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SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2002**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Mayor William Arthur called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 7:35 p.m. Attending with Mayor Arthur were Commissioners Arthur Byrnes, Paul Lockeby, and Lou Schmitt. Commissioner Roland Via arrived approximately one minute later.

Also attending were City Manager Joe Forte, Finance Director Brenda Gubernator, and City Clerk Jeaneen Clauss.

2. RESOLUTION 2002-R-52, REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

Mr. Forte read this resolution into the record:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2002; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida is required by Florida Statute 200.011 to certify to the County Property Appraiser the general municipal millage rate established by said Commission for the tax year beginning October 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, pursuant to Florida Statute 200.065, the TRIM BILL, is required to adopt a tentative budget and a proposed millage rate, said proposed millage rate is 3.07% below the rolled-back rate; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Holly Hill, Florida, is desirous of adopting a tentative millage rate, having given proper notice of both a proposed 3.07% tax decrease and the public hearing held with respect to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the tentative millage rate adopted by the City Commission of the City

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of Holly Hill, Florida, for the tax year beginning October 1, 2002 is 4.50 (\$4.50 per \$1,000.00); said proposed millage rate is 3.07% below the rolled back rate, which shall be the proposed percentage decrease in property taxes.

Section 2. That all resolutions made in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

*Commissioner Schmitt moved to **APPROVE** Resolution 2002-R-52, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

Commissioner Lockeby stated that he felt they should be increasing the tax rate to 5.0 mills, not reducing it below the rolled-back rate with the unstable economy. Commissioner Byrnes stated that he felt they could have reduced taxes even further because they have so much excess reserve. Commissioner Via referenced the government classes that teach them to keep a twelve to fifteen percent reserve balance; even with this tax reduction, we will be at twenty-five percent at the end of FY 02/03. It was mentioned that FEC has advised us that they will require the repair of three railroad crossings next year. They have begun budgeting for one un-planned crossing repair but now they are facing three. The City's stable reserve can still handle these items, though. The Commission decided they really need a goals setting session to determine how much reserve they want to have, and what projects they want to use the excess on.

The motion **CARRIED** 5-0 on roll call: Schmitt – yes, Byrnes – yes, Via – yes, Lockeby – no, Arthur – yes.

3. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2641, ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR FY 02/03

Mr. Forte read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2002, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Via moved to **APPROVE** the first reading of Ordinance 2616, seconded by Commissioner Byrnes.*

Commissioner Byrnes complimented Staff on the patriotic budget cover, which IT Manager Scott Gutauckis created. Commissioner Lockeby stated that he would like them to consider increasing the allotment to the Chamber of Commerce because of their Director's recent surgery coupled with the fact that he would like to see them expand their hours of operation. The Commission determined that they would need more information and would like to discuss this in

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a workshop. They also asked that they receive regular updates from the Director at their Commission meeting.

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

4. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2642, AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR FY 01/02

Mr. Forte read by short title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2001, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Commissioner Via moved to **APPROVE** the first reading of Ordinance 2642, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt.*

Mr. Forte explained the amendments that were made to the current years budget. The detail of these is attached to this ordinance.

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

5. COMMENTS

There was some additional discussion regarding the tentative millage rate, which was adopted tonight. Commissioners were in disagreement on the Reserve amount issue and they each expressed their views.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting officially adjourned at approximately 8:19 p.m.

City of Holly Hill

William D. Arthur, Mayor

Attest:

Jeaneen P. Clauss, City Clerk

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