M I N U T E S
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 24, 1995

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Virginia Wine called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at 7:30 p.m..

Answering roll call were Mayor Wine, Councilman Arthur Byrnes, Councilman J. D. Mellette, Councilman Shirley Heyman and Councilman Jim Elliott.

Also attending were City Manager Donald Lusk, City Attorney Edward Simpson, Chief of Police Pat Finn and Deputy City Clerk Sue W. Blackwell.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Bill Bethea.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

4. PRESENTATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the City Council and citizens, Mayor Wine presented Sgt. Mark Barker, Det. Jim Patton, Det. Ross Blissett and Det. Steve Aldrich with commendations for their excellent work in solving the brutal murder which occurred behind the shopping center on South Riverside Drive. (Copy Attached.)

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Carolyn Sue Connerly, Chief Union Steward said she would like to address the Council regarding the proposed LIUNA contract. Mayor Wine said she would be allowed to speak at the time that item is before Council.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 10, 1995

Councilman Mellette moved to APPROVE the Consent Agenda being seconded by Councilman Elliott. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on roll call.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 48 - APPROVING 1995-96 HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT

City Attorney Simpson read:

RESOLUTION NO. 95-R-48
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HALIFAX HUMANE SOCIETY INC., PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Elliott moved to ADOPT the resolution being seconded by Councilman Shirley Heyman. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on the following roll call:

Elliott, yes; Heyman, yes; Mellette, yes; Byrnes, yes; Wine, yes.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 49 - NAMING CANDIDATES FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS

City Attorney Simpson read:

RESOLUTION NO. 95-R-49
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE CANDIDATES WHICH ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1995 AND THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1995 FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SEAT POSITIONS OF WARD ONE (1), WARD TWO (2), WARD THREE (3), AND WARD FOUR (4); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Simpson then announced the names of the following candidates:

MAYOR
William D. Arthur
Douglas A. Kneller
Virginia Wine

Councilman Ward 1
Arthur J. Byrnes
Lois Willett

Councilman Ward 2
J. D. Mellette
Pearl Ward

Councilman Ward 3
Shirley Heyman

<u>Councilman Ward 4</u>
Jim Elliott
Pat Fink
Councilman Heyman moved to ADOPT the resolution being seconded by Councilman Mellette. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on the following roll call:

Heyman, yes; Mellette, yes; Byrnes, yes; Elliott, yes; Wine, yes.

Mayor Wine then introduced Mrs. Willett, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Fink, and Mr. Arthur to the audience.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 50 - AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH LIUNA

City Attorney Simpson read:

RESOLUTION NO. 95-R-50
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE L.I.U.N.A., LOCAL #678 FOR 1995 - 1997; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Mellette moved to ADOPT the resolution being seconded by Councilman Elliott.

City Manager Lusk recommended the effective date of the contract be the 19th of October, the date the actual vote was taken which also coincides with the beginning of the pay period. The City Manager told Council he wanted them to know there was a side agreement (not part of the contract) to increase the base pay from zero to 47% and he is recommending this but it does not have to be part of the motion but if the contract is passed, Council will be approving the 3% increase. Mr. Lusk also said the contract is for two years and contains a forty cent an hour raise (3.8% approximately) which is in line with Council's direction on the other union contracts. That increase contains the 1% for the bi-weekly payroll. The clothing allowance was increased from $85 to $90.

Carolyn Sue Connerly , Chief Union Steward, briefly addressed Council and asked if they would consider making the contract retroactive to October 1, 1995 and then explained why the membership vote was not taken until October 19, 1995.

Mr. Lusk explained how the other unions settled their contracts and how the effective dates came about. He noted that non-union employees received their pay increases October 1, 1995 and that was not retroactive.
The motion CARRIED 5-0 on the following roll call:

Mellette, yes; Elliott, yes; Heyman, yes; Byrnes, yes; Wine, yes.

10. ESTABLISHED POLICY OF CITY PARTICIPATION IN COST OF INSTALLING CULVERTS (RESOLUTION NO. 52)

City Attorney Simpson :

RESOLUTION NO. 52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL FOR CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE COST OF INSTALLING STORM DRAINAGE CULVERTS IN PUBLIC STREETS ADJACENT TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

City Manager Lusk said he is trying to put together a policy to encourage people to address some of the drainage problems and give them an incentive to put in culverts. At the present time, the City does not participate in these projects and the homeowner can put in anything.

