CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

MINUTES ● APRIL 14, 2020

City Commission Chamber	Regular City Commission Meeting	7:00 PM

CITY HALL
1065 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
HOLLY HILL, FL 32117

City Clerk's office: (386) 248-9441 - Fax: (386) 248-9448

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Via	Mayor	Present	
John Penny	District 1 - Commissioner	Present	
Penny Currie	District 2 - Commissioner	Present	
John C. Danio	District 3 - Commissioner	Present	
Roy Johnson	District 4 - Commissioner	Present	

b. Invocation by City Commissioner John Danio
c. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Via led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. RECESS THE CC MTG & CONVENE AS THE CRA

3. CRA AGENDA

1. –2020-R-14

CRA - a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Community Redevelopment Agency of Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended Incentive Agreement, Development Agreement and Management Agreement with Pictona at Holly Hill; and Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Joseph Forte, City Manager)
Mr. Forte stated the City Commission has already approved these agreements. Mostly what they are doing here are some corrective name changes, with the exception of the Incentive Agreement. They did change the name from Martens Properties to Martens Charities, it also recognizes the city's contribution which is going from $1 million to $1.3 million. The city has already spent/paid to the Martens $1.2 million. Another $100,000 is owed to them and the Commission will either find that at their six month budget adjustment or they will budget that into the October budget year. In the Development Agreement, again, the name was changed from Martens Properties to Martens Charities and it also talks about the financing that he just mentioned and in the Management Agreement the name was changed to Pictona at Holly Hill. It was originally called

Pickleball Daytona. In the agenda packet there are red line versions of the changes that were made to each of the agreements. Also, there were updates to the insurance requirements.

Mayor Via opened public participation.

Heidi Heller, Holly Hill, spoke to the Mayor and City Commission and shared her concerns.

Mayor Via closed public participation.

Mr. Forte mentioned this is a 50 year agreement. The ECHO Grant is a 40 year agreement with the ECHO board. The city has to maintain that for 40 years. The other change that was made to the agreement was, because of the ECHO Grant, the city cannot provide discounts to Holly Hill residents. That was struck out of the contract. Everyone that is going to pay to play or become a member will be paying the same rate.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Penny, District 1 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
AYES:	Via, Penny, Currie, Danio, Johnson

Enacted and approved this 14th day of April, 2020, in Holly Hill

4. ADJOURN AS THE CRA & RECONVENE THE CC MTG

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual spoke to the Mayor and City Commissioners: Arthur Byrnes, Holly Hill.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.

Minutes - March 10, 2020 Regular City Commission Meeting and March 16, 2020 Declaring a Local State of Emergency COVID-19

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Roy Johnson, District 4 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	John C. Danio, District 3 - Commissioner
AYES:	Via, Penny, Currie, Danio, Johnson

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7. CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS (1 - 3)

Mayor Via asked if there was anyone in the audience who wishes to speak on any item on the Consent Agenda? **There was no one.**

1. –2020-R-15 Resolution

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Installation of Street Lights on SR5 (Nova Road) from 6Th Street to Flomich Street; and Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Antoine Khoury, Public Works)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	John C. Danio, District 3 - Commissioner
AYES:	Via, Penny, Currie, Danio, Johnson

RESOLUTION
2020-R-15
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS ON SR5 (NOVA ROAD) FROM 6TH STREET TO FLOMICH STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS ON SR5 (NOVA ROAD) FROM 6TH STREET TO FLOMICH STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Holly Hill is authorized to enter into a Joint Project Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has requested The City of Holly Hill to execute Amendment 1 of the Existing Joint Project Agreement for the installation of street lights on SR5 (Nova Road) between 6th Street and Flomich Street (AS014 1-4-16).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager of The City of Holly Hill is authorized to execute Amendment 1 to the Joint Project Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and The City of Holly Hill (AS014 1-4-16).

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND AUTHENTICATED on this 14th day of APRIL, 2020.

Enacted and approved this 14th day of April, 2020, in Holly Hill

2. –2020-R-16 Resolution

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Subordination of the Interest in Such Lands to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Antoine Khoury, Public Works)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	John C. Danio, District 3 - Commissioner
AYES:	Via, Penny, Currie, Danio, Johnson

RESOLUTION
2020-R-16
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUBORDINATION OF THE INTEREST IN SUCH LANDS TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUBORDINATION OF THE INTEREST IN SUCH LANDS TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Transportation proposes to construct or improve State Road No. 5, Section No. 79030, F.P. No. 438982-1, in Volusia County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain easement rights now owned by the City of Holly Hill, Florida, be subordinate to the rights of the State of Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, said subordination is in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Transportation has made application to said City to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Department of Transportation a subordination of utility interest, or interests, in favor of the State of Florida Department of Transportation, and said request having been duly considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the application of the State of Florida Department of Transportation for a subordination of utility interest, or interests, is for transportation purposes which are in the public or community interest and for public welfare; that a subordination of utility interest, or interests, in favor of the State of Florida Department of Transportation, in DeLand, Florida, should be drawn and executed by the City Manager.

