CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

MINUTES ● AUGUST 14, 2018

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
Arthur J. Byrnes	District 1 - Commissioner	Present	
Penny Currie	District 2 - Commissioner	Present	
John C. Danio	District 3 - Commissioner	Present	
Chris Via	District 4 - Commissioner	Present	
John Penny	Mayor	Present	

b. Invocation
Commissioner Currie led the invocation.

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

2. POSITIVITY AWARD - BRIAN MEYER - BREAD MINISTRY

1.

Brian Meyer - Bread Ministry

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)
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3. RECESS THE CC MTG & CONVENE AS THE CRA

4. CRA AGENDA ITEMS

1.

Resolution 2018-R-45 A Resolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing an Agreement with Advanced Cabling Solutions (ACS) to Perform Cable Pulling to Move Cable from Power Poles to Underground Conduit for the Overhead to Underground Project; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Antoine Khoury, Public Works)
Mayor Penny opened public participation. No one spoke.

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

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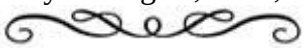

2.

Resolution 2018-R-46 A Resolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing Change Order #2 to the US1 Utility Underground Project to Carter Electric and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Change Order for an Amount Not to Exceed $292,575.42 and 122 Additional Days; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Antoine Khoury, Public Works)
Mayor Penny opened public participation. No one spoke.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	Arthur J. Byrnes, District 1 - Commissioner
AYES:	Byrnes, Currie, Danio, Via, Penny

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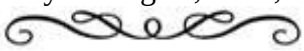

5. ADJOURN THE CRA & RECONVENE THE CC MTG

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke to the Mayor and City Commissioners:

Heidi Heller, 460 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill shared her concerns about the CRA district, the canals, sidewalks, roads, enclosed bus shelter at Publix Shopping Center.
Jim Legary, 340 Burleigh Avenue, Holly Hill shared his concerns about no candidate forums being held to discuss issues or debates or to meet the candidates but it would be a good idea to have one.
Laura Czaranecki, 1014 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill, owner of *Laura's Thrifty Boutique & Costumes*, shared her concerns and frustrations about her property, getting rid of outdoor displays, informed the Mayor and Commissioners she is in the process of cleaning up her property and has lived there for 33 years.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.

Minutes - July 10, 2018 Budget Workshop with Public Works & Solid Waste; July 10, 2018 Regular City Commission and CRA Meeting; July 24, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting and July 24, 2018 Workshop on CRA / Economic Development Budget

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

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8. CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS (1 - 5)

Mayor Penny asked if any member of the Commission would like to pull any item on the Consent Agenda for further discussion or if any member of the audience would like to discuss an item. No one from the Commission desired to pull or speak on an item. However, Gill Adams from the audience wanted to speak briefly on Consent Agenda Item #1, Resolution 2018-R-47, Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society lease agreement.

Gill Adams, 1144 Riverside Drive, stated Item #1 on the Consent Agenda, on the renewal lease agreement. Is the lease expired or do you want this renewed and add some different conditions, that's the question and I would like to know what that is.

Mayor Penny stated okay, I'll get you an answer. Mr. Forte, on Item #1, the lease agreement is coming up in September, am I correct?

Mr. Forte stated the lease agreement expires on September 30th of this year.

Mayor Penny stated, okay.

Mr. Forte stated so, since we don't have a meeting at the end of the month, it was placed on this agenda.

Mayor Penny stated okay, thank you.

Mr. Forte stated there are no renewals in this contract.

Mayor Penny stated, thank you.

There was no one else to come forward to speak.

1. Resolution

Resolution 2018-R-47 A Resolution of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Lease Agreement Between the City of Holly Hill

and the Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society, Inc.; Establishing Terms and Conditions of the Agreement; and Providing an Effective Date.

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Arthur J. Byrnes, District 1 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
AYES:	Byrnes, Currie, Danio, Via, Penny

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2.

Granicus Master Subscription Agreement - Legislative Agenda Management Agenda and Minutes Software

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

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3.

Disposal of Fixed Assets

(Requested by John McKinney, Finance)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
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4.

Lines of Coverage Insurance for FY 2019

(Requested by John McKinney, Finance)

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5.

