



Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING May 10th, 2022 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Jeff Wenzel called the Regular Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Holly Ridge Town Hall. Council members present were Councilwoman Bragg, Mayor Pro-Tem Hall; Councilman Sholar, Councilman Hines, Councilwoman Stanley. Also present were Town Manager, Heather Reynolds; Deputy Clerk, Tracy Martin; Chief Sorg; Community Development Director Nathan Rhue; Finance Director Chuck Strickland and Attorney Kyle Fountain.

Invocation and Pledge

Dr. Joe Martin of Liberty Baptist Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Wenzel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* and seconded by *Councilman Sholar* to adopt the agenda as amended. *All Agreed.*

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

Councilwoman Bragg arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Public Hearings

Possible Approval of a Request for Contiguous Annexation submitted by Evolve Companies, LLC for Two Properties located on Drag Strip Road consisting of Approximately 2.41 acres and Identified as Parcel Numbers 019651 and 028331.

Manager Reynolds said this consist of two properties equaling approximately 2.41 acres. Evolve Companies, LLC is in the process of acquiring two additional properties which would be

combined with the apartment property that has the commercial up front which is near our Industrial Park.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* to go into Public Hearing. *All Agreed.*

Brad Schuler -Paramounte Engineering – Wilmington N.C. stated he is representing Evolve Companies in this request, and they are seeking to annex into the town and re-zone the site to commercial. Last Fall Evolve Companies received approval of an annexation and re-zoning of the abutting 49 acres north of this site. After that annexation and re-zoning, a Planned Unit Development was approved on the tract that allow a mixture of uses that include multifamily in the rear and commercial along the front. One of the benefits of this site is it connects to Drag Strip Road which will allow another access into the property. Evolve has had conversation with staff regarding getting the road improved and extended to the rear. The hope is one day to be able to connect into the Industrial Park.

Rudolph Shepard- 2401 Harley Dr. Greensboro asked if apartments were going to be built on the back area. Mr. Schuler stated the apartments would be built on the forty-nine acres that are north of this site. These parcels will be developed for commercial services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall asked Mr. Schuler if this parcel would have an overlay line. Mr. Schuler if this is approved tonight, they will go back and revise the plans to show the roadway of connection. The idea was to sit down with Mr. Rhue and staff and determine does the Planned Unit Development needs to be updated and what is the best way to do that.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall asked if his intention is to put a Planned Unit Development there. Mr. Schuler stated for these parcels we believe it will be for commercial services. There will not be a mixture of uses or apartments there. Mayor Pro-Tem Hall said if we approve the annex and then approve the re-zoning to commercial then you would be allowed to put multi-family housing there. Mr. Schuler said it is with a special use permit. Mr. Schuler said even if we did do multi-family, which is not our intention, we would have to come back before the Town Council.

Councilman Hines asked if the owners signed off on this. Mr. Schuler said that is correct.

Pat Toler-508 Weswill Circle asked how many apartments will be on the plot. Mr. Schuler stated up to 408 apartments. Ms. Toler asked how many bedrooms the apartments were going to be. Mr. Schuler said they are a mixture of one to three bedrooms. Ms. Toler asked if he is using any of the federal loans that require them to have housing for seniors or those who are handicapped, or housing for anyone who needs financial help. Mr. Schuler said these would be market rate apartments.

Manager Reynolds said this parcel is not for consideration for apartments tonight. It is just for the annexation portion. Manager Reynolds said there will be a re-zoning next for this portion

A motion was made by **Councilman Sholar** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hall** to return to Regular Session. *All Agreed.*

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hall** and seconded by **Councilman Hines** to approve the Request for Contiguous Annexation submitted by Evolve Companies, LLC for Two properties located on Drag Strip Road consisting of approximately 2.41 acres and identified as Parcel Numbers 019651 and 028331. *All Agreed.*

Possible Approval of a Request for a Zoning Map Amendment submitted by Evolve Companies, LLC from R-20 to Commercial for Properties located on Drag Strip Road and Identified as Parcel Numbers 019651 and 028331.

Manager Reynolds said these are the parcels that were just annexed into the town, and they will not be effective until July 1st, 2022. The re-zoning would also be effective on July 1st, 2022, if approved.

Mr. Rhue said this was brought before the Planning Board last month and the Planning Board did recommend approval of the re-zoning to commercial. At the present time it is zoned R-20 which allows for single family development. The Future Land Use Plan shows this as medium density, residential at the time so as part of the consistency statement, the Planning Board provided the Town Council that it is not consistent with the map itself, but it is consistent with the Land Use Plan as far as the public input priority of allowing more options of commercial development along the major thoroughfare.

