M I N U T E S
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

October 10, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Mayor Via called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 7:05 p.m. Attending with Mayor Via were Commissioners John Penny, Gilles Blais, Mark Reed and Traci A. Anderson.

Also attending were City Manager Joe Forte, City Attorney Butch Simpson, Asst. City Attorney Scott Simpson, Building Official Tim Harbuck, Community Development Director/City Planner Doug Gutierrez, Assistant Finance Director Susan Worde, Information Technology Director Scott Gutauckis, Community Redevelopment Coordinator Marsha Radulovich, and City Clerk Valerie Manning.

B. Invocation

Mayor Via delivered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Via mentioned that he delivered one proclamation recognizing the Healthy Start and Beds for Babies Campaign.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from the regular City Commission meeting – September 26, 2006

Report of Purchase Orders over $5,000

- Clay Oil – $19,658.80
- Volusia County – $13,608.48

*Commissioner Reed moved **APPROVAL** of the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Blais – Yes, Penny – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
Regarding items not on the agenda.

Colleen Capparelli, 1815 Tara Marie Lane, Port Orange, mentioned that she is the Senior Center Manager at Sica Hall and she is here to ask the Commission's permission to get the Flu Shot Clinic on October 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and asked if they would also approve the Grand Opening of the Sica Hall Senior Center for the digital sign for November 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dan Daugherty, 1682 Riverside Drive, thanked everybody involved in bestowing the honor of Citizen of the Year on him. It's his pleasure to live and serve in Holly Hill. It's a small town with a big heart. Mr. Daugherty thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for the gift certificate and the plaque. Mr. Daugherty mentioned that he is going to prove to them how generous and kind the people are here in town. He is talking about the merchants and the contractors because they have a big project going on by Builders Care which is a division of the Home Builders Association and the Kiwanis Club gave them seed money today to start. The Holly Hill Pharmacy calls his house every day and wants to know what more they can do. That's just one but there are numerous people who are helping.

Jim Cameron, Vice-President/Government Relations, Daytona Beach Halifax Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly about the State Constitution Amendment #3 which is on the November 7th ballot. This would require a 60% majority to approve any future State Constitutional Amendment as opposed to a simple majority right now.

Jim Legary, 342 Burleigh Avenue, mentioned that he has spoken about this to several of the Commissioners with the exception of Commissioner Blais. Mr. Legary would like to explore the possibility that the City use the redevelopment money to develop affordable housing in some place like on the corner of 3rd Street and Ridgewood Avenue. As he has mentioned to some of the Commissioners, he read something about what New Orleans is doing. New Orleans has developed some modular construction. Global Green seeded a program and received seven submittals from architects which cost them approximately $100,000. Mr. Legary mentioned that he knows the City is going to be having a visioning program that is going to run the City approximately $50,000 or $60,000. These proposals that Global Green received in New Orleans covers everything that he feels we lack here in our development. The City is building boxes. They don't look like Florida, to him. Mr. Legary mentioned that he spent some time in Fort Myers and they seem to be doing everything and it seems to still look like Florida. He is asking if there is some way they can workshop or some way that they can perhaps get some of the City staff to investigate some of these things. He would be happy to share the notes that he has and he has spoken with folks from Family Renew, Habitat for Humanity, and merchants. He would like to see the City construct a livable, walkable, community downtown. On that 7 acres space they could probably accommodate 90 families that would be kind of like us in a blue collar environment and they could encourage local merchants and local participation.

Eddie Colosimo, 144 Ridgewood Avenue, Bikers For First Amendment Rights (B.F.F.A.R.), stated that they recently had a workshop with the Commission and they are pleased with the turnout of that workshop. One of the things they came out of that workshop with was a way and an effort to stop the money from going South and going North but stopping here in Holly Hill. Mr. Colosimo is looking at a motorcycle parade. Mr. Colosimo mentioned that he spoke with a Daytona Beach City Commissioner and he spoke about the bike parade and that Commissioner said that they didn't understand why the parade was gone. That bike parade is an extremely important part of Bike Week and Biketoberfest events. It's something that the bikers all look forward to and it's something that the citizens look forward to. Mr. Colosimo informed the Mayor and Commissioners that the bike parade is in motion and he understands that the City is willing to do this and as the B.F.F.A.R. President, he is willing to help coordinate and put this event on. He went on the air and said that Holly Hill was going to give the bikers back the parade that the City of Daytona Beach took away from them. He has received several telephone calls of congratulations to the City for that event. He thinks this is something that can be turned into a regular event for both Bike Week and Biketoberfest. Mr. Colosimo would like to ask the Commissioners for a budget to advertise this event to make sure that they have the best turnout and he, in turn, will bring as much volunteer control and effort to the event that he can. Mr. Colosimo mentioned that the parade can start and end in Hollyland Park.