Continuing Architectural Services with Hall & Ogle Architects, Inc. - Agreement

(Requested by Antoine Khoury, Public Works)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Arthur J. Byrnes, District 1 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
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9. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolution

Resolution 2018-R-48 A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing an Agreement with Advanced Cabling Solutions (ACS) to Perform Cable Pulling to Move Cable from Power Poles to Underground Conduit for the Overhead to Underground Project; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Antoine Khoury, Public Works)
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MOVER:	Chris Via, District 4 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	John C. Danio, District 3 - Commissioner
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2. Resolution

Resolution 2018-R-49 A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Authorizing Change Order #2 to the US1 Utility Underground Project to Carter Electric and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Change Order for an Amount Not to Exceed $292,575.42 and 122 Additional; Days; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

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3. –DOC-2018-1

RFQ 18-PW-01 - Professional Surveying Services

(Requested by John McKinney, Finance)
Mr. Forte gave a brief staff report on how the proposals were evaluated. Attorney Simpson and the Mayor and Commissioners spoke on how they were evaluated and the recommended suggestion by staff.

Commissioner Via made a motion to ***direct staff to have the proposals RE-EVALUATED and let the City Manager select a new evaluation committee and rank them from 1 to 5, in that order****, seconded by Commissioner Currie.*

Mr. Forte will have these proposals re-evaluated and get back with the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Penny opened public participation. No one spoke.

PASSED, 5-0.

RESULT:	**PULLED TO A DATE CERTAIN BY CM**

4.

Request for Lien Reduction - 1333 Holly Avenue

(Requested by Joseph Forte, City Manager)
Mr. Forte stated the property was originally purchased by David Edison in 1999. Thomas M. Sasko purchased the property through a tax deed sale on April 3, 2018 ($71,200.00). The property is currently owned by Ruth Ann Taylor who acquired the property from Thomas M. Sasko from a Quit Claim Deed executed on May 15, 2018. The original owner died in 2013 and the known relatives did not take responsibility for the property. The code violation had been cited and the case brought to the Special Master in December of 2013. The liens began to accrue in January 2014 and have accumulated to $117,318.26. The accumulation of liens stopped on August 6, 2017 when the property was inspected and found to be in compliance.
Following a hearing on December 20, 2013, the Special Master ordered the property to pay a fine of $250.00 plus $75.00 per day for every day the property was not in compliance for the three violations identified in the Order. Since the property had been acquired through a tax deed sale with excess funds held in escrow for any lien hold to request, the City files a request for the balance of the excess funds. Since none of the other lien holders had requested any of the excess funds, the City was successful in receiving the balance of excess funds in the amount of $61,750.53. Mr. Forte stated the city is requesting the City Commission authorize a release of lien for the property located at 1333 Holly Avenue.
Mayor Penny opened public participation. No one spoke.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	Chris Via, District 4 - Commissioner
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10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance

SECOND READING - Ordinance 3007 An Ordinance of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Amending the Comprehensive Plan by Amending the Future Land Use Map to Designate the Parcel Identified as 320 10Th Street as General Commercial; Providing for Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. AND SECOND READING - Ordinance 3008 An Ordinance of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, Amending the Land Development Regulations by Amending the Official Zoning Map to Designated the Property at 320 10Th Street as More Specifically Described in Attachment "A" from B-4 Highway Business District to CC-1 Commercial Corridor District; Providing for Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

(Requested by Brian Walker, City Planner)
Attorney Simpson read both summary titles for the record at once and were voted on at

one time.

Brian Walker, City Planner gave a brief summary of the Future Land Use Map for 320 10th Street and the amendment to the Zoning Map for said property from B-4 Highway Business District to CC-1 Commercial Corridor District. Mr. Walker stated staff's recommendation to the City Commission is to adopt the proposed Ordinance enacting a Small Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment from Parks and Open Space to General Retail Commercial and a Rezone from B-4 (Highway Business District) to CC-1 (Commercial Corridor District), for 0.765 acres, located on the north side of 10th Street, approximately 220 feet west of Ridgewood Avenue and more particularly known as 320 10th Street.

The Mayor asked if any member of the Commission had any ex parte communication with the applicant, Robin Hanger. All of them have to some extent or the other.