Mr. Rhue stated the owners are looking for primarily commercial development with the commercial being along the front of the property.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Bragg** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to go into Public Hearing. *All Agreed.*

Alice Neal – 1776 S. Scales Street Greensboro asked if everything on the opposite side of Drag Strip Road would remain the same as it is zoned for. Mr. Brad Schuler said that is correct, this only pertains to the two parcels Numbers 019651 and 028331. Ms. Neal asked if improving Drag Strip Road would affect their taxes. Mr. Schuler said the improvements will be at the cost of the developer and he could not speak regarding the taxes.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hall** and seconded by **Councilman Sholar** to return to Regular Session. *All Agreed.*

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilman Sholar** to approve a Request for a Zoning Map Amendment submitted by Evolve Companies, LLC from R-20 to Commercial for Properties located on Drag Strip Road and Identified as Parcel Numbers 019651 and 028331 and Accept the Consistency Statement submitted by the Planning Board. *All Agreed.*

Possible Approval of a Request for Contiguous Annexation submitted by the Town of Holly Ridge of approximately 5.42 acres of property found within the Camp Davis Industrial Park Phase II and identified as Parcel Number 063078

Manager Reynolds said this is property that is owned by the town. It is a portion of Phase II of the Industrial Park that sits outside of our corporate limits. Before we have the surveyors subdivide the properties and submit the final plat, we felt it would be a good idea to bring these parcels into our corporate limits for consistency.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hall** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to go into Public Hearing. **All Agreed.**

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

A motion was made by **Councilman Sholar** and seconded by **Councilman Hines** to approve a Request for Contiguous Annexation submitted by the Town of Holly Ridge of approximately 5.42 acres of property found within the Camp Davis Industrial Park, Phase II and Identified as Parcel Number 063078. **All Agreed.**

Possible Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 – Subdivisions – Section 8-36.6 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances to provide Requirements related to Streets intended for Dedication to the Town

Manager Reynolds said Chapter 8 OF Code of Ordinance pertaining to subdivisions has been an ongoing topic between the Town Council and the Planning Board. The recommendations have come from the Planning Board and Mr. Rhue is here to answer any questions. Manager Reynolds said this is a minor change to Chapter 8.

Councilman Hines stated it was a minor change, but it said a lot.

Mr. Rhue said the amendment consist of Chapter 8-36.6. Previously it was noted that roads intended for dedication had to be petition within one year after final plat approval to protect the road conditions before the town received them. The amendment now is that the petition needs to be done within one year after building out. Based upon the Planning Board’s recommendation when it was discussed in March they did forward the information to the Town Council and they did provide consistency with the Land Use Plan that 5.1A which states “all development shall adhere to the Town’s building and development regulations set forth in the Code of Ordinances,” and (ii) that it is in the public interest because it will advance the public health, safety, and/or welfare of the Town of Holly Ridge through more definitive road construction standards and requirements for roads/streets intended for public dedication.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hall** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to go into Public Hearing. **All Agreed.**

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* to return to Regular Session. *All Agreed.*

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Bragg* and seconded by *Councilwoman Stanley* to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8-Subdivisions – Section 8-36.6 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances to provide Requirements related to Streets Intended for Dedication to the Town and Accept the Consistency Statement submitted by the Planning Board. *All Agreed.*

Councilman Hines thanked the Planning Board for coming up with something that is going to protect the streets in the future.

Possible Approval of a Request for a Planned Unit Development Conceptual Plan Submitted by Charles F. Riggs & Associates, Inc. The Property consists of approximately 16.977 acres and identified as Parcel Number 016934.

Mr. Rhue said Mr. Riggs is in the audience as well as the owner of the property. This is a request to approve the Conceptual Plan submitted for a Planned Unit Development. In January 2021, this was presented to the Town Council as rezoning for R5-A overlay. This evening they are looking to do a PUD (Planned Unit Development) overlay. This will consist of ten twenty-four-unit buildings, with a total of 240 dwellings on the property with commercial along Highway 17.

Mr. Rhue said it meets the Planned Unit Development requirements section 7-4-18 of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance which provided the requirements associated with Planned Unit Developments.

