CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

MINUTES ● JULY 22, 2025

City Commission Chamber	Regular City Commission Meeting	6:00 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
John Penny	Mayor	Present	
Debra Snow	City Commissioner	Present	
Penny Currie	City Commissioner	Absent	
Jeffrey DeLanoy	City Commissioner	Present	
Roy Johnson	City Commissioner	Present	

b. Invocation by City Commissioner Penny Currie
Mayor Penny led the invocation.

c. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Penny led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. BUDGET AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2025-R-52 Resolution

A Resolution of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Adopting a Maximum Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025; Providing for a Public Hearing on Millage Rate; Providing for Conflicting Resolutions; and Providing an Effective Date.

(Requested by Michele Moore, Finance)
Mr. Forte read the Resolution in its entirety for the record:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida is required by Florida Statute 200.011 to certify to the County Property Appraiser the general municipal millage rate proposed by said Commission for the tax year beginning October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, pursuant to the TRIM Bill, shall hold a public hearing adopting proposed millage rate.

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

SECTION 1. That the millage rate proposed by the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, for the tax year beginning October 1, 2025 is 5.8 (5.8 Per $1,000.00). The FY2025 operating millage rate is 5.8 Mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 5.4981 mills by 5.49%.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby set a public hearing on the millage rate for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025, in the Commission Chambers, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill, Florida.

SECTION 3. That all Resolutions made in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Mayor Penny opened public participation. No one spoke.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Roy Johnson, City Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jeffrey DeLanoy, City Commissioner
AYES:	Penny, Snow, DeLanoy, Johnson
ABSENT:	Currie

RESOLUTION
2025-R-52
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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Penny opened public comments. The following individuals spoke to the Mayor and City Commission.

Phil Wahby, Holly Hill and Jim Legary, Holly Hill.

Mayor Penny closed public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.

Minutes - July 8, 2025 Budget Workshop and July 8, 2025 Regular City Commission Meeting

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Debra Snow, City Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jeffrey DeLanoy, City Commissioner
AYES:	Penny, Snow, DeLanoy, Johnson
ABSENT:	Currie

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5. CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS (1 - 3)

Mayor Penny asked if there was any member in the audience that wished to speak on any item on the Consent Agenda or if any member of the City Commission wished to pull an item for further discussion. **Mayor Penny pulled Consent Agenda Item No. 1, Resolution 2025-R-53 for further discussion. No one spoke on Consent Agenda items 2 and 3.**

1. -2025-R-53 Resolution

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Agreements with Volusia County for the Acceptance of Properties Acquired through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Disaster Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CBDG-DR) Funded Single Family Homeowner Repair and Replacement Program and Homeowner Recovery Program Buyout Pathway; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Josef Grusauskas, Public Works)
Mr. Forte shared a couple of slides from the ***Volusia County's Transform386 CDBG-DR Buyouts vs Property Acquisition*** PowerPoint for the Mayor, Commissioners and the audience for clarification on this agenda item. ***(A copy of this meeting in its entirety is available on CD upon request in the City Clerk's Office or available online.)***
Mr. Forte spoke on this slide to help clarify the difference between the buyout and property acquisition.

Buyout

Homeowner must be eligible under the Homeowner Recovery Program (this includes meeting LMI, structure type, ownership, and residency requirements)
Purchase price must be based on pre-storm fair market value

Property Acquisition

Property must be part of a Transform386 approved Infrastructure project

Purchase price must be based on current fair market value

<u>Both</u>
MUST be a willing seller

Mayor Penny opened public participation.
Jim Legary, Holly Hill and Danielle Latona, Holly Hill.
Mayor Penny closed public participation.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Debra Snow, City Commissioner
SECONDER:	Roy Johnson, City Commissioner
AYES:	Penny, Snow, DeLanoy, Johnson
ABSENT:	Currie

RESOLUTION
2025-R-53
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VOLUSIA COUNTY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) COMMUNITY DISASTER BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY (CBDG-DR) FUNDED SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND HOMEOWNER RECOVERY PROGRAM BUYOUT PATHWAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Volusia County has received CDBG-DR funds from the U.S. Department of HUD for disaster recovery efforts following Hurricanes Ian and Milton; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County has established the Office of Recovery and Resiliency, a/k/a Transform386, to administer the CDBG-DR funded Single Family Homeowner Repair and Replacement Program and Hurricane Milton Homeowner Recovery Program, both of which include homeowner buyout's, which are the voluntary acquisition of properties from willing sellers in flood-prone areas; and

WHEREAS, under HUD CDBG-DR regulations, local governments are eligible to receive title to properties acquired through the programs, subject to deed restrictions ensuring the land is dedicated in perpetuity to uses compatible with open space or floodplain/wetlands management practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holly Hill recognizes the benefits of receiving such properties to promote flood risk reduction, environmental resilience, and public benefit consistent with the intent of the Transform386 Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it to be in its best interest to participate in the Transform386 program and shall accept ownership of properties acquired within the City limits under the Transform386 Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City, after ownership transfer shall be solely responsible for any ongoing maintenance obligations associated with a property; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission authorizes the City Manager to execute any necessary documents with Volusia County, or its designees, to accept City ownership of Transform386 homeowner buyout properties within the City limits.

