

**MINUTES
COMMISSION WORKSHOP
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA**

JANUARY 11, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at Holly Hill City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue, at approximately 5:00 p.m. Attending with Mayor Johnson were Commissioners John Penny, Rick Glass, Donnie Moore and Liz Towsley-Patton.

Also attending were the following staff members: Interim City Manager Mark D. Barker, Administrative Services Director Kurt Swartzlander, Interim Public Works Director Jackie Maswary, Interim Police Chief Steve Aldrich, Fire Chief Ron Spencer, Human Resource Manager Diane Cole, Economic Development Director Lynn Dehlinger, and City Clerk Joshua Fruecht.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Park Rules and Policies

Interim Police Chief Steve Aldrich presented the City Commission with an outline of basic rules and regulations designed to ensure the public's safety, enjoyment and accessibility to City parks and leisure amenities, while also ensuring the City's ability to provide adequate enforcement and protection for the rights of all citizens to lawful access to public parks.

During the workshop, Mayor Johnson and Commission members solicited and considered input from citizens in attendance.

In addition, Commissioner Moore discussed similar regulatory issues currently under consideration by the City of Daytona Beach and the City of Long Beach, California, which may require additional research by the City Attorney. Commissioner Moore also expressed his views on the elimination of smoking in public parks, specifically those having access to the Halifax River. In turn, Commissioner Patton expressed her concerns about prohibiting smoking entirely, and offered a compromise to allow smoking in designated areas.

After a brief discussion amongst the Mayor and City Commissioners, there was a majority **consensus** for staff to bring back a proposed ordinance that includes the following rules, to include a 90-day trial period limiting smoking in public parks to designated areas only.

Proposed Park Regulations:

1. Pets: No animals allowed in Hollyland Park
All other Parks - Animals allowed on 6' leash.
Clean up after your pet
2. Smoking permitted in designated areas only
3. No camping or overnight parking allowed
4. No open fires – Bar-B-Que Grills Only
5. No Alcoholic Beverages (w/permit only 386-248-9432)
6. No Littering
7. No discharge of firearms, Class-3 fireworks, air guns, slingshots, or archery
8. Parking in designated areas only
9. Playground facilities open sunrise to sunset
10. Baseball fields can be reserved by calling (386) 248-9432 (Hollyland Park)
11. Pavilions may be reserved by calling (386) 248-9432
12. No sleeping on benches or tables
13. No solicitation or outside sales without a Special Event Permit (386) 248-9432

B. Youth Soccer Program

Mr. Chris Farthing presented the City Commission with an overview of his plans for creating a community-based Recreational Youth Soccer League. There was further discussion with Holly Hill YMCA Director Teresa Rogers regarding the viability of two soccer leagues and the potential impact on YMCA programs. The Commission challenged Ms. Rogers to work with Mr. Farthing to find a mutually beneficial solution to serve the needs of Holly Hill youth.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

The workshop officially adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

City of Holly Hill, Florida

Joshua Fruecht
City Clerk

Roy Johnson
Mayor