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Folly Beach City Council

Behind the Curtain

**A Short Interview with
Councilman Bill Farley**

Past - Present - Future

Interview with Councilman William Farley - Nov. 17th

by John McFarland

Councilman Farley do you want to undo the Referendum?

No. I believe the cap is reasonable, but the current cap needs some changes. I also believe that with a few changes to the cap this community would be far less divided. I have always thought the best solution is in the middle, we have just taken a harder route to get there.

Do you support a cap of 800?

Yes, 800 is a reasonable number and it should remain.

Do you support a Family Friendly Wait List?

Yes, I think the development of a family friendly wait list should be a priority.

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I was really surprised when you called the question for Ordinance 26-22 on June 28, 2022. How do you view those 127 seconds?

In regard to the 127 seconds, "Call the question" was not an ambush. It was not an attempt to end discussion. My intention was to help focus efforts on the enforcement piece for the meeting and then later, to take up the cap.

I was involved in several conversations in the days before the meeting (other council members were not involved). The result of those conversations were that I should pursue a call the question motion. In retrospect it was a mistake.

Now is not the time to dissect all those conversations, but it is rather a time to move forward.

The work ahead will be complicated but I am confident the new council will be up for the challenge.

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Many residents think you are in the pocket of the realtors. Are you?

I am not “in the pocket” of anyone. Anyone who has ever known me professionally or personally would know that such an assertion is just absurd. I was in law enforcement for 30 years and served the last 10 years as a Chief of Police. I am fiercely independent. My votes on every issue are made for the good of the community. I am beholden to no one.

And one final question. Do you see enough common ground on the city council to overcome all the misunderstandings and deliver?

Absolutely ! The work is before us and I believe we can get it right. Compromise will be key and everyone will not be completely satisfied. In the end I think there will be a much broader support for the Cap and our community will be less divided. I support the cap of 800 and I believe it will remain intact.

— End of Interview —

F. B. City Council Run Off

Tomorrow

Billy Grooms or Ann Peets

**Pick the candidate that will make
the best decisions for the community.**

Grooms - *“I will respect the referendum as it was
voted on by a majority of the people.”*
Candidate Forum (YouTube - 29:54)

Peets - *“I absolutely supported the cap.”*
Candidate Forum (YouTube - 21:43)

“If you don’t vote, you lose the right to complain.”
George Carlin

“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”
Susan B. Anthony