- Minimum of 10 acres
16.977 acres proposed
- Access to major streets
US Highway 17 runs directly in front of the subject parcel
- Density requirements for Commercial not to exceed sixteen units per acre
271 permitted – 240 total units proposed
- Minimum fifteen percent of gross acreage for open space to be used by residents
1.69 acres required – 2.276 acres proposed
- Commercial development to be 10% gross acreage and to blend with community
1.69 acres required – 1.87 proposed
- Commercial parking to be interconnected
Illustrated on concept plan
- Written statement explaining character of proposed PUD, proposed financing, present ownership, indication of expected development schedule, plat/legal description of total area
Statement provided

- Preliminary plat to be submitted for review/approval by Town's Planning Board in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Town's Subdivision Ordinance and, in addition to requirements noted in Ordinance, plat must note:
Landscaping, sidewalk, lighting, buffering in accordance with Town ordinance/policy
Access and circulation to provide for firefighting equipment, deliveries, etc.
Underground installation of all utilities

Mr. Rhue stated the proposed planned unit development will not adversely affect the orderly development of Holly Ridge, as embodied in the zoning ordinance and in any land use plan or portion thereof adopted by the Town.

The proposed planned unit development will not adversely affect the health and safety of residents and/or workers in the area and will not be detrimental to the natural environment or to the use or development of adjacent properties or the general neighborhood.

The proposed planned unit development will accomplish the development objectives and will meet the standards and performance criteria as outlined.

Mr. Rhue said the Planning Board recommends approval of the planned unit development.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Bragg* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* to go into Public Hearing. *All Agreed.*

Charles Riggs – 502 New Bridge St Jacksonville said he was here on behalf of Atlantic Coast Capital and Daniel McIntyre is present. Mr. Riggs said this property is located across the street from Smokey Tony's restaurant and has approximately eight hundred feet of road frontage. Of the eight hundred feet we have 50% that is proposed to be commercial zoned. The remaining 50% will be a parking lot for the multi-family dwellings. Mr. Riggs said he has designed a planned unit development that has exceeded the open space requirements, and the commercial frontage on Highway 17. There is an existing stormwater permit, sewer allocation from ONWASA and there is an existing Sanders Street sewer and drainage easement to the east that goes to Jenkins Street Extension that will be used for sewer distribution. They plan to have deceleration lane at the main entrance and more than likely there will be a secondary emergency access also on Highway 17.

Mr. Riggs said they have met or exceeded the standards for Holly Ridge.

Anna Gaskins – 231 N. Jenkins St Est said this project butts up to her property. Mr. Morgan one time submitted a plan to put a strip mall in the front and we were going to make Highway 17 commercial. Ms. Gaskins said we want to bring retail and restaurants for our growing community. There were going to be houses behind the commercial property to go with what is in that area which is single-family homes.

Ms. Gaskins said the proposal now is to put in this large development behind Ms. Gaskins. Ms. Gaskins said there will be thirty or more parking spaces facing her living room. Ms. Gaskins said this will lower her property value. Ms. Gaskins said we need to look at what kind of impact this will have in our community and what we want in our community.

Ms. Gaskins said she rode behind Harris Teeter and those apartments were built on top of those single-family homes.

Robin Stump – 128 Hampton Dr said her concern is there are 408 apartments going in one area and down the road we are talking about 240 more dwellings. Ms. Stump said she would like to know what kind of impact this will have on our fire department, and the police department. Ms. Stump said she just heard this will not affect the health and welfare of our community and Ms. Stump said she respectfully disagrees. Ms. Stump said she does not think it is fair to have this imposed on our public servants.

Dennis Hewitt – 119 N. Jenkins Street Extension asked if there is a for sale sign on the property now. Mr. Riggs said that was the old for sale sign. Mr. Hewitt said his property also butts up against this and there is no barrier to separate this property from Mr. Hewitt's. Mr. Hewitt said the drainage pond would be draining on his property. Mr. Hewitt said if this goes through tonight, it would be nice if Mr. Riggs could put bushes, trees, barrier of some sort between the two properties.

Mr. Riggs said they are going to exceed the landscaping requirement. Mr. Riggs said they did highlight the storm water basin to show where the existing storm water basin has been permitted. It will overflow into the branch, and it will not overflow on Mr. Hewitt's property. Mr. Riggs said this has been designed and permitted by the state to manage the stormwater for the project. Mr. Riggs said they could landscape the area Mr. Hewitt was referring to and could hide that from his property.

Mr. Riggs said during permitting process, we spoke with the Department of Transportation about acceleration lanes, speed limits, and access. Mr. Riggs said they met with the Fire Marshall about the location of fire hydrants and access.