SECTION 2. That a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded forthwith to the State of Florida Department of Transportation, 719 South Woodland Blvd., DeLand, Florida, 32720-6834.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution, or application hereof, is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court, such portion or application shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or application hereof.

SECTION 4. That all resolutions made in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND AUTHENTICATED on this 14th day of APRIL, 2020.

Enacted and approved this 14th day of April, 2020, in Holly Hill

3.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Tallahassee Police Department and HHPD (ELVIS) Electronic License and Vehicle Information System

(Requested by Steve Aldrich, Police)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	John C. Danio, District 3 - Commissioner
AYES:	Via, Penny, Currie, Danio, Johnson

8. REGULAR AGENDA

1. -2020-R-17 Resolution

Regular Agenda - a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended Incentive Agreement, Development Agreement, and Management Agreement with Pictona at Holly Hill; and Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Joseph Forte, City Manager)
Mayor Via opened public participation. No one spoke.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Roy Johnson, District 4 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	John C. Danio, District 3 - Commissioner
AYES:	Via, Penny, Currie, Danio, Johnson

RESOLUTION
2020-R-17
REGULAR AGENDA - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED INCENTIVE AGREEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PICTONA AT HOLLY HILL; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED INCENTIVE AGREEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PICTONA AT HOLLY HILL; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2018, the City of Holly Hill (City) entered into an Agreement with Martens Properties, LLC to offer an incentive agreement for the development of a Pickleball Recreation Facility and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, Martens Properties, LLC (Developer) has changed its name to Martens Charities, Inc., and desires to continue to develop a portion of Hollyland Park hereinafter described in the updated Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B” attached hereto (Property) to build and operate a Pickleball Recreational Facility and other improvements as hereinafter described (Project); and

WHEREAS, Pickleball Daytona at Holly Hill has changed its name to Pictona at Holly Hill, Inc., and desires to continue to manage and operate the Pickleball Facility in the designated portion of Hollyland Park hereinafter described in the update Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B” attached hereto (Property).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill approves the amended Management Agreement and the City Manager of the City of Holly Hill is authorized to execute the Management Agreement.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be deemed effective since December 11, 2018.

APPROVED AND AUTHENTICATED on this 14th day of APRIL, 2020.

Enacted and approved this 14th day of April, 2020, in Holly Hill

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Manager & Staff Comments

Mr. Forte stated they just made the changes to Pictona at Holly Hill and he wanted to run pass the Commission the opportunity that he spoke to the Martens about and part of the management and operations of the facility over there is for them to run Pickleball and the city was going to oversee and operate the Senior Activity Center, the recreation courts, the gardens and so on. As they’re going through, and he’s beginning to realize that these facilities are going to be open seven days a week, one employee is just not going to be able to do it. So the city will have to hire at least 1.5 to 2 employees in order to operate the facility over there. And even in thinking that through, there’s a front desk that needs to be staffed, there’s activities that need to be planned and coordinated and managed. He spoke with the Martens last week and he asked Rainer Marten if he would be interested in his organization running the operations of the Senior Activity Center so that it’s somewhat seamless so that the city doesn’t have two employees reporting to the city (the City Manager) in the same facility where a number of employees are reporting to Pictona even though they will have overlapping responsibilities. Mr. Rainer has agreed to do that and Mr. Forte sated he thinks it would be beneficial to all of us. He thinks it would be cost effective for the city because they can hire somebody at a higher salary than what the city would pay because the city would have to include benefits and retirement figures on top of that so the amount that the city would have to budget wouldn't change but Mr. Rainer would then be given that and then he could pay a higher wage because he's not providing the higher benefits that the city would provide. If the Commission is in agreement with that, what he would do is he would set up an amendment to the existing Management Agreement and do something similar to what the city has with the YMCA on how the city has them managing that facility. He wanted to open that up to get the Commissioners thoughts and the Martens are excited to move forward and do it. The city's not backing out of anything. He thinks it's just a better operational plan. The city are still partners in this whole thing. He thinks it will be a much more seamless operation if the city does it this way.

