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8th Grade

First Place – Irina Goetz

Second Place – Eric Gallagher

Third Place – Janetta Smith

Mayor Arthur presented U.S. Savings Bonds to the above winners of the Poster Contest. First Place winners received \$250 Savings Bonds, Second Place winners received \$200 Savings Bonds, and Third Place winners received \$150 Savings Bonds.

Mayor Arthur welcomed the candidates running for various offices in Volusia County: Michaela Shine and Harriett Demefek, both running for County Council District 4 and Gus Beckstrom running for Sheriff.

Commissioner Tarrer presented a birthday present from all dog lovers to Commissioner Via. They gave him a plastic bag (pooper-scooper) because he voted against allowing dogs in the park at their last Commission meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(Later in the meeting)

Grace Martin, 611 10th Street, asked the Commission to do something about the noise on her street between Nova Road and Center Street. She stated that it is especially bad between 10 pm and 2 am. This has been made worse by the opening of 10th Street. Mr. Forte stated that he would have the police department increase the patrol of that area, in an effort to calm the noise. Ms. Martin also indicated that she would like to see better Code Enforcement in that area as well.

7. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2581, ESTABLISHING RENTAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Attorney Simpson read Ordinance 2581 by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 62, "TAXATION" AT ARTICLE II, "OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX", TO (1) REQUIRE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES FOR RENTAL DWELLINGS OF 3 UNITS OR LESS, (2) PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION OF RENTAL UNITS AS A CONDITION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE

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VALIDITY, (3) ESTABLISH THE FEE FOR SAID OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE, AND (4) PROVIDE THAT ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE THROUGH THE CITY'S CODE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Tarrer moved **APPROVAL** of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2581, seconded by Commissioner Lockeby.*

Citizens Input for Public Hearing:

A.T. Lawrence, 1316 Powers
Donald Moore, 294 Riverbend Road
Steve Grant, 707 Carolina Avenue
Ruth Sager, 1000 Center Street
Kitty Rogers, 1241 Daytona Avenue
Ms. Warren, 919 Royal Oak Court
Reems Goodlow

Each of the above citizens spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance. Their concerns were in regards to privacy issues, cost of license, and the focus on the rental properties code violations, as opposed to other code violations through out the City.

Mr. Forte reiterated his position that this is an initial step in residential City beautification and that after they have this in place, they will expand to address the remaining code concerns. The majority of the complaints received now are about rental properties, so that is where he recommends starting. Reference was made to the calls that come in from tenants who are living in unacceptable conditions and whose landlords will not do the necessary work. Currently the City has no mechanism for enforcing the housing code in these cases but can only advise the tenant to hire an attorney and pursue a civil action. This ordinance will allow the City to enforce the housing code to the benefit of the tenant and the surrounding property owners.

Commissioner Byrnes reiterated his position that they should not have to do this. Property owners should take care of their properties on their own. Unfortunately they do not, so the City Officials must take a more aggressive stand.

Commissioner Tarrer stated that he felt this was a good ordinance and not the invasion of privacy that some felt it was, as he wouldn't support that. He referred to a house, which is likely soon to be condemned and the deplorable state of the rental property next to it. His biggest concern for this City has been in the area of Code Enforcement.

Mayor Arthur stated that people who take good care of their rental properties have nothing to worry about. He added that there are a lot of nice houses in the City whose property values are suffering because of the others and they need to take proactive measures in Code Enforcement and hiring another officer for this will help.

Commissioner Via referred to the Florida Statutes sections, which give the minimum housing standards. By adopting this ordinance, the City is simply more actively enforcing what is

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already there. He indicated that this is the first Commission who has really been able (through staggered and longer terms) to take the necessary action to change the “dumping ground” image that Holly Hill has obtained. The end result will be higher property values and benefits for all.

