

MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 13, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roland D. Via called the meeting to order in the Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 9:53 p.m. Attending with Mayor Via were Commissioners John Penny, Rick Glass, Mark Reed and Liz Towsley. Also attending were the following staff members: City Manager Joe Forte, Public Works Director/City Engineer Chris Hurst, Finance Director Kurt Swartzlander, Assistant Finance Director Susan Worde, Financial Technical Advisor Brenda Gubernator, Community Redevelopment Coordinator Marsha Radulovich, and City Clerk Valerie Manning.

2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Regarding items not on the agenda.

Kurt Miller, 1730 Birmingham Avenue, wanted to know where the money for the re-advertisements is going to come from for the Master Plan.

Mr. Forte informed Mr. Miller that it comes out of the City's budgeted advertising account; there is enough money in there for it.

3. 1024 DAYTONA AVENUE – TWO APPRAISALS RECEIVED

Mr. Forte informed the Mayor and Commissioners that he received back two appraisals for 1024 Daytona Avenue; Velie Appraisal Services, \$116,500 and Cooksey and Associates, Inc., \$133,390. Mr. Forte contacted the property owner and asked if she would accept \$125,000 and she agreed and believes this is a fair price.

Attorney Simpson mentioned that the City Commission can either approve it or recommend approval to the City Commission.

*Commissioner Glass made a motion to **APPROVE** authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement in the amount of \$125,000 for the property located at 1024 Daytona Avenue and the closing date of April 18, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Penny.*

Mayor Via opened public participation.

The following citizens spoke about 1024 Daytona Avenue: Maureen Monahan, 215 – 5th Street, shared her concerns about the two appraisals that came back and mentioned that the City could have asked for a lower amount; \$125,000 is excessive; Gilles Blais, 710 Magnolia Avenue, was in favor of the Commission approving the \$125,000 for the purchase of the house; suggested it could be used for a parking lot for Sica Hall or special events.

Mayor Via closed public participation.

There was some discussion amongst the Mayor and Commissioners.

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

4. SIDEWALKS – U.S. 1/RIDGEWOOD AVENUE – WATER LINE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Forte informed the Mayor and Commissioners that the work has been started on U.S. 1 for the water line replacement and they are starting to break up the sidewalks. Before the workers go back and pour standard concrete and then the City tries to put something else in, he is trying to get some idea of what the Commission would like to see. Mr. Forte handed out some information/examples of different kinds of sidewalks for the Mayor and Commissioners to choose from. There was some discussion amongst the Mayor and Commissioners and staff at this time.

There was consensus from the Commission on stamped and a lighter color coquina stone; smooth going from the curb out, possibly reserving two feet on the upling side for plantings.

Bonnie McMillian, 827 Hibiscus, suggested that they get in touch with the mobility department of the Conklin Center for the Blind before they finish the sidewalks; spoke about having a green strip along with the sidewalk improvements being done; Gilles Blais, 710 Magnolia Avenue, spoke about the electric wheelchairs and the sidewalks need to be widened and would like to see them slope not towards Ridgewood Avenue but towards the new grass strips.

*Commissioner Penny made a motion to **APPROVE** authorizing the City Manager to pursue the coquina stone-stamped concrete in a lighter tone and get estimates to move the sidewalk closer to the road and possibly expanding the footprint of the sidewalk, seconded by Commissioner Glass.*

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

In other items of discussion:

Mr. Forte mentioned that they are running out of money for façade improvement grants; there is still money left over in the demolition grant and the residential landscape grant. Mr. Forte asked if the Commission will allow him to move \$100,000 from those two funds into the façade improvement grant to allow for other people to come forward over the next year to do it.

Commissioner Penny made a motion to **APPROVE** authorizing to move \$100,000 from the demolition grant to the commercial façade improvement grant, seconded by Commissioner Reed.

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

Commissioner Reed asked how many units have the certificate of occupancy at Marina Grande.

Mr. Forte mentioned that the Fire Department has cleared for temporary CO, the entire building one.

Commissioner Towsley asked about tower one sinking; she has heard that it is.

Mr. Forte mentioned that no one has formally come forward and reported an actual sinking; it's all been rumor.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting officially adjourned at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Attest:

City of Holly Hill, Florida

Valerie Manning
City Clerk

Roland D. Via
Mayor

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