Commissioner Penny stated that makes sense because Rainer has a bigger pool of employees that could be cross trained and cover the things, where as if the city has 1.5 or 2 people and one calls in sick, the whole thing falls apart.

There was ***consensus*** for Mr. Forte to move forward.

Mr. Forte stated he will work on getting that done. There are two things coming up and he will get with Attorney Simpson on this. One, is the temporary sign Ordinance that the Commission did in 2017; that's the banner sign that hangs down the side of Marina Grande, the flutter flags and some other temporary signs that they were allowed to do. That Ordinance, technically, expired at the end of February 2020. The property has been sold and the city notified the new owners that, that amendment exhibit has expired. They've expressed interest in coming back and requesting a renewal. The city told them technically they need to take it down. They came back and asked if the city could approve a renewal and they were told that the city cannot do it at the staff level. Staff has no way, no authority to say proceed. In fact, today he directed Mr. Walker to have Code Enforcement provide them with a code violation. He can't allow them to continue in violation of the exhibit expiring; that will just backfire. They were given a notice of violation that the amendment has expired and those temporary signs were supposed to come down. He spoke to the new owners and he told them there was a lot discussion at the time that was put in, there was a lot of residents from the property that opposed the temporary sign, especially the banner and his read of the Commission at that time was they were a little apprehensive about approving it but they did it for this three year test period because MG was supposed to be proving that these signs were increasing their sales. He doesn't have the right to tell them they can't apply. What he is saying to the Commission is, unless they call the Commission and lobby you individually, they are going to submit an application to renew that temporary sign permit. He just wants to let the Commission know that's coming so if they get any phone calls from people about the signs still being in place, they've been given a code violation notice and MG is applying for an extension. What happens at that time, it will be up to MG's presentation and you, as a Commission, on what you want to do moving forward.

Mayor Via asked if the Commission denies their application, will they be fined for the amount of time or is it put on hold when they are applying for this?

Mr. Forte stated there's nothing to put on hold. Right now, technically, MG can't get somebody in here to get somebody to take that sign down due to the pandemic. MG is having a hard time getting contractors to come in and do something like that. The city has given them until mid-May 2020 to have the sign taken down, which depending upon what happens, they may request an extension due to the pandemic condition. By that time, the city should be pretty close to getting to a BOPA meeting for their first reading request for this and then we'll see what happens.

Attorney Simpson stated if he understood Mayor Via's question, if this is a first time violation, a fine will not start to run until they are found in violation by the Special Master and given a reasonable time to comply and if they don't comply within that reasonable time. If it was a repeat violation then the fine could be retroactive back to the date the first violation was noted. But if it's a first time violation, the fine does not accrue right now and can't accrue retroactively.

Mr. Forte stated by mid-May 2020 if MG doesn't do it, the city will probably give them a two week extension, if they don't do it by then, then they will be scheduled for a Special Master hearing, which would then be in June 2020 by that time they should be in front of BOPA. This Commission will have to make a decision on that whether or not the Commission wants to continue that or not.

Commissioner Currie stated she thinks they were very lenient when they did that.

Mr. Forte stated he doesn't want to debate this now. He's just letting the Commission know that this is something that will be coming before them and that the new owners will be applying for the extension.

Attorney Simpson discussed quasi-judicial hearings during this pandemic period with the Commission.

Mr. Forte stated 128 Ridgewood Avenue, the Ridgewood Inn. The city has been dealing with that property for a number of years. He would probably declare that property, the worse property in the city. He has been working with an attorney who had put a mortgage on the property due to the taxes he paid on it and he was going through a foreclosure process and the city was working together for him to go through this foreclosure process and his intention was to have the property torn down. For him to have that property torn down, he would then apply for a lien reduction and would likely be granted a lien reduction because that violation would be eliminated, the property would be pad ready for someone else to come in and buy the property. Well, now they have a potential buyer and the owners of the property told the potential buyers that there was a $10,000 lien, when in reality there is nearly a $200,000 lien. The realtor for the new owners contacted him and asked if they could get a lien reduction. The conditions are a little different. The new owners want to fix the property up and maintain it as a motel. It's not quit the incentive there for the city to do a lien reduction. Now, they certainly can apply. The issue that Mr. Forte has is, and he will basically make them the same offer, you tear it down and I'll reduce the lien but if you want to fix it up and make it a motel, your clientele will not change. Now if you want to tear it down and build a Motel 8 and function it like a Motel, where people come and people go, there's a possibility. If you're going to keep it as a mom and pop as it is today, which is an attractive nuisance for a number of people that the city deals with on a daily basis, he can tell the Commission as their administrator, he has no issue to want to deal with that. That property is the city's biggest disaster and it needs to be fixed.

