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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA
AUGUST 24, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Mayor Arthur called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 7:00 p.m. Attending with Mayor Arthur were Commissioners Arthur Byrnes, Gilles Blais, Lou Schmitt, and Roland Via.

Also attending were City Manager Joe Forte, City Attorney Edward Simpson, Public Works Director Milt Hallman, Public Safety Director Don Shinnamon, Police Commander Mark Barker, Finance Director Brenda Gubernator, Community Redevelopment Area Coordinator Marsha Radulovich, Building Official Tim Harbuck, City Planner Bob Keeth, Interim Assistant to the City Manager Caryn Miller, and City Clerk Jeaneen Clauss.

B. Invocation

Mr. Hallman delivered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Special Joint Workshop with the Beautification Advisory Board – August 10, 2004

Minutes Regular Commission Meeting – August 10, 2004

Minutes of Commission Workshop – August 10, 2004

Minutes of Special Emergency Commission Meeting – August 17, 2004

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

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Via – yes Schmitt – Yes, Blais – Yes, Byrnes – yes, Arthur – yes.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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Commissioner Schmitt reminded everyone of the Chamber After Hours at Wayne's Roofing Thursday night. He also mentioned that the Eckerd Drugs at Flomich and Ridgewood is going out of business.

Commissioner Via stated that the Water Authority of Volusia did not have their meeting last week because of the hurricane.

Commissioner Byrnes stated that they had a very good Florida League of Cities conference and he had the opportunity there to speak with Tony Burke, White House Intergovernmental Affairs representative. Mr. Burke has assured him that the federal government will help with the incredible clean-up from the hurricane.

Commissioner Blais stated that the Collegiate Events Task Force has not had a meeting since his last report.

Mayor Arthur stated that the Metropolitan Planning Organization has cancelled their meeting for this month.

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION Regarding items not on the agenda.

Ron Hiles, 1503 Mobile Avenue, stated that he would like for FPL to publish a copy of their grid and state the priorities for hook-up, so that people would know and better understand how long they will be without power. He also referred to the drainage work done in his area, which has caused him more flooding problems than he ever had before.

Bruce Abbott, 339 Daytona Avenue, came to oppose the Swerdlow Development, which will be proposed to the City Commission at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Simpson advised that the Commission would expose themselves to possible legal challenge if they heard comments from the public on this development at a meeting which has not been advertised as a public hearing on this issue because the Commission will be sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity at a later date and will have to render a decision. To hear comments from one side, when the other has not been notified of this, would open the door for a legal appeal of the decision they will make at a later date. The Commission was not in favor of Mr. Simpson's response but indicated they accepted it as the most legally prudent course of action.

Maureen Monahan, 215 5th Street, requested better notification of the meetings at which the Swerdlow Development proposal will be considered. Along with the required mail-outs for a rezoning, the legal advertisements, and the posting of the agenda on the web, Staff will send a notice to each person who has completed a request to speak tonight on that issue.

Donna Heath, 875 Derbyshire #154, indicated that she is opposed to this project.

Carla Jacobs, 223 Burleigh Avenue, expressed concern about the City using eminent domain to take personal property within that area for further expansion of the proposed Swerdlow Development because she had seen surveyors around her house. The Commission assured her

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that they will not be utilizing eminent domain powers. Mr. Hallman explained that the surveyors are from FDOT, who is working on the drainage in that area.

Joseph Glasgoe, 1252 Charter Oaks, asked the Commission to get better service for their trash pick-up and cited examples of Waste Management's failure to pick-up on a consistent basis.

Laurie Moran, 405 Burleigh Avenue, indicated that she is opposed to this project and she gathered up the support of others in the area through running an advertisement in the paper and passing out flyers. She too would like better notification from the City of meetings on this issue.

Ann Anderson, Holly Forest, expressed her upset over not having any local shelters for people to evacuate to. It was a big problem for people in Holly Forest on the day of the hurricane. Staff will work with the County Emergency Management to try to get a closer shelter designated.

Melissa Witherite, owner of Pit Stop Tire, asked the Commission for an extension as they work towards retention pond compliance. The survey revealed that the pond needs to be bigger.