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

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION. The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and deliver any and all agreements, instruments, or documents necessary to accept the transfer of real property acquired through the Transform386 Programs, subject to applicable CDBG-DR and HUD regulations, and in accordance with any deed restrictions required for long-term land use compliance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Resolution be determined invalid by a court decision, statute, regulation, or rule, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND AUTHENTICATED on this 22nd day of JULY, 2025.

Enacted and approved this 22nd day of July, 2025, in Holly Hill

2. –2025-R-54 Resolution

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Volusia County for Maintenance of Traffic Devices, as Well As, the Maintenance of Street and Drainage Assistance as Requested for the City of Holly Hill; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Josef Grusauskas, Public Works)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Debra Snow, City Commissioner
SECONDER:	Roy Johnson, City Commissioner
AYES:	Penny, Snow, DeLanoy, Johnson
ABSENT:	Currie

RESOLUTION
2025-R-54
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH VOLUSIA COUNTY FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC DEVICES, AS WELL AS, THE MAINTENANCE OF STREET AND DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED FOR THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL; 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 ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, AS WELL AS, THE MAINTENANCE OF STREET AND DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The COUNTY is authorized by 125.01(p), Florida Statutes, to enter into agreements with other governmental agencies within or outside the boundaries of the county for joint performance, or performance by one unit in behalf of the other, of any of either agency's authorized functions; and

WHEREAS, Public agencies (including COUNTY and CITY) are authorized by 163.01(14), Florida Statutes, to enter into contracts for the performance of service functions of [such] public agencies, but shall not be deemed to authorize the delegation of the constitutional or statutory duties of … county or city officers. The parties expressly deny any intent, expressed or implied, in this Agreement to provide for a delegation by CITY of such constitutional or statutory duties of COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 768.28, Florida Statutes, neither the COUNTY nor the CITY waives any defense of sovereign immunity, or increases the limits of its liability, upon entering into this Agreement. This Agreement does not contain any provision that requires one party to indemnify or insure the other party for the other party's negligence, or to assume any liability for the other party's negligence; and

WHEREAS, the current interlocal agreement between the County of Volusia and the City of Holly Hill is set to expire on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the current interlocal agreement between the County of Volusia and the City of Holly Hill is set to expire on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Public Works Staff recommend that this agreement be extended.

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

SECTION 1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement with Volusia County for the maintenance of traffic control devices in the City of Holly Hill, Florida, as well as, the assistance in the maintenance of streets and drainage infrastructure upon request.

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 22nd day of JULY, 2025.

Enacted and approved this 22nd day of July, 2025, in Holly Hill

3. –2025-R-55 Resolution

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing the First Renewal of the Professional Service Agreement Contracts with Previously Approved Engineering Firms Selected through the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Continuing Contracts with Each Selected Firm; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Michele Moore, Finance)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Debra Snow, City Commissioner
SECONDER:	Roy Johnson, City Commissioner
AYES:	Penny, Snow, DeLanoy, Johnson
ABSENT:	Currie

RESOLUTION
2025-R-55
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE FIRST RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT CONTRACTS WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ENGINEERING FIRMS SELECTED THROUGH THE CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATIONS ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTINUING CONTRACTS WITH EACH SELECTED FIRM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING CONTRACTS WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ENGINEERING FIRMS SELECTED

THROUGH THE CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATIONS ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTINUING CONTRACTS WITH EACH SELECTED ENGINEERING FIRM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City ranked Mead and Hunt Inc., Parker Mynchenberg & Associates, Zev Cohen and Associates and Dredging & Marine Consultants as pursuant to the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act on November 23, 2021 and directed City staff to negotiate contracts with each contractor; and

WHEREAS, City staff has negotiated continuing contracts with each of the selected contractors; and

WHEREAS, City staff is requesting approval of the continuing contracts with these selected firms.

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 hereby approves the first one-year renewal of the continuing contracts with the four (4) selected engineering firms and authorizes the city manager to execute the renewal agreements in accordance with the terms of the original contracts.

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 22nd day of JULY, 2025.

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6. REGULAR AGENDA

1.

