



CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

MINUTES • AUGUST 23, 2022

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

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. VETERANS MEMORIAL DISCUSSION

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Veterans Memorial Discussion

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

Mayor Via asked if the members from the American Legion Post 120 and DAV Chapter 84 could introduce themselves as part of the record for the workshop. The following joined the Mayor, City Commissioners and staff: Gary Mellring, American Legion Post 120 sits on the Executive Board; Don Lapour, American Legion Post 120, sits on the Executive Board and Chairman of Government Affairs; Gilles Blais, American Legion Post 120 and DAV Chapter 84, past Commander of the Council; Larry Wells, DAV Chapter 84, Commander; and Donald "Don" Moore, DAV 84, Junior Vice-Commander. Mayor Via thanked and appreciated all of them for being at the workshop as they get ready to discuss the Veterans Memorial Monument and suggestions as to what should go on the monument. Many of them have been working on this for many years but ran into issues with COVID-19 when everything sort of stopped then it was supplies issues then trying to find the right granite company to do this. This City Commission, a couple of years ago, commissioned this monument and obviously it is to dedicate it to all Veterans but primarily the ones from Holly Hill who sacrificed their life. The Commission has found the overall design of what the monument would look like. Tonight they would like to discuss what would actually be inscribed on the monument. There was discussion amongst the members and the City Commission.

There was consensus from the members of the American Legion Post 120, DAV Chapter 84, and the Mayor and City Commissioners of the following list of what the inscriptions would be on the monument. Mr. Forte compiled the list and will submit it to the granite company and send out a draft once he has received it back from the granite company for

final approval by the City Commission. The list of recommendations/suggestions were as follows:

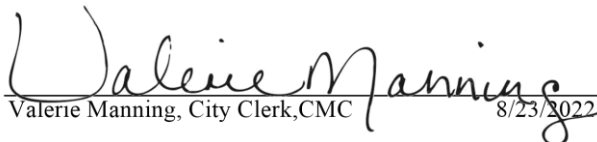
1. Include Merchant Marine
2. Permission to use the military seals on the monument
3. Two-columns for names in chronological order (Name, branch and birth date/date they died will be what is listed on the monument)
4. COHH seal should be the same size as the military seals or slightly smaller
5. Reasonable size font for engraving of names, etc.
6. Front side of monument: "In memory of our Holly Hill Veterans who sacrificed their lives in service for their country"
7. Rear side of monument:
 - ***Eagle on left wing stone** - "All gave some, some gave all" or "In God We Trust"
 - ***Center stone**: allow the granite company to offer a few ideas; flag was also mentioned during the workshop amongst the members, Mayor, and City Commission
 - ***POW-MIA seal on right wing stone** - "You are not forgotten"

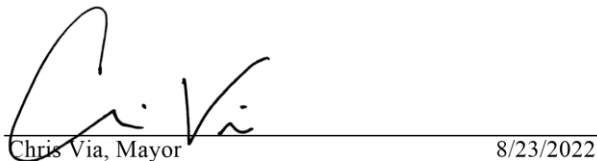
(A copy of this workshop session in its entirety is available on CD upon request in the City Clerk's Office or by listening to the audio online)



3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.


Valerie Manning, City Clerk,CMC 8/23/2022


Chris Via, Mayor 8/23/2022