MINUTES
COMMISSION WORKSHOP
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA
APRIL 10, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William D. Arthur called the meeting to order in Room 227 at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 9:25 p.m. Attending with Mayor Arthur were Commissioners Arthur Byrnes, Keith Tarrer, Paul Lockeby and Roland Via. Also attending were the following staff members: City Manager Joe Forte, Assistant to the City Manager Greg Wood, Public Works Director Milt Hallman, Recreation Director Chuck Beach, and City Clerk Jeaneen Clauss.

1. COMMISSION HONORARIUM

Discussion of this item was divided into three categories as follows:

A) Medical Insurance Benefit

The Commission discussed this and determined that they wanted to have the option of either accepting the insurance or the money for the less costly of the insurance options available. A new ordinance will be drafted to clarify the Commission benefits package, to include this provision.

B) 10-99 versus W-2

These payment methods were discussed to determine which one was most beneficial. The majority agreed that they preferred to remain with the 10-99 for now. A request was made to look into why most of the other cities still use the W-2 method that this City changed from a few years ago.

C) Expense Amount

After not having an increase since 1998, the Commission determined that their expenses have gone up sufficiently to warrant an increase in their expense allowance. It was suggested that the Mayor’s salary be increased to twelve thousand dollars per year and each Commissioner’s salary be increased to eight thousand dollars per year. This will be done by ordinance to be effective October 1st – when the new budget year begins.

2. RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE III

The Commission reviewed the plans for this, to include tennis courts, racketball courts, and a wellness center. Discussion indicated agreement with the proposed plans so staff will move forward.

3. CITY'S CENTINNIEL SEAL

The Commission was not excited about this Seal but Mr. Forte explained that the time has run out for having something else created. They agreed to go forward with the use of this one.

4. CDBG 5-YEAR PLAN

The Commission reviewed this plan, which is restricted to low-moderate income areas and agreed that no changes should be made. A public hearing on this will occur on April 17, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. The Commission will be asked to adopt it on April 24, 2001 at their Commission Meeting.

COMMENTS

The Commission mentioned changing the name of the park they had referred to as Schadow Park to Centennial Park and the lake should be called Lake Hadley. All indicated agreement, as no objection was raised.

(Note: underlined area denotes an amendment approved 5/22/01, to include a previously omitted section)

Commissioner Byrnes asked that we begin actively pursuing the development of the multi-purpose field.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop officially adjourned at approximately 11:15 p.m.

City of Holly Hill

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William D. Arthur, Mayor

Attest:

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Jeaneen P. Clauss, City Clerk