

**MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 24, 2000**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William Arthur called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 7:00 p.m. Attending with Mayor Arthur were Commissioners Arthur Byrnes, Paul Lockeby, Keith Tarrer and Roland Via.

Also attending were City Manager Joe Forte, City Attorney Edward Simpson, Public Works Director Milt Hallman, Finance Director Brenda Gubernator, Economic Development Coordinator Ira Corliss, Code Development Administrator Tim Harbuck, Acting Police Chief Mark Barker, Recreation Director Chuck Beach, and City Clerk Jeaneen Clauss.

2. INVOCATION

Mr. Hallman delivered the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

4. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

- A. "Great Escape" Contest Winners**
 1st Place – Stevie Hammer
 2nd Place – Mario Garcia
 3rd Place – Jessica Lynn Barcomb

Mr. Forte explained the history behind the "Great Escape" contest and Mayor Arthur presented award certificates, money orders, smoke detectors, and candy to each of the winners.

B. Holly Hill Middle School Update from Catherine Egley, Principal

Ms. Egley was unable to attend.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting – October 10, 2000**
B. Minutes of Commission Workshop – October 10, 2000
C. Purchase Orders Issued between Five and Ten Thousand Dollars

*Commissioner Via moved **APPROVAL** of the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tarrer.*

Motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on the following roll call: Via – yes, Tarrer – yes, Lockeby – yes, Byrnes – yes, Arthur – yes.

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6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

7. RESOLUTION 2000-R-57, BEAUTIFICATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, APPOINTING ONE REGULAR MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD; SETTING FORTH THE TERM EXPIRATION DATES FOR SAID MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Tarrer moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2000-R-57, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Tarrer – yes, Byrnes – yes, Via – yes, Lockeby – yes, Arthur – yes.

**8. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
FINDING A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 721 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE**

Mr. Harbuck reported that he has been checking this property on a daily basis and work is progressing according to schedule with the property remaining in compliance. The owner of the property will attend next month's Commission Meeting on this – which is the last meeting for the continuation, which he was granted.

*Commissioner Byrnes moved to **CONTINUE THE HEARING at the second meeting of next month**, seconded by Commissioner Via.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Byrnes – yes, Via – yes, Lockeby – yes, Tarrer – yes, Arthur – yes.

9. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2595, REGARDING POLICE PENSION

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT) TO PROVIDE FOR THE MINIMUM BENEFITS REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 185, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Tarrer moved to **APPROVE** the second reading of Ordinance 2595, seconded by Commissioner Lockeby.*

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The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Tarrer – yes, Lockeby – yes, Byrnes – yes, Via – yes, Arthur – yes.

10. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2596, AUTHORIZING A \$10,000 SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 62 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL TO CREATE ARTICLE I (ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS), SECTION 62-1 (AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE), SECTION 62-2 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 62-3 (ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION), SECTION 62-4 (ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME), SECTION 62-5 (REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMING ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION); DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTIFY THE VOLUSIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Tarrer moved to **APPROVE** the second reading of Ordinance 2596, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

Commissioner Via referred to a concern raised by Mayor Arthur and Commissioner Byrnes at the last Commission Meeting about increasing the tax burden of the struggling families within this City – which is why they could only support this gradual implementation. Figures have not been available from the Property Appraiser's Office on what the City's revenue loss would be. Late today, Commission Via obtained verbal information from the Property Appraiser's Office indicating that the effect on individual households would be minimal (about a quarter or less per month). This was based on the number of persons who qualified in our City for the County portion last year (167). With this in mind, Commissioner Via asked that the Commission reconsider a twenty-five thousand dollar exemption instead of the ten thousand dollar one before them tonight. Commissioner Tarrer reiterated his support of this request. However, due to the lack of any official County provided document certifying this, the majority of the Commission indicated reluctance to this late change.

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Tarrer – yes, Byrnes – yes, Lockeby – yes, Via – yes, Arthur – yes.

11. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2597, AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING CERTAIN STAE LAW VIOLATIONS

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA REPEALING ORDINANCE 2575 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2574 AND SECTION 1-16

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OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DELETING CERTAIN STATE LAW VIOLATIONS AS MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Tarrer moved to **APPROVE** the second reading of Ordinance 2597, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Tarrer – yes, Byrnes – yes, Lockeby – yes, Via – yes, Arthur – yes.

12. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2598, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A HEARING OFFICER FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE REFERRAL OF VIOLATIONS OF PARKING ORDINANCES TO A HEARING OFFICER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Tarrer moved to **APPROVE** the First Reading of Ordinance 2598, seconded by Commissioner Lockeby.*

The Commission inquired as to who serves as the Hearing Officer and whether it is in the City or at the Courthouse. The Hearing Officer is not a judge, though they are selected to serve in that type of capacity. The hearings are held at the Courthouse. This method alleviates some of the workload from the judges and provides a more efficient forum.

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Tarrer – yes, Lockeby – yes, Byrnes – yes, Via – yes, Arthur – yes.

13. NEW VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR DRAINAGE DIVISION

Mr. Forte explained the need for this purchase for the Public Works Department.

After some confusion as to whether there was a motion on the floor, (which there was not) -

*Commissioner Tarrer moved to **APPROVE** the purchase of the 2001 Ford Ranger Pick-Up truck from Orville Beckford Ford/Mercury for \$11,400, seconded by Commissioner Lockeby.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Tarrer – yes, Lockeby – yes, Via – yes, Byrnes – yes, Arthur – yes.

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14. PIGGY-BACK WITH DAYTONA BEACH FOR A CHEMICAL BID

Mr. Forte stated that this is a pretty good price from a piggy back with Daytona Beach for various chemicals that they need. Ms. Clauss clarified that the Quicklime purchase is from Dravo Lime, not Global Stone – which was mistakenly submitted as the recommended motion.

*Commissioner Via moved to **APPROVE** a Piggy Back with the City of Daytona Beach for Carbon Dioxide from Airgas Carbonic at \$89.00 per ton, Chlorine from PB&S Chemical at \$306.00 per one-ton cylinders, Quicklime from Dravo Lime at \$86.73 per ton, and Liquid Sulphur Dioxide from Allied Universal Corp. at \$318.05 per one-ton cylinders, seconded by Commissioner Tarrer.*

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Via – yes, Tarrer – yes, Byrnes – yes, Lockeby – yes, Arthur – yes.

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

Mr. Forte inquired as to whether the Commission would like him to bring forth a resolution, like the one that Deland will consider soon, requesting that the Humane Society delete a provision from the contract requiring cities to pay for the animals that citizens drop-off from their respective cities. It would also request contract negotiations and an effective timeframe that allows for fiscal year budgetary planning. Mayor Arthur mentioned that VCOG currently has this item on their priority list and suggested they wait and allow them a chance to work on this. All agreed.

16. CITY ATTORNEY

Mr. Simpson indicated that he had nothing further to report.

17. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSION

Commissioner Via mentioned that he is once again a grandfather-to-be, with a little grandson on the way. He reminded everyone to vote on November 7th. He stated that he felt the Gamache water problem was handled very well at the October 10th Commission Meeting and the new meter that has been installed is regularly showing less water usage than they previously had. Commissioner Via referred to the Recreation Directors' Luncheon and the speaker they had promoting Volusia Echo. He indicated that he did not support either Volusia Forever or Volusia Echo. Commissioner Via referred to the motorcycle helmet law that was recently appealed by Governor Bush and stated that he would like to see this Commission take a stand and try to get this law put back in force.

Commissioner Byrnes responded to the helmet law suggestion of Commissioner Via, stating that he has not seen any statistics showing that not wearing a helmet has played a determining factor in whether one dies in an accident. Commissioner Byrnes touched on a remark made by a candidate for County Council regarding the further restriction of cars on the beach and that he was very disturbed and surprised of her position of support on this.

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Commissioner Lockeby thanked the ladies in the audience for their hard work on the Beautification Board.

Commissioner Tarrer also thanked the ladies in the audience for their hard work on the Beautification Board. He then thanked the Commission for the use of SICA Hall, which was a great facility that he felt they should utilize it more frequently. He stated that they did not make any money at the Explorer/VIP fundraiser but they had a lot of fun!

Mayor Arthur also thanked the ladies in the audience for their hard work on the Beautification Board. He then told the Commission that VCOG is currently setting its priorities for the coming year and asked that the Commissioners review this priority list and submit their opinions to him so that he can respond on behalf of them all.

18. ADJOURNMENT TO WORKSHOP

The meeting officially adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

City of Holly Hill

William D. Arthur, Mayor

Attest:

Jeaneen P. Clauss, City Clerk