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

8. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2568, ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OWNED BY PAUL HOLUB, JR LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF RIDGEWOOD AVENUE, BETWEEN CALLE GRANDE AND ARRAGON STREET

Attorney Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA ANNEXING BY VOLUNTARY PETITION PROPERTY LOCATED CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL; REDEFINING BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF VOLUSIA COUNTY AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Corliss displayed an overhead for the Commission and the audience of the property to be considered for annexation. He stated that Mr. Holub has fulfilled what the City has asked of him. He stated that City Staff have inspected the property and it is now ready for annexation.

*Commissioner Lockeby moved **APPROVAL** of the first reading of Ordinance 2568, seconded by Commissioner Tarrer.*

There was discussion regarding the properties south of the insurance building, which are not currently in the City. Mr. Corliss advised that he has had discussions with these property owners and continues to in regards to annexing into the City.

Mr. Simpson advised that they would be looking closer at this proposal to determine if the City would be creating an enclave. They will have that information in time for the second reading.

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

9. RESOLUTION 2000-R-38, REGARDING THE HALIFAX HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR VERY LOW INCOME PERSONS

Attorney Simpson read by short title:

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA CERTIFYING THAT THE HALIFAX HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR VERY-LOW-INCOME PERSONS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL AND ALL LOCAL PLANS AND REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Tarrer moved **APPROVAL** of Resolution 2000-R-38, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

Jane Walters, Executive Director for Halifax Habitat for Humanity, addressed the Commission to solicit their support of this resolution. She stated that both Daytona Beach and Ormond Beach have passed it and this is necessary in their pursuit of grant funding for this area. She referred to the Commission's goal of cleaning-up residences in Holly Hill, indicating that these grant funds would assist in that.

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

10. WALKER STREET AND 15TH STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Mr. Forte advised the Commission that this is a change-order in their favor. The project will cost \$3,070 less than they had contracted it for.

*Commissioner Lockeby moved **APPROVAL** of Change Order Number 1 final for a deductive change order of \$3,070, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

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

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. Designation of December 26th, 2000 as Floating Holiday

Mr. Forte stated that Staff would like to see December 26th, 2000 designated as the Floating Holiday, the day after Christmas. Commissioner Via mentioned the day following New Year's Day, as well – however there is only one floating holiday per year.

*Commissioner Via moved **APPROVAL** of the Designation of December 26th, 2000 a Floating Holiday, seconded by Commissioner Lockeby.*

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

B. Mr. Forte advised that a donation of brand new sneakers was made to twelve children at the Gym today from an older gentleman who wished to remain anonymous. He did the same thing in Ormond and Daytona. He said something good happened to him and he wanted to pass it on.

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12. CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Simpson indicated that he had nothing further to report.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSION

Commissioner Via reminded members of the participating audience that we need members on our Boards. He then asked that they revisit the issue of the 10th Street and Nova Road plan. He indicated that he had great concern for the current plan, which prevents left hand turns from West 10th Street on to Nova Road. There was considerable discussion about this and the reduction in accidents, since other measures had been taken. Amending this plan, which has been in place for eighteen to twenty-four months, could bring it to a halt. The Commission indicated that they did not feel this was a perfect plan, but safety must be placed first. They would like Mr. Forte to ask for more beautification of the forth-coming median – so they could continue the median work they have begun north of this area. Mr. Hallman advised that the request they had submitted for landscaped medians at the south end of Nova Road has been denied by FDOT. Commissioner Via thanked everyone for their 50th Birthday Wishes to him.

Commissioner Byrnes wished Commissioner Via a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Lockeby thanked the candidates for the various County Offices for attending and wished Commissioner Via a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Tarrer reiterated his position on the positive direction of the rental housing ordinance and wished Commissioner Via a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Arthur welcomed Michael Geusty from the News Journal, John Bozzo's stand-in. He also encouraged the City's planning for their 100th year anniversary to begin soon. Commissioner Byrnes suggested the celebration to be held on July 1st, because that is the actual incorporation date on the City Seal.

14. ADJOURNMENT TO WORKSHOP

The meeting officially adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

City of Holly Hill

William D. Arthur, Mayor

Attest:

Jeaneen P. Clauss, City Clerk