Ms. Gaskins said during one of the hurricanes Crawford Street washed out and they had no way in or out. Ms. Gaskins said when you are talking about that much water running into those creeks, who is going to be responsible when those roads wash out again. Mr. Riggs said we can address those stormwater issues again. Ms. Gaskins said not to disrespect Mr. Riggs but she remembers at the last town meeting when there was a problem with some stormwater and what the woman was told.

Pat Toler – PO Box 2146 Surf City said there is a whole building of condominium's that are unlivable in town. Ms. Toler said she did not move to Holly Ridge to live with apartment complexes everywhere. Ms. Toler said she admires how nice it looks in town, but she disagrees with the concept of making our town grow larger by building those three-story apartment

buildings. Ms. Toler said the concept is nice where they can raise the rent, but people are people. They do not have the pride there that people who own their homes have.

Ms. Toler said we have enough stuff; we need some nice retail. Ms. Toler said we are not going to draw anybody here if we do not do a class act. Ms. Toler said she thinks this project needs to go on the back burner and she is sorry if you have gotten the money from the sale but maybe it should be single-family homes that go close together.

Mr. Riggs said he believes that Holly Ridge's Land Use Plan calls for the corridor along Highway 17 to be commercial and high density. This property is more suited for the PUD design than it would be single-family. Mr. Riggs said it is his opinion that it is suited for this site.

Ms. Stump said Mr. Riggs addressed what he thought she was concerned about, and Ms. Stump said Mr. Riggs did not address her concern. Ms. Stump said her concern is the police and fire coverage. Ms. Stump said Mr. Riggs is going to meet all the requirements, however that will stretch the public servants.

Mr. Riggs said when this project is complete, it will be taxed at a certain amount. Those tax dollars can be used to increase the police and fire staff. Ms. Stump said this money will be needed to maintain all the extra roads.

Mayor Wenzel said he did not think that was a fair question for Mr. Riggs to have to address. Mayor Wenzel said this should be addressed with the Town Manager or Town Council.

Councilman Sholar asked if this project could be built the way it is zoned already. Mr. Rhue stated being it is neighborhood business, yes with a special use permit multi-family could be presented without the commercial development.

Councilman Sholar said the way this is presented now is so commercial can be in the front. Councilman Sholar told the audience that Mr. Riggs could start this project today minus the commercial. Mr. Riggs said we are managing it this way because the spirit of Holly Ridge is to have commercial along the corridor.

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* and seconded by *Councilman Sholar* to return to Regular Session. *All Agreed.*

Councilman Hines asked if the buffer would be vegetative buffer. Councilman Hines asked if Mr. Riggs had spoken with the fire Marshall? Mr. Riggs said he had not, but it will be addressed during the permitting process.

Councilman Hines said at the last meeting, they went over retention ponds, and they are not designed for hurricanes. Councilman Hines asked if this was designed for normal rain fall. Mr. Riggs said that was correct.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall said our Land Use Plan does not say specifically that every inch of the highway has to be used for commercial, but our intent was to protect the highway property to be commercial.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall said Mr. Riggs is talking about putting a lot of people and one thing this town needs are services and commercial property. Mayor Pro-Tem Hall said this is a chunk of property that could provide those services.

Mr. Riggs said the open space by the road front is not suitable for development. Mr. Riggs said it would jeopardize the open concept where the green space is. Mr. Riggs said they were looking to keep this low impact.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall said your low impact you are talking about the low impact of the area but the impact to not using that piece of property for commercial is different. Mr. Riggs said he understands and the town's ordinance say's "in the commercial density district, the commercial development along road frontage, no less than 10% of the gross acreage and it includes stick built, single family, modular dwellings, and multi-family. Mr. Riggs said the aspect of commercial that you are requesting can also be multi-family." Mr. Riggs say's he feels like he has met the spirit of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Bragg said she agrees with Mayor-Pro-Tem Hall that she would like to see some additional services to offer our citizens as well along Highway 17.

Councilman Hines said he would like to see buffering go up before construction started.

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Sholar* to approve a request for a Planned Unit Development Conceptual Plan submitted by Charles F. Riggs & Associates, Inc. The property consists of approximately 16.977 acres and identified as Parcel Number 016934.

Voting was as follows:

Councilman Hines – Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Hall – No
Councilman Sholar – Yes
Councilwoman Stanley – Yes
Councilwoman Bragg - No

Motion Passes

Mayor Wenzel called for a recess at 7:35 p.m.
Mayor Wenzel called the meeting back to order at 7:41 p.m.