*Commissioner Via moved to **APPROVE** an extension until September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. for Pit Stop Tire to get their retention pond completed and survey submitted to confirm that it is the right size, seconded by Commissioner Bynres.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-1 on roll call: Via – yes, Byrnes – yes, Schmitt– yes, Blais – yes, Arthur – no.

Russ Bundron, 52 Plaza Grande, asked the Commission to look into some problems he has observed with the Riviera ALF. The first was that they did not have a generator or operating emergency lights to see the residents safely through the days without electricity after the hurricane. He also asked them to look at the addition they are building because, for several months, no measures have been taken to protect the wood from all of the rain.

Ed Cottingham, 222 Burleigh Avenue, advised the Commission that even with the recent drainage work they have a terrible drainage problem in his area.

Gordon Williamson, 1400 Moravia Avenue, was not present but submitted a letter to the Commission expressing his position against this project and accusing them of not providing proper notification to the public.

6. RESOLUTION 2004-R-46, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE VOLUSIA COUNTY SERVICE CENTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE SICA HALL COMMUNITY CENTER AS A MASS

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CARE SHELTER REQUIRED IN THE CONDUCT OF RED CROSS DISASTER SERVICE ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSONNEL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Byrnes moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2004-R-46, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt.*

The agreement allows the Red Cross to use Sica Hall as a shelter during a disaster. Even though Sica Hall is not an official shelter as designated by Volusia County Emergency Management, it could be pressed into service as such by the Red Cross during an emergency situation.

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

7. RESOLUTION 2004-R-47, AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CPI INCREASE TO THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CPI ADJUSTMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2004-R-47, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The CPI increase is not being passed on to consumers but the tipping fee may need to be once they receive all the information on that.

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

8. RESOLUTION 2004-R-48, ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2004-R-48, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

Carla Jacobs, 223 Burleigh Avenue, complained that she has to pay two bills off one meter and that the gallons of water not used on the minimum bill on one does not show as a credit on the other. Mr. Forte will work with her on this tomorrow.

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

9. RESOLUTION 2004-R-49, STORMWATER EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT RATE INCREASE

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE STORMWATER UTILITY FEE TO \$4.75 PER EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT; ESTABLISHING THE EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2004-R-49, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

Mayor Arthur reiterated his desire to see businesses given a break if they have built their own stormwater retention. Commissioner Byrnes was not in favor of this because it is not the City that makes that requirement and to give them a break would mean the fees of others would go up. The other Commissioners indicated that they would like to have more information on the number of businesses and the cost analysis for doing this. Quentin Hampton and Associates has indicated that this should take them about eight hours to put together, once Staff provides them with the list of applicable businesses.

Commissioner Schmitt **WITHDREW** his motion, second withdrawn by Commissioner Blais.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **TABLE** Resolution 2004-R-49, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The motion **CARRIED** 4-1 on roll call: Schmitt – yes, Blais – yes, Via – yes, Byrnes – no, Arthur – yes.

10. RESOLUTION 2004-R-50, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT TO INCLUDE A MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Via moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2004-R-50, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt.*

Commissioner Byrnes asked Staff to ensure that this grant did not place additional tree requirements on them that would prevent removal of hazardous trees. Mayor Arthur agreed. Mr. Forte advised that there are no such requirements in this grant.

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

11. RESOLUTION 2004-R-51, AUTHORIZING DEBRIS REMOVAL CONTRACTS

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH MUNICIPAL CONTRACTING COMPANY FOR THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS RESULTING FROM HURRICANE CHARLEY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Via moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2004-R-51, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

This is a piggyback off of Volusia County's bid. Bruce Abbott, 339 Daytona Avenue, indicated that Municipal Contracting has been doing a good job but he was concerned that there were no back-up alert tones on the trucks. Staff will look into this.

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

12. RESOLUTION 2004-R-52, AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES WORKING EXTENDED HOURS UNDER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPENSATION PROCEDURE FOR EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF CITY OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;

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PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2004-R-52, seconded by Commissioner Via.*

Mr. Forte explained that current policy does not allow for him to provide any amount of monetary compensation for salaried employees who have worked very long hours through this emergency. He has proposed giving supervisors time and a half when they are called in / required to work in excess of six hours and department heads straight time when they are called in / required to work in excess of twelve hours.