Mayor Penny opened public participation. The following individuals spoke to the Mayor and City Commissioners:

Karen Van Dusen, 1201 Daytona Avenue, stated she wasn't here for the first hearing and she found the presentation to be somewhat confusing as Mr. Walker had mentioned that the area had been part of a park in the past. She does not consider a school and a church as a commercial use of land and she objects to giving park land or past park land for commercial usage.

Laura Czaranecki, 1014 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill, owner of *Laura's Thrifty Boutique & Costumes,* stated she owns the piece of property that backs up against this and her only objection of any of it is not to take away their green because when she goes out in her backyard to cook out, she looks at trees, bamboo and plants. She doesn't want to have to look at these trailers every day. As long as they aren't going to take away her greenery, she has no objection to what they do to do that property. She owns 100 square foot of that across the back of that Mr. Hanger just purchased.

Mr. Forte stated he did meet with Ms. Czaranecki on the site and the area that she is talking about is on her property and no one has the right to go on her property and clear down any vegetation. Mr. Forte stated he also met with the applicant, Robin Hanger, at a different time and he knows he's not going on someone else's private property to clear anything. That being said, Mr. Forte did explain to Ms. Czaranecki there is a ditch that runs along the back of those properties that has been filled in with vegetation over time that it's not functioning properly and although there is nothing on the calendar to have that ditch completely cleared, there may be a day in time when the city has to go in there and clear that ditch. It's location, actually goes onto her property, a little bit further east that would still maintain that vegetation of bamboo. But at some point as the city tries to resolve flooding in this city, that ditch may need to be opened up. That would be the case regardless of what's happening on the 320 10th Street property. That's an issue dealing with stormwater; completely separate and this business at 320 10th Street has no bearing on that decision making.

Mayor Penny closed public participation.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED AT 2ND READING [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Penny Currie, District 2 - Commissioner
SECONDER:	Chris Via, District 4 - Commissioner
AYES:	Byrnes, Currie, Danio, Via, Penny

ORDINANCE

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11. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Manager & Staff Comments

Mr. Forte addressed some of the comments during public comments pertaining to the CRA district and clarified some information about the canals being cleaned, parking along US1, bus enclosure at Publix. Mr. Forte updated the Mayor and Commissioners about the SRO for the school and that he reached out to the Superintendent of Schools Mr. Russell who put him in touch with someone from the Guardian Program.

The ***consensus*** amongst the Mayor and Commissioners pertaining to the SRO for the school was that they agreed to pay $11,552.10 for a SRO at the Holly Hill K-8 School and will be paid once they have approved and ratified the FY2018-2018 budget, have received a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the School Board and that it will only be for one (1) year with no liability to the city.

Mayor Penny asked for a motion for the SRO.

Commissioner Currie made a motion to ***APPROVE $11,552.10 for a SRO at the Holly Hill K-8 School and will be paid once they have approved and ratified the FY2018-2018 budget, have received a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the School Board and that it will only be for one (1) year with no liability to the city****, seconded by Commissioner Danio.*

Mayor Penny opened public participation. No one spoke.

PASSED, 4-1 (Byrnes opposing).

B. City Attorney Comments

Attorney Simpson read this title into the record to be voted on for Home Rule:

RESOLUTION 2018-R-50

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO

HELP FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL RIGHT.

Mayor Penny opened public participation. The following individual spoke to the Mayor and City Commission:

Lynne Smith, 107 7th Street, Holly Hill asked for clarification of the Resolution.

Mayor Penny closed public participation.

Mayor Penny stated the Florida League of Cities is having a conference beginning tomorrow in South Florida and they are celebrating 50 years of Home Rule and every year Tallahassee tries to remove Home Rule from the cities and that is they try to send down unfunded mandates in legislation from Tallahassee that affect us here in our communities. Home Rule allows the cities to try and fight that to legislative ourselves. Last year there was a tree trimming law that was going to come down that Tallahassee could tell you where and when you can trim your trees or how you can park your car in a parking garage or whether or not you could rent your vacation home, short-term rentals. So, we believe, the League of Cities believes, that the cities should have those rights to make the rules to our community because we are the closest government to the people and this is just celebrating 50 years.

Commissioner Danio stated and each city has its own special needs and so what might be good for one city may not be good for another city so that's even more important to stay close and keep the Home Rule in place.