Maureen Monahan, 215 – 5th Street, mentioned that she had the pleasure of dealing with the Police Department because they responded again, favorably, to continue with their cleanup efforts whenever the effort has been made to contact the Police Department. Ms. Monahan mentioned that she takes offense to the City telling her how to vote (referring to information on the digital sign regarding the County Charter Amendments for the November 7th election).

Mayor Via and the Commissioners addressed Ms. Capparelli's request for usage of the digital sign for the Senior Center at Sica Hall for the Flu Shot Clinic and the Grand Opening.

Commissioner Blais made a motion to allow the information requested to be displayed on the digital sign for the Senior Center Program at Sica Hall, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Penny – Yes, Reed – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes.

Mayor Via and the Commissioners addressed Mr. Colosimo's request for the bike parade on October 22nd for Biketoberfest and they addressed the advertising amount for the event to be advertised on the radio.

Want Bike Parade:

Commissioner Reed made a motion to allow the bike parade on October 22nd, seconded by Commissioner Blais.

The motion **CARRIED** 4-1 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Blais – Yes, Anderson – No, Penny – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes.

How much on advertising:

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve $500 for radio advertising for the bike parade, seconded by Commissioner Penny.

The motion **CARRIED** 4-1 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Penny – Yes, Blais – Yes, Anderson – No, Mayor Via – Yes.

Mr. Colosimo mentioned that he would donate $200 to the Police Explorers for their help in the event.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2784, AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2005-2006

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2784

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2739 THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

Mayor Via opened public participation. No one spoke.

*Commissioner Blais moved **APPROVAL** of Second Reading for Ordinance 2784, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-1 on roll call: Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Penny – Yes, Reed – No, Mayor Via – Yes

6. TREE REMOVAL PERMIT – APPEAL – APPLICANT: DONALD LORT, RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Mr. Forte mentioned that this is a request by Donald Lort who owns property at 1618 Riverside Drive. Mr. Lort is requesting to remove 15 pine trees removed from the side and rear of the property mostly because he is going to be putting garage with a driveway but he would also like to take some additional pine trees. Mr. Lort considers the trees to be a nuisance to his property. At staff level, the problem that they ran into is that they can only give permission and a permit to take down trees that are diseased, dead or dying or in a buildable area. The trees in the buildable area is not the problem. Otherwise, the Ordinance requires that Mr. Lort makes an appeal to the City Commission. Mr. Lort has told him that he would do a tree replacement for the ones he takes down and replace them with tress that would better beautify his property.

Donald Lort, 1618 Riverside Drive, spoke about the trees on the property and spoke about the reasons for wanting to take them down. Mr. Lort informed the Mayor and Commissioners that he will be replacing them with other trees that would beautify his property.

Maureen Monahan, 215 – 5th Street, asked if any of the trees have been taken down.

Mr. Lort stated, no.

Ms. Monahan stated, she assumes all these trees were there when Mr. Lort bought this property.

Mayor Via and Commissioner Reed stated, obviously.

Ms. Monahan asked how many of those trees are long leaf pine.

Mr. Lort stated they are sand pines.

Ms. Monahan read a letter into the record from Gordon Williamson, 1400 Moravia Avenue and Ms. Monahan mentioned that she echoes his feelings that are mentioned in the letter.

Steve Smith, 1410 Riverside Drive, stated these trees are probably 100 feet tall and living over there, he knows the sound of the eagles, osprey and he knows where they go when they are fishing and hunting over there, to the top of these pine trees. Mr. Smith feels that Mr. Lort needs to learn how to live with some of the trees and cut down the ones that are in the way of the buildable lot and the garage. He thinks it's a benefit to keep some of the tall trees there and work around them and he agrees with staff that it doesn't meet the criteria for removal.

