin counties and \$1,160 for Indian River County.

Assuming people should spend no more than 30% of their income on housing costs, that means residents in St. Lucie and Martin counties need to earn about \$36.50 an hour at a full-time job — roughly 3.5 times the minimum wage — to afford rent.

However, the results of the Aug. 23 election demonstrate how politically hazardous it can be to tackle that particular problem.

In what I consider to be a shocking upset, surfer/chiropractor Christopher "Doc" Collins narrowly defeated Merritt Matheson for the Group 3 seat on the Stuart City Commission.

It was shocking because Matheson, the town's mayor, was highly regarded in some quarters, particularly for his leadership in addressing water pollution.

Even Collins called Matheson "an awesome ambassador" on water issues during the candidates' videotaped in-

terview with the TCPalm Editorial Board. However, Collins was less generous in describing his opponent's role in approving high-density development projects in the city.

During that interview and throughout the campaign, Collins repeatedly said Matheson had personally voted to approve about 2,500 new residential units in Stuart over the last four years.

"If you want to keep this place special, you need to vote for people who value low density," Collins said in the TCPalm interview. "Since he (Matheson) and Mike Meier came in four years ago, there's been a dramatic change in the culture of development and building in this city."

Matheson tried to push back, pointing out his personal misgivings about adding more high-density development and noting there were some projects he had voted against during his tenure.

But Matheson also said the town needs a mix of different types of housing to thrive.

"I'm a firm believer in a balanced supply of housing stock," Matheson told the editorial board. "And I challenge anyone out there listening to find a unit that's under \$200,000 that's not over-55 (housing)."

Matheson was just being honest, but it may have cost him the election.

I didn't follow every step Collins took on the campaign trail. However, from what I saw, he focused his campaign almost exclusively on the development is-

ssues when necessary linking it to other political topics like traffic and water pollution.

What we're facing now — more cars,

more people, more runoff into the estuary — that's his (Matheson's) doing," Collins said.

(The other incumbent on the ballot in Stuart, Eula Clarke, was re-elected to the commission's Group 5 seat. Her opponent, William Laughlin, didn't seem to make development as much of an issue as Collins did.)

It's hard to fault Matheson if he thought housing affordability was a challenge his constituents might want to see addressed.

In 2018, the same year he took office, a West Palm Beach-based consulting firm prepared a report for the city on the state of the local housing market.

That study, by Suzanne Cabrera Consulting, is still on the city's website. It concluded an average annual salary of \$41,360 was needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment then, with average rents running at \$1,363 per month.

According to the consultant's data, an average family needed to make about \$54,000 a year to afford a moderately priced home in Stuart, while the median income for residents was only \$36,500.

On top of all that, the consultant's report noted 78% of the city's housing stock was built before 1989 and fewer than 1% of housing units had been built in 2010 or later.

Unsurprisingly, the study found more than 21,000 people who lived elsewhere were driving to jobs in Stuart, adding significantly to the small town's traffic problems.

So what happened? Over the past four years, the city's leaders started approving a spate of multi-family housing

projects.

By April of last year, the city had 1,725 apartment units either approved, going through the permitting process, or under construction.

As the recent analysis from RealPage illustrated, the surge in multi-family construction has done little, if anything, to drive down rental prices in the community.

So what are the takeaways from all this?

Well, maybe one is to be skeptical of consultants' reports, which tend to be tailored to reflect whatever the authors think their clients want to hear. But another takeaway may be the law of supply and demand doesn't necessarily apply to Treasure Coast real estate. Or if it does, there are enough other factors at work that increasing supply can't serve as a standalone remedy for the region's growing affordability problem.

Matheson may have learned this lesson too late. Now it will fall to his successor to determine what can be done to prevent Stuart from becoming even more of a commuter community, with out-of-towners clogging local roads because they can't afford to live near where they work.

It's a problem elected leaders in other Treasure Coast communities will have to grapple with as well. If they don't, their days in office could be numbered, too.

This column reflects the opinion of Blake Fontenay. Contact him via email at [blake.fontenay@tcpalm.com](mailto:blake.fontenay@tcpalm.com) or at 772-232-5424.

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## ST. LUCIE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA Thursday, September 15, 2022

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS

The St. Lucie County Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to review and make recommendations regarding the following item submitted by the applicant for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, by Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM THE CM (COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE MHQ (MUTHOUSION ISLAND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) ZONING DISTRICT FOR A PARCEL LOCATED IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

**APPLICANT:** South Ditch Land LLC

**PURPOSE:** To rezone the property from CM (Commercial, Neighborhood) Zoning District to the MHQ (Muthousion Island Residential District) Zoning District for future development compatible with the surrounding residential properties. The site contains approximately 3.53 acres and is predominantly vacant.

**LOCATION:** 5140 Highway A1A, Fort Pierce, FL 34943

**PARCEL ID:** 1419-501-0021-020-6

The Planning and Zoning Commission PUBLIC HEARING on this item will be held in the Commission Chambers, Roger Patten Atrium, 3rd Floor, St. Lucie County Administration Building, 2000 Highway A1A, Fort Pierce, Florida on Thursday, September 15, 2022 beginning at 6:00pm or as soon thereafter as possible.

All interested persons will be allowed to be heard. Written comments received in advance of the public hearing will also be considered. Written comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission should be received by the Planning and Zoning Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the public hearing. The public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2022 beginning at 6:00pm or as soon thereafter as possible.

The PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ARE ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 218.010, FLORIDA STATUTES. IF A PERSON DESIRES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT A MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. HE OR SHE MAY WISH TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED OR THE REQUEST OF ANY PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING. INDIVIDUALS TESTIFYING DURING A HEARING WILL BE GIVEN BY ANY PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE ANY PERSONAL TESTIFYING DURING A HEARING UPON REQUEST. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, A PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE CONTINUED TO A DATE CERTAIN.

ANYONE WITH A DISABILITY OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY PROGRAM MANAGER AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING AT (772) 462-1546 OR 1.D.D. (772) 462-1429.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
31 JAMES TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN  
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