MINUTES
COMMISSION WORKSHOP
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA
JUNE 10, 2003

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William D. Arthur called the meeting to order in Room 227 at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 8:20 p.m. Attending with Mayor Arthur were Commissioners Arthur Byrnes, Paul Lockeby, Lou Schmitt, and Roland Via. Also attending were the following staff members: City Manager Joe Forte and City Clerk Jeaneen Clauss.

2. LPGA BOULEVARD & RIVERSIDE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Forte advised that they have received a conceptual sketch and preliminary project cost estimate from their engineers for a roundabout at the intersection of LPGA Boulevard and Riverside Drive. The cost of this project is estimated at $278,000 and would require the County's permission to construct the facility since they maintain the right of way and they would need significant amounts of land on the east side of Riverside Drive.

The Commission indicated they liked the idea for both beauty and functionality but this would have to be viewed as a "bonus" project. If they can show that everything else is on-track, they may consider allocating a certain percentage of gas tax revenue over a period of time.

3. POOL COVER

Mr. Forte provided a conceptual drawing of how a pool cover would be placed over part of the existing pool. This pool was not designed to have a cover, so support columns would have to be installed on both sides of the pool. The cost for this would be between $120,000 and $175,000. Commissioner Byrnes and Commissioner Via expressed strong support for this, stating that they felt many more residents would use the pool throughout the day if they did not have to be in the direct sun to do so. Mayor Arthur and Commissioner Schmitt did not feel that most residents would want this. Mayor Arthur also felt that it would be very unattractive. Upon further discussion, Mr. Forte suggested that they explore the possibility of adding a second enclosed pool for about the same cost that this partial cover would be. The Commission indicated they liked this idea and also requested that Staff provide more tables with umbrellas on the pool deck.

4. CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Mr. Forte explained that Ms. Clauss has worked diligently over the past month to create an ordinance for the Commission to consider which would authorize certain proposed charter amendments to be submitted to the electors. Most of these simply correct inconsistencies and duplicities throughout the document and elimination of language which imposes requirements that election technology has surpassed.

One section to be considered is how they handle mayoral vacancies. Staff needs direction from the Commission on what they believe would be best, because our current method may not be the best cities with staggered terms. Our charter currently provides that a mayoral vacancy would require vice-mayor to give up his seat and become the mayor until the next general election – at which time, someone would be elected to this position to serve four years regardless of any currently unexpired term and with disregard for the present track of mayoral elections. Ms. Clauss presented one proposal, which would fill mayoral vacancies in the same manner as commissioner vacancies. Commissioner Byrnes suggested another option be considered – reducing the mayor's term to two years, to include the elimination of term limits. This would have the effect of significantly increasing voter turn-out at all general elections. Mayor Arthur indicated he felt this would be beneficial for the City, though he didn't like the instability that comes with running for election every two years. Commissioner Lockeby didn't indicate which length of term he supported but he would like to see the term limits eliminated. Commissioner Schmitt and Commissioner Via preferred Ms. Clauss' proposal. Staff will consult with the attorney and prepare an ordinance(s) for Commission consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Via suggested they apply a residency time line to the district residence requirement for election qualification purposes. There was no consensus to do this. He also suggested they establish a definition for *bona fide* residence.

5. WATER ENTITY

Commissioner Via gave a summary of the specifics to be voted on tomorrow at the Water Entity meeting so the Commission could give him their direction on how they want the City's vote to be reflected. The Commission indicated as follows: 1) interlocal agreement – no; 2) assessment plan – no; 3) name – no preference indicated. They felt the proposed assessment plan was completely inequitable to the little cities. They will make their decision about participating in the Entity when the time comes to do so – there was no indication of what that would be. For the next two years, the City will be paying the same amount that it is now.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop officially adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Attest:	City of Holly Hill
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Jeaneen P. Clauss, CMC City Clerk	William D. Arthur Mayor