Mayor Via and the Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Forte and mentioned they were behind him.

Mr. Forte stated the Maple Leaf Gardens looks ten times better because of the work that they've done and they used to be the worse property in the city and they've done a great job. Anyways, his issue is having a verbal offer with one person. He'll get with Attorney Simpson on it. He just wanted to let them know because that may be something else that comes up. Mr. Forte reminded everyone that tomorrow at 4:15 PM in front of City Hall they will be doing a "Bells of Thanks" and go Facebook Live. They discussed the April 28th meeting and there was ***consensus*** to keep it scheduled for now and keep the same conditions unless anything changes. There was a brief discussion about the Christmas parade/tree lighting ceremony for December. There was ***consensus*** to move forward with the planning of the parade and waiving the entry fees for this year to participate. Outside of that, the employees are doing very, very well. We have one employee that took advantage of the Family First Act and is home due to their medical condition and the complications that could result from a contact with the virus and we have another employee that's part-time taking advantage of the FMLA extension but due to child care needs. She is working part-time and taking advantage of the FMLA two-thirds pay that's offered under the Act. Outside of that, everybody is doing okay and doing what they have to do. The first couple of weeks were very, very busy. This last week and a half has been a little slower.

B. City Attorney Comments
None.

C. City Commission Comments
Commissioner Johnson spoke about the pandemic and surviving through this. Whether it's volunteering or forcing to be secluded. Thankful to the ones that are running the two assisted living facilities in Holly Hill and thankful to God that the city hasn't had one single case in either of those places. Looking forward to the grand opening of Pickleball in July.

Mr. Forte informed the Commissioners that it's still schedule for the first weekend in July but also, don't forget, the city has Flight Gymnastics. That's moving forward. So, the city should have a youth activity center open up at the end of May or the beginning of June and the Senior Activity Center opening up in July. Two great opportunities for Holly Hill.

Commissioner Johnson stated they are very blessed that it hasn't hit them hard but they can't let their guard down. They have to keep things going the way they are.

Commissioner Penny was thankful for the "Honk Parade" that the Holly Hill school teachers put on.

Commissioner Currie asked for everyone to continue taking the social distancing seriously. There's still a lot of people out there who are not. Think about others. She just wants the people to know that the city is here for them.

D. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Via mentioned government grants and asked if Mr. Forte has heard anything about all of the federal money that's been passed and if the city is going to be able to access that afterwards, specifically about this pandemic.

Mr. Forte stated he gets the emails under the Care Act of the monies that are available and he sends those emails to Stella in Finance and she's aware of it. Staff tracks whatever expenses they have and so far, the city doesn't have a lot of expenses. That's going to kick in when they have some cities that have expenses where they're buying equipment or they have a lot of employees that have taken time off and they're seeking reimbursement. Right now, the city doesn't have a big ticket to worry about but they do have, if the Commission remembers, early on, they already instituted having a line item tracking number related to COVID-19 so that when the city does have expenses, for example, he's asked the Fire Chief to purchase some infrared thermometers. Expenses like that, staff is keeping track.

Mayor Via addressed the COVID-19 virus within the County; people are starting to take the CDC guidelines seriously. Applauded Mr. Forte in the work he's been doing throughout this and being as transparent as he has been and the LIVE Q&A that they did last week. Thanked Commissioner Danio for serving pizzas to the city employees tomorrow and Commissioner Penny for serving ice cream to the first responders. A lot of people in the Holly Hill community are doing a lot of good to the people in the Holly Hill community; UBIC, Sorrento's, Heroes Hope Network, Cooper Bottom Distillery, WAPN, Holly Hill school teachers. There's a lot of people helping. The reason he brings this all up is because he wanted to bring up an idea to the Commissioners to create a Holly Hill Hometown Heroes Award. The idea at first was, after they get through all of this then they bring them here, the people that have done so much good in the community, and publicly thank them and give them a certificate and make them a Hometown Hero but, he got to thinking as this virus goes on and on, a lot of people are inspired to do good things because they see other people doing good things and a lot of these people are not looking for recognition. He wanted to actually give them their award before this pandemic is over, to recognize their efforts and his idea was, if the Commission gives these out, so they can stick with the CDC guidelines, whatever District the business or person is in, or whomever the Commissioner would like to personally recognize, for instance, Cooper Bottom, him and Commissioner Penny can go there and take a picture with them and go on social media to help promote those people. There are people in all of their Districts doing a lot of great things. He's not sure if anyone is against that but if you are, please let him know but he thinks that would be a good idea but if they have any ideas, he's more than happy to hear them.