Debbie Reiman, 1634 Riverside Drive, asked is Mr. Lort living in the house at 1618 Riverside Drive. She sees people come into town and do things with houses and lots and they are not even citizens of the City. They do things here and then they turn around and sell it for profit and they are not really concerned about the City. Is this his "home" and is it going to be "his" home?

Mayor Via stated he is not sure that is a question that is generic to what happens. It's maybe a question of *interest* but as long as Mr. Lort owns the property, Mr. Lort is petitioning.

Commissioner Reed stated while Mrs. Reiman has a valid point, that they should all be concerned about the future of the City, it's really difficult to tell someone that in five years you can't sell your house.

Mrs. Reiman asked is it his home now.

Mr. Lort stated this is his home and it's going to continue to be his home. His whole idea is to settle down here in Holly Hill because of the location of the property. He understands the concerns about the trees. He used to live in Georgia and there were pine trees everywhere. Every time a storm came through with strong winds, he was clearing trees off the top of his house. He believes they are a hazard. Mr. Lort stated he doesn't mind for every pine tree he takes down, he doesn't mind putting two trees up.

David Deller, 1624 Riverside Drive, mentioned his concerns with the trees and is Mr. Lort's neighbor. Mr. Deller is okay with the pine trees coming down.

There was discussion amongst the Mayor and Commissioners regarding the pine trees and the replacement of them as well as the requested diameter of the trees from the Commission to Mr. Lort that he replaces.

*Commissioner Penny made a motion to **APPROVE** the tree removal permit for the 15 pine trees located at 1618 Riverside Drive with the agreement from Mr. Lort that he will put ten (10) trees back with a minimum 2 inch diameter trunk, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Penny – Yes, Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Reed – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

7. VARIANCE REQUEST – 1512 RIVERSIDE DRIVE – APPLICANT: JOSEPH AND JENNIFER CAPERS

Doug Gutierrez, Community Development Director/City Planner, gave a brief report regarding the variance request located at 1512 Riverside Drive. Mr. Gutierrez mentioned that this is an "after the fact" variance. Joseph and Jennifer Capers received a permit to repair hurricane damage. However, the wall part of it was not in the scope of the permit so essentially it was done without a permit. They would have had to get a variance first anyway in order to do this because even if it intrudes two, three, or six inches, it is still increasing the nonconforming use of the building and the side setback is in nonconformance. Mr. Gutierrez described what the purpose of a variance is and went over the main criteria for a variance. This property may have been one lot and mentioned that the homes were built in the 1930s so it's likely that this was subdivided prior to the City's Code and therefore, being a legal nonconforming lot. The nonconformity creates the hardship. Mr. Gutierrez went over the six criteria for a variance request that's listed in the City's Code and mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Capers meet all six of them. The expansion of that wall has not increased the interior space of the building. It's basically a reinforcement of the outer wall and they can look at it as a life-safety issue. Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the variance request because it satisfies all six

criteria's that are listed in the Code. The Board of Planning and Appeals recommends approval 5-0.

Mayor Via opened public participation.

Bud Holbein and Stacey Johnson spoke for Valli Logan who is the owner of 1506 and 1508 Riverside Drive. Ms. Johnson, citizen of Daytona Beach, representing Valli Logan, stated that Ms. Logan has written another letter to the Mayor and Commissioners and Ms. Logan has requested that the letter be added into the minutes so that it's public information (see attached letter).

Mayor Via recessed the meeting approximately at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Via reconvened the meeting approximately at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Via stated for the record, let it be shown that they read the letter from Valli Logan to Tim Harbuck, the Building Official. The letter brought up issues between the Holbein's and the Logan's have on their property and mentions the Capers who own property at 1512 Riverside Drive. With all due respect, they will separate the issues. At the current time, what's before the City Commission is *solely* the question of the variance of the six inches for Mr. Capers property. Mayor Via reminded the Commission that Mr. Holbein was granted a flag lot variance request and needs to move his house by the end of February by a total of 2 feet and this had to do with a previous agreement because of the Capers situation. Attorney Simpson, if the relief was given to Mr. Holbein for not moving the house 2 feet, would that require that has to go back and be reissued as a flag lot permit, which the City no longer allows?

Attorney Simpson mentioned those are two, totally different issues.

Mayor Via stated he knows that.

Attorney Simpson stated its two different issues and it doesn't resolve this particular issue.

Mayor Via stated so the only issue before them tonight is strictly and solely is the variance of the six inches of the wall that has been built.

