

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WORKSHOP
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA**

APRIL 26, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William D. Arthur called the workshop to order in Room 227 at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 9:45 p.m. Attending with Mayor Arthur were Commissioners Arthur Byrnes, Gilles Blais, Lou Schmitt, and Roland Via. Also attending were the following staff members: City Manager Joe Forte, Assistant City Attorney Scott Simpson, Community Development Director Stuart Buchanan, Finance Director Brenda Gubernator, Public Works Director Milton Hallman, Community Redevelopment Coordinator Marsha Radulovich and City Clerk Valerie Manning. Also attending was Big John from the media, citizens David Baudhuin and John Penny.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Forte stated in their packets there is a list of the Capital Improvement items that the Commission asked staff to come back with some numbers. Two items that were major changes is that they eliminated doing the advanced improvement for LPGA Boulevard. It just far exceeds what they have enough money to do and the other change was they included adding a waterline down U.S. 1 to accommodate for new redevelopment. Staff checked into that and it complies with the State Law and it will be in their redevelopment plan on Friday and also they have reduced the number from \$7,000,000 down to \$6,331,000.

Commissioner Schmitt asked why?

Mr. Forte stated because it fits into the number that they wanted to pay for their monthly charge down to about \$470,000 annually and it funds what they need to fund. By doing that they will have enough money in the redevelopment fund regularly to be able to fund their Police Officers. They are looking to spend this money out over about the next three to five years. Which means they are going to push hard for the next three to five years for façade improvements, landscaping, shared parking, shared stormwater. They are going to do a real hard push to try and make a big change in the next three to five years to use up this money. The under grounding of the utility lines/power lines, staff is going to look from LPGA Boulevard North. Why the North end? There's less power lines, and more availabilities to use the back streets.

Commissioner Blais asked what about the frontage easement?

Mr. Forte stated if they go to the rears of Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Avenue, and State Avenue they could under ground them on those streets and back feed that way or they could put them in the air between them. They will work with that and see whatever is best. He is planning on bringing two more Police Officers into the CRA in this next budget. Upon completion of the North end of the City in three years, four years or five years, hopefully by that time the redevelopment money will be coming in greater numbers that they will be able to fund, the eliminating the overhead utility lines at the South end of the City *without* having to go out for a loan.

Commissioner Byrnes stated this is covered without taking the Marina Grande project.

Mr. Forte stated this has nothing to do with the Marina Grande money.

Commissioner Byrnes stated this is funded by the current incoming funds.

Mr. Forte stated correct. He wants to get their consensus because this will be on the agenda for Friday night at 6:00 p.m. for the Redevelopment Agency meeting to discuss this.

Commissioner Schmitt asked if the CRA people will still be able to come and get their grant money?

Mr. Forte stated absolutely. The CRA income that the City already has is what's used as the collateral for it. They already have a revenue stream to pay it down. Are there any changes to this Capital Improvement list or do they want him to bring this forth as a final?

There was **CONSENSUS** from the Commission to move forward with the Capital Improvement list.

Mr. Forte stated he met with Brett Dill and Randy and the folks from the Boys and Girls Club because Brett, as they all know at the Commission meeting, said he would like to do something for the community and wanted to help the Boys and Girls Club. He met with Joe Sullivan and he had a small list of items that he wanted to see modified so he told him that Marina Grande, Brett Dill and both of the developers wanted to help. He asked Joe Sullivan to put together his best list and include everything on it that he possibly can and present it and they met yesterday and Brett and Randy seemed very anxious to participate with the Boys and Girls Club and make these improvements happen. He thinks as a result they are going to have the best Boys and Girls Club facility probably in the State of Florida.

Mayor Arthur stated they do now.

Mr. Forte stated they are going to have a *better* Boys and Girls Club. They will do the design work and they said they would even bring their crews to work on it. They haven't set any dollars yet but they are figuring it's going to be about \$100,000 for all the work that they need to do like upgrading the air conditioning, the ceiling tiles, the basketball courts, a volleyball court, a pavilion out there, and landscaping.

Commissioner Via asked this doesn't affect the \$100,000 that he pledged to the 2nd Street Park, correct?

Mr. Forte stated it has nothing to do with that.

Commissioner Via stated he has one thing he would like to say and that is he challenges Commissioners Schmitt and Blais to go to Brenda Gubernator and find out what the deduction would be for them as a single person, how much they are going to take out and then go to their accountant and find out. Because he thinks they are going to find out its more money than the other way they are going to be doing it.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The Community Redevelopment Agency workshop officially adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Attest:

City of Holly Hill, Florida

Valerie Manning
City Clerk

William D. Arthur
Mayor