Edgar Cottingham, 222 Burleigh Avenue, stated that he felt this was part of their job.

Maureen Monahan, 215 5th Street, indicated that she too felt this was part of their job but if they were to pass something recommended making it specific to this emergency.

The motion **CARRIED** 4-1 on roll call: Schmitt – yes, Via – yes, Blais – yes, Byrnes – yes, Arthur – no.

13. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2693, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GRAHAM AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 630 FEET NORTH OF WALKER STREET FROM R-3 TO CC-1

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2352, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 0.81 ACRE, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GRAHAM AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 630 FEET NORTH OF WALKER STREET, FROM R-3 TO CC-1; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** the Second Reading of Ordinance 2693, seconded by Commissioner Via.*

Mention was made that this property is contiguous to CC-1.

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

14. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2695, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF RIDGEWOOD AVENUE AND CALLE GRANDE FROM B-4 (VOLUSIA COUNTY)

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Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2352, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 3.5 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF RIDGEWOOD AVENUE (U.S. 1/S.R. 5) AND CALLE GRANDE, FROM B-4 (VOLUSIA COUNTY) TO CC-1 (HOLLY HILL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** the Second Reading of Ordinance 2695, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

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

15. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2701, TEMPORARY UTILITY TURN-ON PLAN

Mr. Simpson ready by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 70-124 (DEPOSITS) TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION TO ALLOW FOR THE TEMPORARY TURN ON OF WATER SERVICE BY PROPERTY OWNERS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMPANIES TO ALLOW FOR THE CLEANING AND INSPECTING OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** the Second Reading of Ordinance 2701, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

The Commission stated that they felt this was a great help to landlords and extended their appreciation to Utility Billing Supervisor John Manual for proposing this.

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

16. FIRST READING AND ONLY READING OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2704, SUSPENDING PERMIT AND FEE PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS DUE TO HURRICANE CHARLEY

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA ENACTING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS AND COORDINATED MANAGEMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND FEES; WAIVING SPECIFIC PERMITS AND FEES ISSUED FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TREES; ESTABLISHING A METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE SUCH THAT ON-SITE PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED BY APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE CHARLEY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** the First and Only Reading of Emergency Ordinance 2704, seconded by Commissioner Via.*

The Commission asked Mr. Harbuck how this would work. Basically, it allows him to drive around and issue permits as he sees the need so that citizens can get necessary work done quickly.

Clifford Benjamin, 4491 State Road 11, DeLand, asked how long this ordinance would be in effect. Staff advised forty-five days.

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

17. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2705, REGARDING UTILITY SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR REPEAT NONPAYMENT

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 70-131(b) (DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE.) TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL UTILITY SECURITY DEPOSIT IF THE UTILITY SERVICE IS DISCONNECTED THREE (3) TIMES DURING A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** the First Reading of Ordinance 2703, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

Mr. Forte explained that this ordinance clarifies the policy that utility service will require an additional deposit if disconnected three times in any twelve month period, not necessarily three consecutive times. Commissioner Schmitt stated that he feels deposits should be returned after a specified period of time to reward good payment. The Commission indicated they would like to workshop that idea. Commissioner Byrnes asked Staff how much the City has to right off in fees

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every year from people who leave and don't pay. Staff advised twenty-five thousand dollars per year.

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

18. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2706, DISSOLVING THE INTERLOCAL CANINE RECREATION CLUB

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA DISSOLVING THE INTERLOCAL CANINE RECREATION CLUB; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** the First Reading of Ordinance 2706, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

Salli Moore, 1920 Spruce Creek Circle North, Daytona Beach, chairman of the Board and involved county-wide with many other canine organizations, indicated that this park is the envy of other cities and their Board worked very hard to help get all the details worked out. It still takes a lot of work to keep it going relatively peaceably. They hear a lot of concerns and work to resolve them for the good of the animals and their owners. This takes time but the members of this Board are very willing to serve.

Clifford Benjamin, 4491 State Road 11, DeLand, Board member, stated that he is very willing to serve and mentioned that they hear from a lot of people who are legends in their own mind.

Joe Whinton, 600 10th Street, stated that he serves on both this Board and the Friends of the Dog Park and these groups do not overlap. They recently worked very hard to raise two thousand dollars for a fence so this seems like poor timing to dismiss them. This park serves a good sociological function.