Possible Approval of an Appropriation in the amount of \$1,960,261.00 for Expenditures related to the Construction Phase II, Camp Davis Industrial Park for the Purposes of Economic Development.

Manager Reynolds said the Town Council awarded Military and Federal Construction company the contract for the construction of Phase II of the Camp Davis Industrial Park during the March Regular Town Council meeting. Manager Reynolds said before any invoices can be paid, we must hold a public hearing and we must set the appropriation under the expenditure economic development general statute.

The proposed appropriation will be primarily funded by local development grants from public agencies which are on a reimbursement basis and the town will use some of the ARP funds to pay those initial invoices, so we can submit for the reimbursement.

Councilman Hines asked Manager Reynolds to explain ARP funds.

Manager Reynolds said the ARP funds are the American Recue Plan funds that were passed down from the Federal Government. Municipalities and counties received a certain portion, and the town is scheduled to receive approximately \$927,000.00 in ARP funds. Communities and counties can use up to the first ten million as revenue replacement and since we are not receiving the ten million, we are well under that threshold.

Manager Reynolds said in this agenda packet there is a budget amendment and previously Town Council was asked to consider increasing what the town would be paying towards the construction which is \$300,000.00 to close the gap in funding so we could request the additional \$650,000.00 from IDF.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Bragg** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to go into Public Hearing. **All Agreed.**

Ms. Gaskins said, “does it matter.”

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

A motion was made by **Councilman Sholar** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to approve an Appropriation in the amount of \$1,960,261.00 for Expenditures related to the Construction at Phase II, Camp Davis Industrial Park for the purposes of Economic Development. **All Agreed.**

Town Manager Report

Manager Reynolds said during the last regular Town Council meeting the Town Council was updated regarding the League of Municipalities publishing their revenue projections. A Special meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Manager Reynolds said this week Public Works has debris pickup around town.

Public Works has a new employee by the name of Damien Gilbert.

There is a sink hole on Belvedere Drive in the Neighborhoods of Holly Ridge. Locate has been completed and the Public Works department should be on-site this week or next week to make that repair.

Progress has resumed on the restroom project in Morris Landing which is funded by a grant from the Coastal Federation. We were successful moving the restrooms out of the flood zones, so the structure did not have to be elevated eighteen feet in the air.

Manager Reynolds said she and Mr. Rhue continue to work with the CEO at ONWASA. There are a couple of projects in town that have to do with extending sewer pipes.

Manager Reynolds said she and Mr. Strickland have been in touch with Withers and Ravenel for quotes on re-mapping the Powell Bill which is due in July.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Following Minutes
 - April 12th, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B. Department Head Reports
 - Finance Department
 - Fire Department
 - Police Department
 - Planning & Zoning Inspections Report
 - Parks and Recreation
- C. Committee Reports
 - Planning Board
 - Board of Adjustment
 - ONWASA
 - Re-Branding Committee
- D. Approval of Tax Refund Report

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Councilman Sholar* to approve the Consent Agenda. *All Agreed.*

Old Business

New Business

Chief Sorg said he would like to congratulate Police Officer John Maiorano's promotion to Sergeant. Chief said he looks forward to having him as a future leader.

Oath of Office for Anna Gaskins as a Member of the Holly Ridge Planning Board as a ETJ Member for a Term of Three Years.

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Councilwoman Bragg* to administer the Oath of Office for Anna Gaskins as a Member of the Holly Ridge Planning Board as an ETJ Member for a Term of Three Years. *All Agreed*

Possible Approval of Budget Amendment # 2 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Purpose of adding Revenue and Expense Line Items to Receive and Expense Grant Funds for Phase 2 of Camp Davis Industrial Park and ARP Funds in the amount of \$1,950,957.67

Manager Reynolds said there is a correction in that number. The budget amendment is for the total amount which is \$2,010,261.00. The Town Council just held a public hearing to approve the appropriation for the expenditure related to Phase II in the amount of approximately \$1.9 million. This budget amendment includes an expense account for the ARP funds to separate the working during COVID bonuses that were given to the employees to show that it was expensed through that account.

Manager Reynolds said for discussion is to approve the \$300,000.00 from the ARP funds to help close out the gap in funding.

