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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA**

July 10, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Mayor Via called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 7:07 p.m. Attending with Mayor Via were Commissioners Gilles Blais, Mark Reed and Traci A. Anderson.

Absent: Commissioner John Penny

Also attending were City Manager Joe Forte, Assistant City Attorney Scott Simpson, Public Safety Director Don Shinnamon, Finance Director Kurt Swartzlander, Financial Technical Advisor Brenda Gubernator, Community Development Director/City Planner Doug Gutierrez, PAL Executive Director Chuck Beach, Community Redevelopment Coordinator Marsha Radulovich, and City Clerk Valerie Manning.

B. Invocation

Mayor Via delivered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

❖ Historic Society – Presentations

Mayor Via and Dean Wiggins, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Society, presented Historic Landmark plaques to the following honorees:

- 1) Vidya Bhoolai, 700 Daytona Avenue
- 2) Holly Hill's first schoolhouse, 220 – 6th Street; saved by Randall Davis (*Mike Shields accepted plaque for Mr. Davis*)
- 3) Julie Huettl, 116 – 6th Street
- 4) Ron Wright, 128 – 7th Street
- 5) The Riviera Hotel, 1825 Ridgewood Avenue (*Mike LeDous accepted plaque*)

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❖ Recognition for Holly Hill Heat PAL Girls Basketball 14 & Under – National Champions

Chuck Beach, PAL Executive Director, introduced the Holly Heat PAL Girls Basketball 14 & Under team. These girls were the only undefeated basketball team that participated in that tournament and they won the National Championship which was held in Kansas City, Missouri. The following girls and coaches were recognized: Asst. Coach LaShawn Troutman, Asst. Coach Ron Bullard, Head Coach Dave Hinson, LaQuitta Baker, Joanie Starkes, Brandy Bullard, Jasmine Bullard, Shaneice Peters, Mercedes Clarke, Terrica Engram, Chakera McCloud, Alyssa Brown, Alisha Grange, Shaquella Weston, Cassie Peoples, and Chelsea Harris.

Barry Barnett, Palm Coast, wished to make a presentation to the Mayor and Commissioners about a Yellow Flag with the saying on it, “*Our Yellow Flag Remembers Our Armed Forces; We Stand The Wall With You*”, and then the emblems or insignias of the Services will be on the flag as well, in honor of support for the Troops in Iraq. Mr. Barnett mentioned he is asking the cities, counties, or State governments if they would fly the flag until the Troops come home. It does not replace the National flag; it is not a political statement and it is not in favor of or against the war. Mr. Barnett is asking the Commission to adopt it as the City’s flag until the time to retire it. He is asking the Commission to consider this proposal and if a citizen wants to pay for the flags, he will be glad to give them a print and they would pay the City Manager and the City can take it from there.

Mayor asked for a motion to accept the flag in the amount of \$250 for the City.

*Commissioner Blais made a motion to **ACCEPT** the Yellow Flag in the amount of \$250, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-0 on roll call: Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Reed – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes from the Regular City Commission meeting – June 12, 2007
2. Minutes from the City Commission Workshop – June 12, 2007
3. Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting – June 26, 2007
4. Minutes from the Regular City Commission meeting – June 26, 2007
5. Minutes from the City Commission Budget Workshop – June 26, 2007
6. 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Employee Holiday Calendar
7. **Report of Purchases over \$5,000**
*Volusia County – \$12,788.56 – (unleaded and diesel fuel)

*Commissioner Reed moved **APPROVAL** for the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

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The motion **CARRIED** 4-0 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION **Regarding items not on the agenda.**

Thomas Hudson, 1405 Daytona Avenue, shared his concerns with the Mayor and Commission about the constant speeding up and down Daytona Avenue. Mr. Hudson mentioned that he witnessed two cars racing the other day down Daytona Avenue and they had to be going 100 mph; side-by-side, flying down Daytona Avenue. Between Flomich and Walker, there is no STOP sign and by the time people get to where he lives, they are going 45 mph or 50 mph and he isn't sure if the drivers realize it or not.

Mayor Via assured Mr. Hudson that the Police Department will get the speed enforcement trailer on Daytona Avenue.

Mr. Hudson also mentioned that he has witnessed several people running the red lights at LPGA Boulevard and Ridgewood Avenue. Mr. Hudson informed the Mayor and Commission that he saw a Police Officer there and didn't bother to pull anyone over after running the red light. When he went home, he called the Police Department (dispatch officer) and the information that was given to him was that it's possible that the Police Officer didn't see the person run the red light; maybe he was working on his computer. Mr. Hudson stated it worries him because one of these days, the City is going to get sued for neglect of duty.

Mayor Via stated he would like to think that the Police Officer was distracted doing something else because if he was here earlier, the City has a Police Department that has really been...

Mr. Hudson stated he has all the respect in the world for the Police Department; don't get him wrong...

Mayor Via stated he fully understands; and gave Mr. Hudson, Mr. Forte's business card and asked him to contact him if he has any further problems.