The Commission apologized because they were under the wrong impression about the functionality of this Board and they thanked the members for their service. They look forward to meeting with them soon at an informal workshop / discussion session.

The motion **FAILED** 0-5 on roll call: Schmitt – yes, Byrnes – yes, Via – yes, Blais – yes, Arthur – yes.

19. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2707, REGARDING PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mr. Simpson read by short title:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA; REPEALING SECTION 6-2(A) OF THE HOLLY HILL CODE OF ORDINANCE; ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 6-2(A) TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC AND MORE STRINGENT RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Byrnes moved to **APPROVE** the First Reading of Ordinance 2707, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

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

20. EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TWO GENERATORS FOR USE ON WATER SUPPLY WELLS & WASTEWATER LIFT STATIONS

The Commission asked if this was an expense that they really needed or is it a knee-jerk reaction to the unusually damaging hurricane that we have just experienced. Staff explained that these are necessary items during an emergency and also items that they will utilize throughout the rest of the year. Hurricane Charley brought this from something that would be nice to have, to something that they need to have.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** the purchase of two (2) 30 KW generators with trailer from Ringhaver Equipment Company for a total purchase price of \$55,000, seconded by Commissioner Via.*

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

21. BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT UNIT #2 DISC AERATORS #2B & 2D REPAIRS

*Commissioner Via moved to **APPROVE** authorizing Florida Environmental Construction labor cost to replace the parts necessary on both drives and shafts at a cost of \$26,945, seconded by Commissioner Blais.*

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

22. SEWER LINE REPAIRS ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE

This item was removed from the agenda because Mr. Forte realized the amount required them to go out for competitive bid. He stated that this is the type of situation where he feels the amount needs to be increased to \$25,000 in this policy because phone negotiations generally yield a lower cost than the formal competitive bid process can produce. This will be addressed in the workshop tonight.

23. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Manager

Mr. Forte reminded the Commission that the Redevelopment Conference is scheduled for September 22-24 and asked if any of them wanted to attend. Commissioner Via stated that he would like to go. This will be paid for out of the Redevelopment Fund. All agreed.

Mr. Forte stated that we have a conflict on September 13th, the date that the Regular Commission Meeting was moved to. The Board of Planning and Appeals also moved their meeting to that date, due to Labor Day.

Commission Via moved that we will still be able to hold our TRIM notice meeting at 7:00 on September 13th and then the Board will hold their meeting at 7:30. On September 14th we will hold the Regular Commission Meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.

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

Mr. Forte advised that Halifax Habitat for Humanity will hold an open house for their newly built home at 815 Orange Avenue this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

B. City Attorney

Mr. Simpson indicated he had nothing further to report.

C. Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Schmitt thanked everyone for coming tonight, especially his neighbors.

Commissioner Via reminded everyone of the August 26th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Riviera ALF when they will have a Staff presentation on the annexation. He mentioned that they had a great time at the Florida League of Cities conference, enjoyed the camaraderie, and attended many informative conferences; he enjoyed the company of Ron Sacks at dinner. He suggested that the retention pond item on tonight's workshop be deferred to a mobile workshop – all agreed. Commissioner Via stated that he was very upset that twice during the storm coverage Holly Hill was overlooked by the News Journal.

Commissioner Byrnes stated that the last one and a half weeks have been a life-changing experience for him. He as well as many others had no power for six days and received nothing but poor information from FPL. It took five days to get a truck to go with the City crews to assure them that the lines in down trees were not live. This delayed the removal of these trees. Commissioner Byrnes added that he would like to see a shelter that allows pets on this side of the County because so many people would never leave their animal companions.

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Commissioner Blais thanked everyone for coming tonight and shared his personal experience of the recent days without electricity. He also complained that FPL hasn't kept up with tree trimming and this caused many more lines to be taken down than otherwise would have.

Mayor Arthur thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited them to the workshop to follow. He added that he was lucky because he had power.

24. ADJOURNMENT TO WORKSHOP

The meeting officially adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Attest:

City of Holly Hill, Florida

Jeaneen P. Clauss, CMC
City Clerk

William D. Arthur
Mayor