Commissioner Penny stated he thinks it's a great idea; he thinks it's going to be a logistical nightmare, unfortunately. The city is going to have so many. He's in favor of the Holly Hill Hometown Hero. He thinks the Mayor should pick them that way it's one person that goes to the business instead of two people going. Maybe the Commission can suggest the businesses/people to the Mayor. He doesn't know if it's better for the Mayor to mail it to them. His fear is that, if you gave me an award or if I gave someone an award, the first thing I'm going to do is stick my hand out to shake their hand to congratulate them. It's a great idea. He just doesn't know…

Commissioner Danio stated if it's a great time.

Commissioner Penny stated maybe we get a list and we mail it to them.

Mayor Via stated well, part of it though, is the promotion of the business/people. It would go on the city's Facebook page and then the business/people get that accolade.

Commissioner Penny suggested possibly face timing the people and informing them about the award and let them know it's coming in the mail.

Mr. Forte stated alternatively, they can just stand in front of the business with it and photo-post it.

Mayor Via stated, right.

Commissioner Currie stated she thinks it's a good idea to recognize these people but she thinks it's a bad time because right now we're still supposed to be social distancing and you're not really going to get a great picture if you're standing six feet away from them. She thinks the Commission would be sending out a reverse message if they don't abide by that and they have two or three people standing together in a picture getting an award. The Heroes for Hope Network, they probably have a few people there that they would want to include in their picture. She would just have fears that right now would be kind of hard to do what the Mayor is wanting to do. She thinks it's a great idea though. Maybe they can wait until…or do as Commissioner Penny had suggested or wait until social distancing requirements aren't like they are now.

Commissioner Penny stated July 4 is a Saturday; Pickleball courts should be open. Maybe the city can get the Chamber involved and throw a giant party and the city invites these Hometown Heroes.

Mr. Forte stated he sees what the Mayor is trying to do is, he's trying to get the momentum to going so why doesn't the Commission give the Mayor direction that if he can figure out a way to do it…

Commissioner Currie stated she thinks it's a great idea. If they can just keep the social distancing requirements in play because otherwise, the Commission is sending out mixed messages.

Mayor Via stated, right.

Mr. Forte stated there are a couple of businesses outside the city also helping out.

Mayor Via stated, yes. He thinks to build some momentum. Mayor Via mentioned the 2020 Census and they discussed that briefly.

Mr. Forte informed the Commission that it has been posted on Facebook several times already.

Mayor Via suggested that the Commissioners personally spread the word as well. Share the posts that have been on Facebook to get the word out.

Mr. Forte discussed the census "track" to the Mayor and Commissioners. Within the city's zip code there are multiple "tracks".

Mayor Via asked about FEMA reimbursements for the hurricanes.

Mr. Forte stated the latest emails are dealing with the pier at Sunrise Park and it looks like the city is on track in moving forward with the pier. The challenge that the city has is the seawall and the seawall, because the city doesn't have maintenance records and there's some debate over some things and contradictions that staff has had to deal with early on. The seawall looks like it's going through the declining process. So, if they decline the city due to "timing", the city has a good appeal to go after because it was "their" direction that sent the city down this path. If they decline the city for another reason, the city will still file an appeal, he just doesn't know how strong that appeal is going to be. The pier itself, there was communication going back and forth today with regard to the next step of…we're getting the engineering done. Mr. Forte stated he instructed Steve at Public Works to go ahead and proceed and he's apprehensive about doing certain things because the city may not get reimbursed. So, in other words, the city doesn't want to spend a million dollars fixing the pier if the city isn't going to get reimbursed for it, unless this Commission says, "spend our reserves to fix the pier". The city is doing certain things that they have to get done no matter what. They have to get engineering done. We're getting that handled. There are certain evaluations that have to get done, staff is getting that handled. They are minor compared to the total project. Staff is going down that road in the hopes that the city will get reimbursed for that in the future construction but we're also going down that road that if they decide to deny the city, he will come to the Commission and show the engineering, here's the cost estimate, what do they want to do.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Valerie Manning

Valerie Manning, City Clerk,CMC 4/14/2020

Chris Via

Chris Via, Mayor 4/14/2020