Mr. Hudson also brought up that it's his understanding that if a police officer pulls up behind somebody and turns their lights on, that they don't have the right to chase the individual.

Mayor Via stated the City has a non-pursuit policy.

Mr. Hudson stated they have a serious problem on Daytona Avenue because he sits in his driveway and watches these people just flying down Daytona Avenue.

Commissioner Reed asked Mr. Hudson if he has ever notified the Police when he witnesses the speeding.

Mr. Hudson stated, yes.

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Commissioner Reed asked if he had a good response time. When he calls for police assistance, has he gotten a rapid response?

Mr. Hudson stated, no. It takes like five or six minutes for the Police to get there; for him to even get to the dispatcher in Holly Hill. When he called 9-1-1, the phone rang 13 times before anyone even answered.

Mayor Via asked if that was on the holiday or in the evening.

Mr. Hudson stated it was about 5:00 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon.

Mayor Via assured Mr. Hudson that Chief Shinnamon will put extra patrols down there on Daytona Avenue and he appreciates Mr. Hudson bringing this information to the Commissioners attention.

Matthew Hudson, 131 Daytona Avenue, informed the Commission that he witnessed a person on the corner of 3rd Street and Daytona Avenue who was selling drugs. Mr. Hudson called the Police and when they came, the guy in the car who was selling the drugs hit the gas and took off and the Police turned their lights off and stopped. The drug dealers know this now; they are aware that the Holly Hill Police Department is not going to pursue them; the speeders know this. They are aware that they are not going to get caught; they are not going to be prosecuted; they're not even going to get into trouble as long as they keep their foot on the gas pedal. Mr. Hudson mentioned that he is a fan of the no chase policy up to a point but there comes a point where the no chase policy gives criminals free reign to do what they want to do on Daytona Avenue and Beach Street.

Chief Shinnamon came forward and explained the City's non-pursuit policy.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** – SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2805, ANIMAL LICENSE TAG – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10-93(a), TAG AND COLLAR

Attorney Simpson read by short title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2805

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 10-93(a) (TAG AND COLLAR) OF THE HOLLY HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE THE OWNER'S NAME, ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER ON LICENSE TAG; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Mayor Via opened public participation. No one spoke.

*Commissioner Blais made a motion to **APPROVE** the Second Reading of Ordinance 2805, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-0 on roll call: Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Reed – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

6. RESOLUTION 2007-R-27, ESTABLISHING A LICENSING FEE FOR ANIMALS

Attorney Simpson read by short title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-R-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A LICENSING FEE FOR ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Via opened public participation. No one spoke.

*Commissioner Blais made a motion to **APPROVE** Resolution 2007-R-27, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-0 on roll call: Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Reed – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

7. RESOLUTION 2007-R-28, SUPPORT VOLUSIA COUNTY SMART GROWTH MAP “A”

Attorney Simpson read by short title:

RESOLUTION 2007-R-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MAP “A” AS PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED BY THE VOLUSIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (VCOG) SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE AS ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS TO BE CONSERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Mayor Via briefly went over Map “A” with the Commissioners.

Mayor Via opened public participation. No one spoke.

*Commissioner Reed made a motion to **APPROVE** Resolution 2007-R-28, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-0 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Blais – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

Mayor Via stated at this time, he has the information from the City Clerk about a mistake that was misprinted in the *Neighbors* Section for this meeting starting at 8:00 p.m. when in essence it did start at 7:00 p.m. At this time, he will **open up public comments** again for those who came at 8:00 p.m. and missed that part of the meeting.

Natalie Williamson, a representative of the League of Women Voters, came and asked if the City would consider helping Daytona Beach with contribution to the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO).

Mayor Via informed Ms. Williamson that the City does contribute \$3,000 per year to the Florida International Musical Festival and the City gets free concerts here for doing that. The City believes that culture is an important of what the City is doing. Mayor Via mentioned that there is also a banner across Ridgewood Avenue in front of City Hall advertising the Florida International Musical Festival as well. There is going to be a free concert this Friday, July 13th at Sunrise Park starting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Via introduced, recognized and welcomed Roy Johnson, Candidate for District 4 in this year’s coming election.

Mayor Via closed public participation.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Members of the Commission are encouraged to give a brief report from the various committees on which they serve.

Commissioner Blais had no report from MPO; they will not be meeting for the month of July.

Mayor Via gave a report and stated that WAV will meet next week.

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9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Manager

Mr. Forte asked if the Commission appoint a voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August.

*Commissioner Reed made a motion to **APPOINT** Commissioner Gilles Blais as the voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-0 on roll call: Reed – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Blais – Yes, Mayor Via – Yes

B. City Attorney

None.

C. Mayor & Commissioners

Commissioner Blais mentioned he went to the City of Lake Helen for an old fashion 4th of July parade and he was impressed.

Mayor Via reminded the Commissioners about the Quarterly Breakfast on Tuesday, July 24th at Bishop's Glen starting at 7:15 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting officially adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Attest:

City of Holly Hill, Florida

Valerie Manning
City Clerk

Roland D. Via
Mayor