*Commissioner Reed moved **APPROVAL** of the variance request to permit a six (6") inch foundation wall that was added to the existing nonconforming side of the home located at 1512 Riverside Drive and to require Mr. and Mrs. Capers pay all fines determined by the Chief Building Official, seconded by Commissioner Penny.*

Ms. Johnson stated at the Planning and Zoning meeting, Ms. Logan had written statements, and measurements that it wasn't six inches…it was six inches that the Capers were applying for but if they physically go out there it sure does look like twelve inches.

Commissioner Reed stated Mr. Harbuck, you have been to this home, you have inspected the work after it was done.

Mr. Harbuck stated after it was finished.

Commissioner Reed stated after it was finished. Did anybody give you any indication of the method of construction that they used?

Mr. Harbuck stated, yes. Mr. Capers said he used a 2 x 6 wall, stood it up and pressed it right against the existing building. That was the only information I was given.

Commissioner Reed stated the wall that was there Mr. Capers covered up. Were you able to inspect that in any way?

Mr. Harbuck stated, no. I didn't get involved until after it was done.

Commissioner Reed stated after it was done, could you look at it and tell what you were looking at?

Mr. Harbuck stated there's no way to tell. It would have to be an intimate, personal knowledge of what was there.

Commissioner Reed asked, did you see the opening in the wall?

Mr. Harbuck stated I don't believe there is an opening; it's just a solid wall.

Commissioner Reed stated he was there today; there is an opening in it. You have seen work that I have done?

Mr. Harbuck stated, yes.

Commissioner Reed asked do you think I know what I'm looking at when I look at a six inch wall or an inadequate wall?

Mr. Harbuck stated I think you should.

Commissioner Reed stated thank you. Those were the only questions he had.

Jennifer Capers, 1512 Riverside Drive, spoke briefly about the six inch wall and asked for forgiveness because they didn't know they needed a variance.

Commissioner Reed mentioned that there is some animosity between the neighbors that is contained in these letters.

Mr. Holbein spoke briefly about the situation and mentioned that this whole thing started because Mr. Capers wants his house moved. Mr. Holbein mentioned that the Commission never let him know that he had an appeal time regarding his house during his meeting. Why should he have to move his house because Mr. Capers wants it moved?

Mayor Via stated unfortunately Mr. Holbein, that is a separate subject from this variance.

Mayor Via closed public participation.

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Penny – Yes, Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

8. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2785, AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (BPUD) AGREEMENT – 1184 N. NOVA ROAD – APPLICANT: MALKIT SALH

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2785

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2679 AND THE WRITTEN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE MALKIT SALH BUSINESS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF NOVA ROAD (SR 5A) AND ALABAMA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

Mr. Gutierrez gave a brief presentation regarding the amendment to the Business Planned Unit Development (BPUD) agreement located at 1184 N. Nova Road.

Commissioner Reed asked if this change is made will this preclude them from renting that house out in the future as a residential unit?

Attorney Simpson stated it is now a grandfathered nonconformity. They are allowed to continue the residential use; it just comes under the City's laws regarding nonconforming uses for structures. Yes, they could rent it out but if it got damaged…they couldn't do expansions. If it's damaged beyond a certain extent, it has to be torn down and brought into conformance.

Commissioner Reed stated if they make this an office…if they approve this, would they be able to change back?

Attorney Simpson stated no, they couldn't change back but even though it's changed and they decide to continue the residential for six months and then convert it. It's allowed to continue as a nonconforming use but once they stop it, and abandon that use, they cannot re-establish it.

Mr. Forte stated it's a house right now and once it becomes enterprise, you don't want to rent it back as a house again.

Malkit Salh, 1184 N. Nova Road, stated it's not a house, it's used for commercial purposes. It was a house before. It's going to be amended for commercial use.

Attorney Simpson stated so it's not being used as a single-family residential house now?

Mr. Salh stated, no.

*Commissioner Penny made a motion to **APPROVE** the first reading of Ordinance 2785, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Penny – Yes, Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Reed – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

9. RESOLUTION 2006-R-40, CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-R-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH A. FORTE AS CITY MANAGER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Forte mentioned the only change to his contract which is he shall be entitled to any unused vacation leave not taken during the year which exceeds accrued time payable in October each year. Mr. Forte mentioned that his contract is perpetual.