Request for Lien Reduction - 802 Grove Avenue

(Requested by Joseph Forte, City Manager)
Mr. Forte read through the staff report for 802 Grove Avenue for the request of a lien reduction. The property has been owned by Ryan Magnano since 2018. The code violations for this property went to the Special Master on October 14, 2021 where the Special Master identified several code violations. The Conclusions of Law state: The respondent and owner of the property located at 802 Grove Avenue, Holly Hill, FL 32117 is in violation of Holly Hill zoning and Ordinances: IPMC 304.2 Protective Treatment; IPMC 304.12 Handrails and Guards; IPMC 111.6 Transfer of Ownership; IPMC 111.1.1

Unsafe Structures; IPMC 111.1.3 Structures unfit for human occupancy; IPMC 111.1.5 Dangerous Structure; IPMC 304.1 Exterior Maintenance; IPMC 304.7 Roofs and Drainage; IPMC 305.2 structural Members; and IPMC 305.3 Interior Surfaces. The property is currently in compliance and therefore, eligible for a lien reduction. Staff recommended a 5% of the lien from $504,000.00 to $27,488.28, with payment to be made no later than August 29, 2025. Upon receipt of payment, the City will issue a Release of Lien. ***(A copy of this meeting in its entirety is available on CD upon request in the City Clerk's Office or available online.)***

Mayor Penny asked if the applicant was here and if he wished to come forward.

Ryan Magnano, property owner, Holly Hill.

Mr. Forte stated what Mr. Magnano is talking about, it would be approximately $14,000 to do a 2.5% reduction that he's requested. Mr. Forte stated he deducted the units B and C BTRs over almost $1,300 from that and it comes out to just about $14,000. This is the total request that Mr. Magnano is now requesting. Administrative fees are less than $1,000. The actual lien is $504,000. Mr. Forte stated he wants to reiterate something that Mr. Magnano had said. Is he's requesting either a reduction from the Commission or the opportunity to go back to the Special Master for consideration. If the Commission makes a decision this evening, he cannot go back to the Special Master. If the Commission doesn't make a decision this evening, he can go back to the Special Master, but then he's at risk of what that Special Master is going to do and as I've mentioned to Mr. Magnano, the Special Master that we have today is not the same one that was in place when this case went before Judge Pullen. In my opinion, it would be very difficult for a judge today to overrule or overturn a decision of a previous judge's consideration at that time. So, there's risk involved there as well.

Mayor Penny opened public participation.

Phil Wahby, Holly Hill and Stephen Imbarrato, Holly Hill.

Mayor Penny closed public participation.

Commissioner Snow made a motion to ***for it to be 5%, DIES FOR A LACK OF A SECOND****.*

Mayor Penny asked if someone else would like to make a motion? If no one makes a motion and they take no action today, the fine stays at the $504,000.

Commissioner DeLanoy made a motion to ***reduce Mr. Magnano's lien request to the Administration Fees only, which would be $990.36****, seconded by Commissioner Johnson.*

There was some discussion amongst the Mayor and Commissioners about the motion at this time. The applicant has asked for 2.5%. There's a split Commission tonight. If they take action on this motion and we vote 2-2, it fails. They have to come up with some compromise that will be a 3-1 or 4-0 because a 2-2 fails and that means the lien stays at the $504,000 and Mr. Magnano can't come back. Mayor Penny stated he's not comfortable with going to zero because of the precedent it sets.

Commissioner Johnson stated if he withdrawals his second, what amount would you settle for and go along with?

Mayor Penny stated 2.5% is what Mr. Magnano asked for.

Commissioner Johnson stated, I'll withdrawal my second.

Mayor Penny stated *that motion then FAILS FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.*

Mayor Penny stated let's bring Mr. Magnano back up and see if he wants to take action on this tonight or if he wants to try to go back to the Special Master because if we take action on it, we have limited his ability to go back to the Special Master. Mayor Penny asked Mr. Magnano if he would prefer for the Commission to take action on this tonight and take a vote with finality tonight or would you like to try to go back to the Special Master?

Mr. Magnano stated he guess it ultimately depends on…

Mr. Forte stated he has to know what that number is.

Mayor Penny stated what I hear, what I believe is going to happen tonight, as I believe Commissioner Johnson is going to make a motion for 2.5%. If I had to bet, I bet Commissioner Snow is going to second that motion. He bets there’s going to be a vote and it’s going to be 3-1 and you're going to be committed to 2.5%.

Mr. Forte stated 10% was $52,000, 5% was $27,000, and 2.5% is approximately $14,000. I wouldn't even do terms of percentages because then I would have to do the math to make it fit. He would just do a dollar amount.

Mayor Penny stated he would bet that the $14,000 is a better number and Mr. Magnano will be given 60-days to pay it or the fine goes back $504,000.

