

AMENDED

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of November 13, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m.
Boy and Cub Scout Troop 245 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Public Services Director Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, Councilor Conroy, Councilor Mabry and Councilor Scott.

Also Present: Town Planner Harowski, Public Services Director Ernest, Chief Thomas, Library Director Hall and Town Clerk Burke.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the October 09, 2017 Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Mabry moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2017-004 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S ZONING MAP FROM MDR-1 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MDR-1-H MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL PROPERTY OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 4.06 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 CITRUS AVENUE AND WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE "HOWEY MANSION"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Mabry, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel moved to approve Ordinance 2017-004 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S ZONING MAP FROM MDR-1 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MDR-1-H MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL PROPERTY OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 4.06 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 CITRUS AVENUE AND WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE "HOWEY MANSION"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Annexation of Property (Councilor Scott)

Mayor Sears said the City of Leesburg was the only municipality that had not yet signed the Interlocal Agreement.

Town Planner Harowski said that there were no interjections from Leesburg when he spoke to them but that the Interlocal Agreement just didn't make it on an Agenda as of yet.

Mayor Sears said he recommended inviting all the property owners to a luncheon to discuss possibly annexing their property. He added that to annex property in you must provide utility services and he wasn't sure if the Town was ready to run lines up Number Two Road or down State Road 19.

Councilor Scott said he would like for the Town to purchase the sixty-three (63) acres on Orange Blossom Road.

Mayor Sears said that the Town has to offer incentive for people to want to annex in their property. He went on to give multiple reasons why a property owner would or wouldn't want to annex into the Town. He agreed that overall it would be positive to look into.

Consideration and Approval to move money to Seaside National Bank or State of Florida Prime. (Mayor Sears)

Mayor Sears said that Seaside Bank is offering 1.1% interest and Florida Prime is offering 1.15% interest. The downside with moving the money to Florida Prime is that during any financial crisis the State will freeze your assets.

Martha Macfarlane, 210 E Cypress Ave, asked if there was a fee for moving the money. **Mayor Sears** said no.

Councilor Mabry seconded by, **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** moved to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from First Green Bank to Seaside National Bank. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2017-011 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE TOWN'S SCHEDULE OF FEES AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, SECTION 30-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel seconded by, **Councilor Scott** moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-011 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE TOWN'S SCHEDULE OF FEES AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, SECTION 30-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: to cancel or move the November 27, 2017 and December 25, 2017 Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Mabry seconded by **Councilor Scott** moved to cancel the November 27, 2017 and December 25, 2017 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Update on purchase of nine acres on Number Two Road. (Mayor Sears)

Mayor Sears said that the bank accepted an offer for \$90,000.00 with a thirty (30) day due diligence. Town Attorney Ramos has reviewed the title loan and he spoke with Lake County Public Safety to review the property.

Councilor Conroy said that the Mayor should look at the square footage of the new Fire Station in Altoona, FL.

Councilor Mabry asked if the Town was purchasing the property outright. **Mayor Sears** said yes.

Mayor Sears asked if the Town should use \$90,000.00 from Police Impact Fees or out of the General Fund.

Councilor Conroy asked if there was an upside or downside to using Police Impact Fees.

Mayor Sears said he would like to use the Police Impact Fees.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said it's the cleanest way to do it but suggested that the Town get some ruling from our legal counsel first.

Councilor Scott said that purchasing the property was a good move for the Town.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Mabry- Thanked Councilor Scott and Mayor Sears their efforts in purchasing the nine acre property.

Councilor Conroy- None

Councilor Scott - None

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel- None

Mayor Sears- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marie Gallelli, 1104 N Tangerine, asked where the property was located. **Mayor Sears** replied past the citrus plant on the left hand side of the road.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dairian Burke
Town Clerk