Councilwoman Bragg stated she addressed Manager Reynolds before the meeting to make sure none of this was coming out of the taxpayers' funds and so the citizens would know we were not using taxpayers' dollars. Manager Reynolds said that is correct.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* to approve expending \$300,000.00 from the ARP funds to close the gap for funding for Phase II of Camp Davis Phase II Industrial Park and action to approve budget amendment 2021-2022-2 in the amount of \$2,010,261.00. *All Agreed.*

Possible Approval of an amendment to the Town of Holly Ridge Policy for Street Improvements and Maintenance, Section 5(B)(vi)

Manager Reynolds said during this regular meeting, Town Council voted to amend Chapter 8 which is the subdivision ordinance and how it pertains to the streets. The recommendation from the Planning Board included a possible amendment to the policy that we have for street improvements and maintenance. Manager Reynolds said we would add the verbiage "*which shall not be installed prior to full build out of the development*". *This is in section 5-B(vi)*

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Bragg* and seconded by *Councilwoman Stanley* to approve the amendment to the Town of Holly Ridge town policy for Street improvements and maintenance, Section 5(B)(vi). *All Agreed.*

Possible Acceptance of Contract to Audit Accounts between the Town of Holly Ridge and Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., PA for Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2022.

Manager Reynolds said each year local governments are required to have all accounts of the municipality audited as soon as possible after the close of the fiscal year. Manager Reynolds said this is that contract for the yearly financial statements. This contract would be with the current auditor that the town has now. The price did not increase, and it would be \$15,000.00 and our CPA Alisha O'Reilly would still work in conjunction with staff and the auditors.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to approve the contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Co., PA for the purpose of auditing the town's accounts in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022. **All Agreed.**

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

Town Council Comments

Councilwoman Stanley thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and she thanked all the employees for the challenging work they are doing.

Councilwoman Bragg thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and she also thanked the different departments for the work they are doing daily. Councilwoman Bragg also thanked everyone for their continued prayers for her husband.

Councilman Hines said he would like to clarify a statement in the April 28th, 2022, meeting. The meeting brief that was delivered to Town Council stated that he was opposed to handicapped parking. Councilman Hines said he is opposed to any new parking that is done until we start to do something to repair our streets paved. Councilman Hines said he is not opposed to handicapped parking like it stated but some streets are getting deteriorated, and they need immediate attention. Councilman Hines asked for this clarification to be reflected in the minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall congratulated Anna Gaskins for her position on the Planning Board and she hopes she enjoys it.

Announcements

Mayor Wenzel gave the following announcements:

- Tuesday, May 17th, 2022, Planning Board Meeting – beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- Wednesday, May 18th, 2022, Re-Branding Committee Meeting – beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

- Thursday, May 19th, 2022, ONWASA Board Meeting – beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacksonville City Hall
- Tuesday May 24th, 2022, Board of Adjustment Meeting – beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- Sunday, May 29th, 2022, Memorial Day Ceremony – beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Liberty Fountain
- Monday, May 30th, 2022, Town Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Closed Session

- A. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a)(3) for the purposes of consulting with an attorney employed or retained by the Town to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and Town in relation to the matter of *Alexander Industries, LLC vs. The Town of Holly Ridge, North Carolina, Ewan Richards, and Lori Faircloth*

Belinda Sholar – Highway 17 asked why the Memorial Day Ceremony was going to be at 10:00 a.m. on a Sunday. Mr. Strickland stated the reason for the time was not set by the Town, but it was set by the Veterans of Foreign War because they do the whole program and the town just hosts the event.

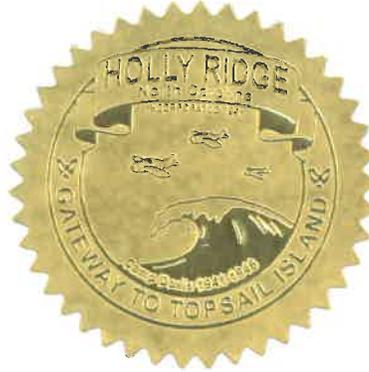
A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* to go into Closed Session. *All Agreed.*

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Bragg* and seconded by *Councilman Sholar* to accept the recommendation of the Town’s Legal Counsel. *All Agreed.*

Adjournment

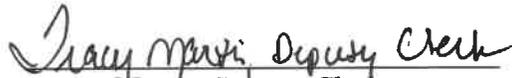
A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Sholar* to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. *All Agreed.*

Attest:





Jeff Wenzel, Mayor



Tracy Martin, Deputy Clerk

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Deputy Town Clerk, Tracy Martin.