Mr. Forte stated, 30-days.

Mayor Penny asked Mr. Magnano if he has the ability to pay the fine within 30-days?

Mr. Forte stated and the other thing he will mention to the sitting Commission, is this is an opportunity to resolve the case in a better favor of Mr. Magnano who did do a good presentation but I agree with the Mayor. Everybody’s got to be responsible to some degree. It shouldn’t have gone on for four (4) years. That if we had five (5) Commissioners here, I think Mr. Magnano would suffer a much higher consequence.

Mayor Penny stated he thinks if we had five here it would be 10%.

Mr. Forte stated my recommendation is to make a fair decision. Make it tonight because I think if it comes back at a later date, it will be worse for him.

Mayor Penny stated what Mr. Forte is telling you, Mr. Magnano, is that he believes if you go to the Special Master and get no reduction from there and you come back to us, Mr. Forte believes that you will pay more than the $14,000. Would you like to agree to that amount? If you say you agree to the $14,000 then you're probably going to get a 4-0 vote here. If you agree to that, then it ends tonight. You have 30-days to come up with the $14,000.

Commissioner Snow stated she would just like to throw in that she doesn’t think the Mayor is reading the tea leaves correctly because she doesn’t want to set a precedent at that amount. She does not. She doesn’t ever want anybody to come here after this and say you did that and that’s why she says 5%.

Mayor Penny stated, okay.

Commissioner Snow stated and she doesn’t ever want anybody to come in here and ask for 5% but she does believe compromising is a good thing.

Commissioner DeLanoy asked Mr. Magnano if he was okay with the 2.5%.

Mr. Magnano stated he would agree to the $14,000 payable within 30-days.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to ***reduce Mr. Magnano’s lien request to 2.5% for a total amount of $14,000 payable within 30-days****, seconded by Commissioner DeLanoy.*

ROLL CALL: Johnson - Yes; DeLanoy - Yes; Snow - No; Mayor Penny - Yes.
PASSED: 3-1

RESULT:	**APPROVED [3 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Roy Johnson, City Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jeffrey DeLanoy, City Commissioner
AYES:	Penny, DeLanoy, Johnson
NAYS:	Snow
ABSENT:	Currie

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7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Manager Comments
None.

B. City Attorney Comments
Not present

C. Mayor's Comments
Mayor Penny reminded the Commission that he will not be at the next meeting and that Vice-Mayor Johnson will be running the meeting. September 13th is the Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament, which is a fundraiser for the city's Holly Hill Police Foundation and it's also to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Seabreeze Kiwanis Club. Fees have gone up, $417 and if you would like to be a sponsor, a whole sponsor or a participant come out around 8:30 AM.

D. District City Commission Comments
Commissioner DeLanoy shared his thoughts about the lien reduction request and Mr. Magnano's presentation tonight and hoping that no one is ever put to the fire. He has compassion for Mr. Magnano, which is why he voted the way he did, although he believes the administrative fee would have been sufficient.

Commissioner Johnson mentioned Mr. Magnano says he can pay the $14,000 within 30-days and this will be behind them. He mentioned LPGA Boulevard and the businesses along that road are growing and the traffic is growing along with it.

Commissioner Snow mentioned that she went to her 50th high school reunion last weekend in Alabama and she had a great time and she came back with a new roll tide hat. She believes everyone has been put to the fire and to assume that we haven't is a wrong assumption.

Mayor Penny stated I just like to say I'm proud of this Commission. The votes don't always go the way we want them to go. Sometimes it's 4-1. Sometimes you're the 1-4. I do believe this Commission showed empathy tonight and tried to be as fair as possible and hold people accountable still. There are actions for our actions. I came off of mine a lot and the applicant came off of his a lot and so, I think we made the best decision we could for anyone tonight. There is some finality to this thing. It's $14,000, which is a lot of money, don't get me wrong, but it's $14,000 amortized over four (4) years, which is a cup of coffee a day. The key thing is stay in compliance and stay in communication with the city. What he has heard there was a lot of misunderstandings, whether it was on the city's part or the applicant's part. He thinks, we as a city, could do better communicating with our citizens and with our businesses. As a business owner, Mr. Wahby shared his frustrations as a business owner. Mayor Penny stated he has recently encountered some frustrations with forward-facing employees. He hears complaints about citizens. "Oh, no. When I go in there, everyone's so nice." And then to experience it yourself, you have a different perspective and he thinks we can do better. He thinks all of our departments can do better. He could do better. He could be nicer. He could be more open-minded.

E. Mayor's Conclusion Comments
None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 PM.

Valerie Manning, City Clerk 7/22/2025

John Penny, Mayor 7/22/2025