*Commissioner Via made a motion to **APPROVE Resolution 2018-R-50**, seconded by Commissioner Currie.*

PASSED, 5-0.

C. City Commission Comments

Commissioner Currie addressed some of the public comments that were made and agreed with Mr. Legary about holding candidate forums and is very disappointed that none were held by the Chamber this year or some other civic organization didn't put together debates, meet and greets or anything like that because back in 2012 & 2014 that's what happened and fortunate in 2016 that she ran unopposed but she doesn't understand why it didn't happen this year with the meet and greets or debates; she would have loved for it to have happened but unfortunately, they have not put anything out as of yet and she doubts with it being two weeks out, it's going to happen. Maybe in the future the Commission can talk to the Chamber or civic organizations about that and they can fix that issue. Our voters not only need to be educated by what we send out but they need to be educated by questions and answers and things of that nature from the Commissioners. Commissioner Currie stated this Commission has been fortunate enough to have, she believes, the best mayors that this city has ever had in history, since she's known politics to be in Holly Hill. There is something at the State level that is called the "E. Harris Drew Award" and it's named after a supreme court justice, it's a lifetime achievement award. Basically, it's coined after the moto that he presented in local self-government, "*The Key*

to American Democracy". Commissioner Currie read just a few of the eight pages that were put together for Mayor Penny. The following was read into the record:

"It is universally accepted that Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are honored for changing the world in a positive way while inspiring others to do the same. This is especially true for those municipal servants recognized with the prestigious E. Harris Drew prize. The City of Holly Hill, Florida, is honored to present a nominee who embodies the Florida League of Cities core values of ethics, leadership, stewardship and integrity with a demonstrated commitment to the improvement of municipal government. The Honorable John Penny is a life-long resident of Volusia County, Florida, and has consistently demonstrated his strong devotion to the City of Holly Hill - and the principles of good governance everywhere - through his sustained contribution of inspirational leadership excellence. In 2005, John Penny was called to service in the public interest, driven by a passion for hard work in a worthy cause greater than his own self-interests, with the simple goal of improving opportunities and elevating the quality of life for his neighbors in the beautiful "City with a Heart." As a member of the Holly Hill City Commission, Mr. Penny was re-elected to represent the citizens of Zone 1 in 2010 - and again in 2012 - before being elevated by the electorate to Mayor in 2014 and 2016. A natural leader with inherent strategic vision and an unparalleled ability to bring competing ideas and interests together in a true spirit of civility and collegiality, during Mayor Penny's long tenure he has bested great challenges while creating exceptional opportunities for the economic, civic, social and educational growth of our community. As an elected policymaker, Mayor Penny was instrumental in stewarding our community through the depths of the Great Recession, ensuring a collaborative process for making the difficult decisions necessary for the fiscal security of the municipal government. During that difficult period, Mr. Penny used his institutional knowledge and unique systems perspective to recognize opportunities, right-size functions, and streamline both operational and administrative processes to enhance service delivery during this period of unparalleled financial stress. Without question, Mayor Penny's strength of character and strong leadership helped calm the fears of an anxious constituency, bolster morale among employees, encourage entrepreneurial investment and helped create a bright future for our community. The result has been an overwhelming boost to the public's confidence in the ability of their government to adapt to changing times, respond effectively to internal and external pressures and maintain quality core services. It is called strength of leadership - and Mayor Penny personifies the qualities of honor, integrity and a personal commitment to the highest traditions of values-based public service. He leads and inspires others by personal example, and it is with a great sense of community pride that the citizens of the City of Holly Hill join with their elected officials to nominate Mayor John Penny for the prestigious E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award."

Mayor Penny thanked everyone for that. He appreciates them.

