



Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING July 08, 2025 6:30 PM

Mayor Parnian called the Regular Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 6:30 PM at the Holly Ridge Community Center.

Council members present: Mayor Parnian, Mayor Pro-Tem Patti, Councilman Hines, Councilman Misciagno, Councilman Zabicki and Councilwoman Hall.

Also present: Town Manager, Heather Reynolds; Town Clerk, Margaret Richmond; Community Development Director, Nate Rhue; Finance Director, Chuck Strickland; Parks & Recreation Director, Rachael Greene, and Attorney Corrie Lee.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hines gave the Invocation and Mayor Parnian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

New Business addition noted as item 10C – Disbursements of Fire Department funds.

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Patti* and seconded by *Councilman Zabicki* to adopt the agenda with amendment of item 10C, Disbursements of the Fire Department funds and removing the Closed Session. *All Agreed.*

Mayor Parnian Opening Comments

Mayor Parnian updated the Town Council on technology infrastructure updates.

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

No one spoke.

Public Hearings

Discussion and Possible Approval of a Zoning Text Amendment to the Holly Ridge Zoning Ordinance (Article XIII Definitions) To Provide a Definitive Time Period for

- Greg Lawrence from the Community Development department has resigned. This will leave opening for Code Administrator.
- The traffic light at NC Highway 17 and NC Highway 50 has been configured with turn arrows.
- Hazard Mitigation Update kicked off on June 20, 2025. This update looks at the vulnerabilities of Onslow County as a whole and the region. The plan is to also establish a broad community vision as far as mitigating disasters within the Town and within the County.
- The music line-up for the Liberty Festival has been announced. We are happy to announce Rob Ronner and Heads Up Penny
- Internal Planning for Liberty Festival and Hometown Heros event is ongoing
- The parking request that was sent to the beach Towns asking for discount parking for Holly Ridge residents has been denied by each town via different forms of responses.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Following Minutes
 1. August 27, 2024, Special Meeting

- B. Department Head Reports
 1. Finance Department
 2. Fire Department
 3. Police Department
 4. Planning & Zoning Inspections Report
 5. Parks & Recreation Report

- C. Committee Reports
 1. Planning Board
 2. Board of Adjustment
 3. ONWASA
 4. Bee City Committee
 5. Friends of the Park Committee
 6. Comprehensive Land Use Committee

Manager Reynolds asked for August 27, 2024, Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, to be removed from the Consent Agenda motion and handled as a separate vote as there was a misplaced word near the date.

A motion was made by *Councilman Zabicki* and seconded by *Councilman Misciagno* to accept the Consent Agenda items A and C, moving item A to a separate vote. *All Agreed.*

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Misciagno* to approve the August 27, 2024, Special Town Council Meeting Minutes with correcting the misplaced word near the date. *All Agreed.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Patti stated that during the Town's budget workshop earlier in the year and funding was approved for the Holly Ridge Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, he assumed all funds would be released at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Councilman Zabicki asked Chief Longo when the first payroll would happen and how much the first payroll would be.

Chief Longo responded that the first payroll would be in two weeks, but he did not know how much that payroll would total.

Councilwoman Hall was in favor of disbursing salary funds on a quarterly basis.

Chief Longo stated that he provides the Town a bank transaction report monthly.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Hall* and seconded by *Councilman Zabicki* to release payroll funds to the Holly Ridge Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on a quarterly basis and present an updated Fire Department contract to the Town Council as soon as possible.

Councilman Hines asked Finance Officer Chuck Strickland for some feedback on quarterly payment.

Finance Officer Chuck Strickland stated payroll payments on a quarterly basis would be fine.

Vote was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Patti – No

Councilwoman Hall – Yes

Councilman Hines – Yes

Councilman Misciagno – Yes

Councilman Zabicki – Yes

Motion Passed

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

- **Ken Bradshaw, 134 Beacon Woods Drive** – is it legal to use pods as storm shelters.

Mayor Parnian stated that he would provide a response as soon as possible.

Town Council Comments

Councilman Zabicki

- No comments.

Closed Session

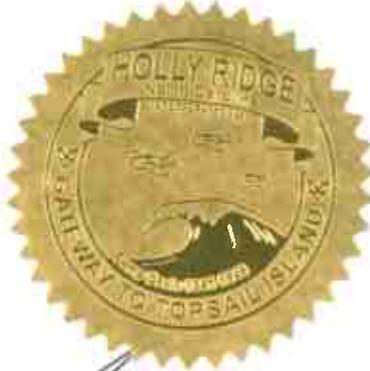
A motion was made by **Councilman Misciagno** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Patti** to enter into Closed Session per Personnel Per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6), Contracts Per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5), Attorney/Client Privilege Per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3). **All Agreed.**

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilman Misciagno** to return to Regular Session. **All Agreed.**

Mayor Parnian stated that action was taken during Closed Session regarding a personnel matter.

Adjournment

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilman Misciagno** to Adjourn at 8:38 PM. **All Agreed.**



Attest:



Pete Parnian, Mayor



Margaret Richmond, Town Clerk

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Town Clerk, Margaret Richmond.