*Commissioner Penny made a motion to **APPROVE** Resolution 2006-R-40, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Penny – Yes, Blais – Yes, Reed – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

10. RESOLUTION 2006-R-34, POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) / RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Simpson read by short title the following Resolutions all at once:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-R-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PAL/RECREATION BOARD AND SETTING FORTH THE TERM EXPIRATION DATES FOR SAID MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-R-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD; SETTING FORTH THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE FOR SAID MEMBER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-R-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES; SETTING FORTH THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE FOR SAID MEMBER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-R-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD AND SETTING FORTH THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE FOR SAID MEMBER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Reed made a motion to **APPROVE** all Resolutions as a whole, 34, 35, 36, and 37, seconded by Commissioner Penny.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Penny – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Blais – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Members of the Commission are encouraged to give a brief report from the various committees on which they serve.

Mayor Via mentioned there have been no meetings since they last met. He gave a brief report about the Political Action Committee (PAC). He was at WROD radio today and did an interview with Tony Welch which will appear at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday on 1340 AM.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Manager

- **Parking at Sunrise Park**

Mr. Forte gave the Commissioners a status of Sunrise Park. There has not been any complaints over there and the parking has settled down, it's not as crowded as it used to be when it first opened up. That's not to say that around the holidays or next summer that it's not going to get busy again. The cost to do the parking in that area would be around $12,000 to $15,000. If it's the direction of the Commission to move forward with that or do they want to wait it out?

Commissioner Anderson stated she doesn't know why they are spending money on parking for that. She doesn't want to take anymore room away from the park. She was under the assumption that the property next to Parks Seafood was going to have additional parking but now she sees that's up for sale. She doesn't think they should put any money into this.

Commissioner Penny agreed with Commissioner Anderson. He doesn't believe it's an issue. He thinks it controls itself.

There was consensus from the Commissioners not to move forward with additional parking at Sunrise Park at this time.

Mr. Forte mentioned Arabian Nights offer to government employees to see their show in Orlando. Several of the employees are trying to coordinate next Friday, October 20th to go out there. They asked him if it would be possible to use the City bus if they paid for the fuel and the driver to get them there and back safely. Mr. Forte informed the Mayor and Commissioners that he has spoken to the City Attorney about it and the City's Insurance carrier about it.

Attorney Simpson stated they still have liability coverage in the event there is an accident.

*Commissioner Reed made a motion to **APPROVE** the outing of the City employees to use the City bus on October 20th to see the show, Arabian Nights in Orlando and the compensation of the fuel and the driver, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Blais – Yes, Penny – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

B. City Attorney

None.

C. Mayor & Commissioners

Commissioner Blais mentioned that this Friday he will be going to the Renaissance Center near Sea World in regards to "How Shall We Grow?". This is a regional issue and involves seven counties. Commissioner Blais mentioned that he attended the Mainland High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and mentioned that he is an Alumni at Mainland High School. He mentioned that he recently helped out with planting along Riverside Drive in order to prevent erosions.

Commissioner Reed stated Mayor Via, he noticed that when they did public participation tonight, that they brought them all up and then they sat them down and then they brought some of them back up for further discussion to address their needs. Wouldn't it make more sense to address their needs while they are already up there?

Mayor Via stated what will happen is, at times they will have four or five people talk about the same subject. Tonight they had single people on single issues. He thinks it worked out pretty good to bring them back up to further discuss their concerns.

Commissioner Reed mentioned time. If they will notice, a lot of time when people come up and ask for public participation, they leave after they get their question answered. They are not really interested in all the other stuff the Commission does. That's fair and it's okay. Commissioner Reed asked if the Mayor could re-evaluate that after a couple of more meetings and see if they can change that.

Mayor Via stated he will. They will be flexible with it. Mayor Via reminded them that there is a workshop after this meeting. Mayor Via mentioned that he enjoyed hearing County Manager James Dinneen yesterday on a radio talk show. There was one sentence that he said that I thought was a really important thing when Mr. Dinneen talked about cities and counties, "*The cities that have succeeded have done so because they have not let a single issue divide them".* Mayor Via felt that was well said by the County Manager and he thinks that is something that they should all think about and take it to heart.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting officially adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Attest: City of Holly Hill, Florida

Valerie Manning
City Clerk

Roland D. Via
Mayor