Commissioner Byrnes mentioned that his son, Arthur Byrnes, III, but everyone calls him "AJ" has returned from spending over two years in Mongolia from the Peace Corps teaching them English. Commissioner Byrnes spoke on the parking along US1, he fought hard for that with the State, the Commissioners fought hard, the residents but the State didn't listen; a lot of signs have been put in the right-of-ways; people can't just put their

signs on somebody's property without having permission and they need to do that. The candidate meet and greets have always been something that has not been sponsored by the city, it has always been something that a civic group does. Bishop's Glen did it one time but he thinks they did that in conjunction with the Holly Hill Chamber. That is something he is sad to see go. Commissioner Byrnes spoke about outside displays. He was the one most vocal against that Ordinance. He still believes there are businesses within Holly Hill that need outside displays in order to survive just like they needed the US1 parking and he thinks the city will have businesses that will be lost because the city has taken a short sight on that. When people have items that they think need to be approved, don't just throw the Commission a laundry list, pick one of them and tell the Commission and they will see if they can fix it. If people just give them a list, they just get lost. Tell the Commission what they think needs to improve one a week/one a meeting and then they can come back to the next meeting and ask the Commission, "why haven't you done something on this?", and the Commission can tell them and then they can tell the Commission, "here's the next thing". They have to tell the Commission what they think needs to be done because the city has been working really hard along US1 but as a government, the city only has so much power, which is why the Maple Leaf Garden Apartments have appeared in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* from some thoughtless person in Ormond Beach. The city can't just go in and bulldoze it. All of those units are owned by individual owners and they are not cheap. If the city decided to make it look better, the city would have to buy each one of those units from the owner and have a plan as to what the city is going to do with it. He doesn't want to spend tax money on doing that. Commissioner Byrnes mentioned spending the $11,000 for the SRO for the school, which he believes isn't going to do nothing for the city. If the city doesn't give the money, the SRO will still be there because it's required by the State now to have one at the school.

Commissioner Danio thanked Mr. Walker, City Planner, for the good work he does. National Night Out was a great success. Everything that was said about Mayor Penny was well said, well written and well deserved.

Commissioner Via was glad to see so many people come out to the meeting and he thinks it's great to get input from the community and he wishes every meeting they have will be like this from now on. Had a great time welcoming the kids back to school; what a great band and good time seeing all those smiling faces. Commissioner Via stated I wanted to bring up the whole school thing again because I to exception to what the Mayor said because I think you characterized my position wrongly because I am for school safety and I understand it's only $11,000 but where I was coming from is trying to get us more, always. Number one, economic priority is safety in our community and I think that Commissioner Byrnes would agree to that as well. Commissioner Via stated so that's why he voted for that SRO and spending the money because he is in favor of that in protecting our students the best way they can. He hopes Mayor Penny understands where he was coming from with spending so much time on it because he thought it was important to just try so that's where he was coming from when the discussion was about the SRO and Guardian for the school and he wanted to clarify that for everyone. Commissioner Via stated there was a large debate on Facebook and this may seem very trivial but he just wanted to bring it up. It's about garbage handles, which way to put the garbage handles in that do you put the handles towards the road or the inside. When it

was Waste Management, obviously the handles were facing your house so they can pick the can up and throw away the trash. Now Waste Pro prefers the handles facing out because it's easier to grab. He thinks they had a very productive meeting tonight. He loves these meetings where they kind of don't all get along and he thinks the best ideas always come out of that and he wants to say thank you to Mr. Forte for the studies and always provide the best information but the Commissioners know that him and staff would never cater to someone or do that but even that pinch of it, Mr. Forte brought that out so thank you for your integrity. That's why I appreciate Mr. Forte serving the community.

Mayor Penny thanked them collectively for the E. Harris Drew Lifetime Achievement Award recommendation. It is an honor to serve this community and his whole goal is when he steps down from this dais, when he meets people at a function and he tells them he lives and works in Holly Hill they won't give him "that look". They all know what he's talking about if you live here. They have gotten the look - "I feel sorry that you live here, I feel sorry your business is here." Mayor Penny stated the city is on some great momentum. There's a lot of things coming out of the ground and a lot of things are changing hands. New businesses are relocating to Holly Hill, there are expansions here and there. Mr. Walker's office is busier than ever.

D. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Penny thanked everyone for National Night Out; it's getting better and better every year. Mayor Penny spoke about the Red Carpet Day at the school to meet and greet the kids going back to school; mentioned the poverty seminar that himself and Commissioner Currie attended and the idea was to have you look through someone else's eyes for just a short 1.5 hours and those attending were assigned an identity when they arrived; it was all fake and played out their roles; there was approximately 130 people at the seminar and it was very eye-opening, a very good exercise.

12. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Valerie Manning, City Clerk,CMC 8/14/2018

John Penny, Mayor 8/14/2018