



City Commission  
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City Commission Chamber

City Commission Workshop

5:00 PM

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City Hall  
1065 Ridgewood Avenue  
Holly Hill, FL 32117

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**1. Call to Order**

The workshop was called to order at approximately 5:02 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Mayor John Penny

City Commissioner Debra Snow

City Commissioner Penny Currie

City Commissioner Jeffrey DeLanoy

Vice Mayor/City Commissioner Roy Johnson

**Absent: N/A**

**3. Agenda Item(s)**

1. City of Holly Hill's 125th Anniversary - Discussion with the Holly Hill Historic Society

(Requested by Joseph Forte, City Manager)

Mr. Forte mentioned that this workshop was to come together with the Holly Hill Historic Society and also present tonight is Paul Martel and a few of his friends from the American Legion Post 120 to help share some ideas from both sides as the city's 125th Anniversary is coming up this year. The State's 250th Anniversary is this year as well, and they are celebrating it on July 4th. Tonight's discussion will focus on what the Commission and the Historic Society and the American Legion Post 120 have in mind, to see if the city can do some kind of joint event with the upcoming events the city already has planned for this year.

Mr. Forte informed the Mayor and City Commissioners that he has been looking into having an LED drone show, which would cost approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000, and he would suggest that instead of fireworks. Mr. Forte mentioned that this year's National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th and the annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. However, in regard to

the Car Show, he has been in touch with Tony Cassata to see if he would be interested in moving the Car Show to Saturday, October 10th. If Mr. Cassata is interested in doing that, he would make the recommendation to celebrate the city's 125th Anniversary on that day or holding it on the same night as National Night Out on October 6th.

Paul Martel, American Legion Post 120 came forward to share some ideas. Mr. Martel stated that the American Legion plans on celebrating the 250th States Anniversary on July 4th at the Post. He informed the Mayor and Commissioners that they plan on making it an all-day event for the community with bands, BBQ, games for the kids, placing a tent in the back of the property and has received confirmation to use the lot across the street for parking. He asked if the city would waive the permit fees for the event. He will come in and fill out a special event application. He asked about shutting down Walker Street temporarily for the event, but staff would have to get back to him on that request. Mr. Martel stated that he has a meeting scheduled with his team members as it pertains to their July 4th event and will inform them about what the city plans to do for its 125th Anniversary and welcomed one of the Commissioners to sit in on that meeting, which is next Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Mr. Martel stated he would be more than happy to help and assist and be a part of whatever the city decides to do for its anniversary. They are all here to be a part of that event, whether it be on National Night Out or during or after the Car Show.

There was some discussion amongst the Mayor, Commissioners and staff at this time. The Commission liked the idea of having the city's anniversary during the National Night Out event and making it an all-day event, like a block-party type event between City Hall and Sica Hall. That way folks attending can visit the museum as well. Possibly see if the American Legion and/or the Historic Society host a lunch of some kind. The weather / heat and timing of the event was a factor in the discussion as well, especially if they were going to do the drone show, it would have to be dark enough. Having the event during the summer, it doesn't get dark until close to 8:00 PM. There was consensus that October was a good month. Staff will look into the cost of getting some mini City of Holly Hill flags, cups with logo on them and lapel pins. Staff will also look into inviting small businesses, and possibly some food trucks. Mr. Forte mentioned that he will put together a small committee to work on the logistics of the event and hold another workshop over the next couple of months with everyone to give an update.

Dean Wiggins, Holly Hill Historic Society came forward to share some of their ideas. After hearing the conversations, he is in agreement with having the city's celebration during National Night Out and likes the idea of the LED drone show if the city can do that and Mr. Martel was open for whatever assistance the city

needed and that the American Legion Post 120 looks forward to being a part of the city's celebration.

***(This workshop in its entirety is available upon request on a CD in the City Clerk's Office and available online on the city's YouTube channel.)***

**4. Adjournment**

The workshop adjourned at approximately 5:45 PM.