

**MINUTES
COMMISSION WORKSHOP
CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA**

MAY 8, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roland D. Via called the workshop to order in the Chambers at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 5:30 p.m. Attending with Mayor Via were Commissioners John Penny, Gilles Blais, Mark Reed, and Traci A. Anderson. Also attending were the following staff members: City Manager Joe Forte, Finance Director Kurt Swartzlander, Financial Technical Advisor Brenda Gubernator, Assist. Finance Director Susan Worde, Accounting Clerk III Cindy Mitchell, Public Safety Director Don Shinnamon, Community Development Director/City Planner Doug Gutierrez, Building Official Tim Harbuck, Public Works Director/City Engineer Chris Hurst, Information Technology Director Scott Gutauckis, Community Redevelopment Coordinator Marsha Radulovich, and City Clerk Valerie Manning.

2. KEN SMALL – FL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Mayor Via mentioned they are here tonight to discuss money and budgets. Ken Small from FL League of Cities met with Department Heads all day to discuss those issues.

Ken Small, FL League of Cities, spoke briefly with the Mayor and Commissioners and recapped what he discussed with staff throughout the day which was the following: went through the broader issues of what cities/what authority they have under the Constitution – both taxes and revenues in general that they have; mentioned and briefly discussed the four taxes that the cities have which are property tax, utility tax, communication services tax, and what cities used to call the occupational license tax which was recently renamed to the Local Business Tax; property tax issues that is coming before the cities with the Legislature; looked at different line items in the City's budget – public safety, special assessments, mentioned that the City's user fees are rather low; discussed Table 1 handout – State-Local Tax Burdens by ranking – Calendar year 2007; 2005 Florida Municipal Ad Valorem Tax Profile; and Table 13 – 2006 Taxable Value – Actual and Without Save Our Homes Aggregate Millage Reduction.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop officially adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Attest:

City of Holly Hill, Florida

Valerie Manning
City Clerk

Roland D. Via
Mayor