



CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

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City Commission Chamber

Work Session

5:00 PM

CITY HALL
1065 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
HOLLY HILL, FL 32117

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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	

2. LPGA DISCUSSION

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LPGA Discussion

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

Tyler J. Malmborg, P.E., Vice President for Engineering Design at Newkirk Engineering was present to help with any questions the Mayor and City Commissioners may have regarding the widening of LPGA Blvd., and gave a brief history of his employment with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) where he worked for nine (9) years before accepting employment with Newkirk Engineering in Ormond Beach, FL as the Vice President for Engineering Design.

Mr. Forte mentioned that this workshop will be more of a question and answer type of workshop and then maybe go into some questions as specific as the Commission wants it to be and see what happens at the end of the discussion.

Mayor Via informed Mr. Malmborg that the Commission has had talks over the last couple of years here and there and there's been certain questions. What they are here to discuss today is 4-lanning LPGA from Nova Road to US1 and they are aware that there are a lot of obstacles and hoops to jump through, especially because of the canal and having to cover that canal most likely but there could be options put together by the engineer. He knows that one of the concerns of this Commission is use of eminent domain.

Mr. Malmborg mentioned that he doesn't have a recent review of the LPGA widening project but he has driven the corridor quite a few times and has a lot of ideas and he sees a number of challenges that the city will have to go through with the process and right

now he knows that the city is in a very preliminary planning stage. As they go through the process of developing any projects there is a critical first step of a feasibility study or a planning study or if it's a DOT project, it's a project development and engineering report and effectively, that's what the city needs to get started. The city doesn't have to have the answer of what is our finished product going to be when that started but the city will have to know this is an idea we would like to evaluate, here's another one, what do we do if we get no right-of-way, what are our options? What do we do if we take eight feet or ten feet from one side or the other as an easement to put in our pedestrian features or utilities? There's a lot of other options that can be explored but whenever you have this length of a project, you have to clear a lot of different elements of the property.

There was some discussion amongst the Mayor, Commissioners, Mr. Forte and Mr. Malmborg and helping the Commission to understand the process and the first steps that need to take place.

There was **consensus** from the Commission to ask Mr. Forte to craft a letter in stating some of the issues shared here tonight forward and have the entire Commission sign it and ask Commissioner Johnson take it to the next Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) meeting and say this is what we (the city) want?

Mayor Via mentioned that he believes this workshop was very productive and that the Commission is now more on the same page than previous discussions. Like Commissioner Penny said earlier, "we know what we want but maybe not what we need," and that study will tell the Commission that and those options. He's open minded to the potential of 3-lanes with two lanes coming in and one lane going out because that gets them to their goal of having more people being able to come into the heart of their city. With that being said, Commissioner Johnson, I think that you see that we are on the same page here and I do believe the next best step is to involve the TPO. If there's not an objection from the Commission...Mayor Via asked if Mr. Forte had anything to add before the Commission moves forward. Do you think a letter would be the appropriate step or maybe a meeting between you and the TPO representatives?

Mr. Forte stated, no. I think one step even prior to, I think my next conversation should really be with Jon Cheney who is the Traffic Engineer for Volusia County and he thinks Jon Cheney's wisdom would be very important and he thinks Jon Cheney's support or lack of support will dictate the direction that TPO goes. He believes and the Commission can correct him if they think differently, he believes Jon Cheney is the key to whether or not this is even going to be heard in front of the TPO.

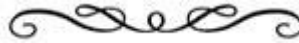
Mayor Via stated, okay and asked if there was any objection of Mr. Forte reaching out to Mr. Cheney and there was not.

Mr. Forte mentioned he will reach out to Mr. Cheney first and hopefully, have an in-person meeting with him and throw in all the thoughts and ideas that he heard here and in the past, add them. Frankly, if Mr. Cheney turns around and says, "You're never going to get it", I come back and tell you that, I think I would believe him. If Mr. Cheney says the city has opportunities then I think we should explore them.

Commissioner Currie stated she doesn't ever believe that four-laning is every going to happen unless you take those homes and businesses. She wants to make sure that they know that the city is open to options; like Mayor Via said earlier. Two lanes coming in and one going out. Whatever the best option is for the city, that's what the city needs to move on. She just wants to make sure that they are all clear on that. I do not

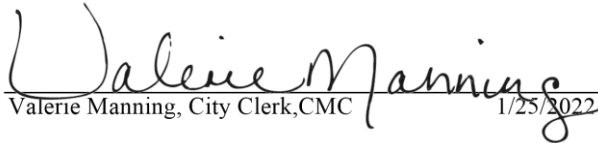
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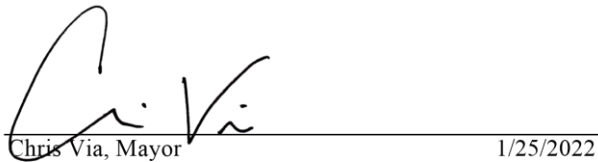
(A CD copy of the full workshop discussion is available by request in the City Clerk's Office or by listening to this workshop online).



3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at approximately 6:05 PM.


Valerie Manning, City Clerk,CMC 1/25/2022


Chris Via, Mayor 1/25/2022