Mr. Hallman briefly talked to Council regarding the need for uniformity throughout the City. By approving this program, it will give the City some control over the size of pipe used as well as at what grade the pipe is installed. He said the Public Works Dept. will be doing the inspections.

Councilman Byrnes suggested that a list of contractors be made available to citizens calling in to get a pipe installed. Councilman Mellette asked how this was handled in the past. Mr. Lusk said it has been a hit and miss kind of thing and that is why this resolution is being suggested.

Mayor Wine asked how people are going to know about this program. Mr. Lusk said it could be put in the newsletter.

Councilman Byrnes moved to ADOPT the resolution being seconded by Councilman Elliott. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on the following roll call:

Byrnes, yes; Elliott, yes; Mellette, yes; Heyman, yes; Wine, yes.

11. REQUEST ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Mr. Lusk said although this is six-tenths of one percent of the amount billed, it concerns him because the citizens have to make up this revenue loss. He suggested working with staff to develop an ordinance which will either make the security deposits (on these rental places) more or ultimately make the landlord responsible for the bills.

Council discussed this matter in depth and instructed the City Manger and City Attorney to work on the problem and then *Councilman Heyman moved to APPROVE the request being seconded by Councilman Mellette.* The motion CARRIED 5-0 on roll call.

12. REQUEST APPROVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND MONIES FOR A RENTAL VEHICLE

Councilman Mellette moved to AWARD the bid to Mears Motor Leasing for $485 per month for 12 months with the money coming from L.E.T.F. monies being seconded by Councilman Heyman. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on roll call.

13. REQUEST APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FOR UNEXPECTED SEWER REPAIRS

Councilman Heyman moved to APPROVE the expenditure being seconded by Councilman Mellette. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on roll call.

14. REQUEST TO REPLACE TWO REDEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS (DIGUILIO & NAVARRA)

Mr. Lusk explained this request is from the remaining Board members because Mr. DiGuilio has moved away and Mr. Navarra never attends. The Board is suggesting that Steve Cretens and Leila Gosney be appointed to the Board.

Councilman Mellette moved to REMOVE the two members as requested being seconded by Councilman Elliott. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on roll call.

Councilman Heyman moved to APPROVE the two appointments as requested being seconded by Councilman Mellette. The motion CARRIED 5-0 on roll call.

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. Nova Road Flooding

City Manager Lusk introduced Mr. Wesley Fink. Mr. Fink, Dr. Gillespie, and Donald Haok are the owners of the property along Nova Road where DOT stored dirt/fill which caused the surrounding areas to flood during the summer.

Mr. Fink explained his plight to Council and the reasons for the dirt not being moved in a timely manner. He requested an extension of the deadline until November. After considerable discussion, *Councilman Byrnes moved to GRANT the extension until November 14, 1995, the date of the next Council Meeting.*

B. Community Development Block Grant - Tenth Street Crossing

Mr. Lusk reported the CDBG funding for the railroad crossing has been turned down but that he and Mr. Hallman had been able to come up with an alternative plan for the grant money.

Mr. Hallman gave a brief presentation on the proposed drainage improvements and explained how part of the "Nature Preserve" would be used for a retention pond. Mr. Lusk informed Council this is a very preliminary plan but that he did not want to expend staff time on the project until it was learned if Council would support the use of part of the Nature Preserve for the retention pond.

After an in-depth discussion, *Councilman Mellette moved to allow staff to proceed and then come back to Council with more information when it is available. Councilman Heyman seconded the motion which CARRIED 5-0 on roll call.*

16. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

None.

17. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Byrnes congratulated Mrs. Heyman on her reelection without opposition and wished everyone running for office congratulations on entering the race.

Councilman Mellette congratulated Mrs. Heyman and also said the Council honored four members of the Police Department tonight but that the whole Department should be commended for their improvements and accomplishments.

Councilman Heyman welcomed all the new candidates and thanked Mrs. Blackwell for the tabs on the agenda packets.

Councilman Elliott welcomed all the candidates to a fun race and said you have to get involved to understand what is going on.

Mayor Wine said she wanted the citizens to know all City Departments are doing a good job. She said under Mr. Hallman we've been getting good cooperation from other agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Council so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk - Manager

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