



CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Large Conference Room

Work Session

5:00 PM

CITY HALL
1065 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
HOLLY HILL, FL 32117

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **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	

3. **VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT - FINALIZE THE LANGUAGE**

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Veterans Memorial Monument - Finalize the Language on the Memorial

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

Mr. Forte informed the Mayor and Commissioners that he has received all five branches plus Space Force's approval to use their logos. They have to agree that whatever they walk away with here today, has to be the final language and that nobody individually wants to change something afterward because then he has to come back and run it by all five Commissioners again. Hopefully, they will agree tonight to finalize this.

At this time, Mr. Forte went over the agenda item in their packet to get verification on the FRONT center stone, left stone, right stone and then the REAR of the stones language. The Mayor and Commissioners agreed to the following language.

FRONT:

Center Stone:

"Dedicated to these Holly Hill service members who died in defense of our Nation."

Commission agreed to: Add list of names with Branch, birth and death dates. Use their first name, middle initial only and last name. The order of the names will be listed by date of death.

Mr. Forte stated that he learned that the military logos have to go on the monument stone in this order from left to right:

Left Stone: U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy,
Right Stone: U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, U.S. Coast Guard

Mr. Forte stated that he specifically asked the question, as far as Merchant Marine is concerned. Although, it may not be typical, or it may, what he has been told is that it's completely up to the city as to whether or not you want to put Merchant Marine on there. Our dilemma, if we want to or don't want to, is one of the names on our list is a Merchant Marine lost at sea from WWII.

It was suggested by Commissioner Currie that perhaps they could list the Merchant Marine under the Navy because they served under the Navy. Would that not be something that would be appropriate? They agreed that it would be.

Mr. Forte mentioned that he would have to contact the Navy to be sure about that.

There will be three logos on one side, three logos on the other side and the names are in the center.

Merchant Marine will be reflected next to the individual's name rather than by a logo. The Commissioners agreed.

REAR:

Left Stone - Eagle and the saying, "In God We Trust" - Commission agreed

Center Stone - American Flag (*the one the Commission agreed to during the workshop*) with the saying, "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." Author unknown - Commission agreed

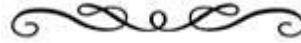
Right Stone - POW- MIA Logo with the saying, "You are not forgotten" - Commission agreed to leave this as is

Mayor Via thanked everyone for coming together and participating. When this comes about, him and the Mr. Forte have spoken about it, it might be best to put together a little committee for the event coming up so that we all can coordinate with everyone and make sure the whole community, especially the Veteran community, knows about when we will be doing the unveiling. He has spoken to Congressman Walt and he wants to be here and he will be here for it. He let Congressman Walt know that the city will work with his schedule.

Don Lapour, American Legion Post 120 informed the Mayor and Commissioners that he was unable to verify Daniel Bruce Smith who served in Vietnam.

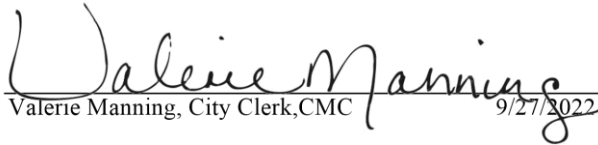
Valerie Manning, City Clerk mentioned that she will contact Jeff Martin to see if he can verify where he got his name from and get back to Mr. Forte.

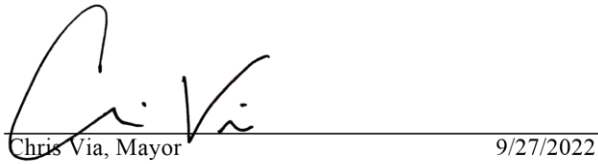
(A copy of this workshop session in its entirety is available on CD upon request in the City Clerk's Office or by listening to the audio online on the city's YouTube channel)



4. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at approximately 5:50 PM.


Valerie Manning, City Clerk, CMC 9/27/2022


Chris Via, Mayor 9/27/2022