

HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

The Work Session was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Scott and Councilor Conroy

Also Present: Interim Town Clerk Burke, Lieutenant Roman, Town Planner Harowski and Library Director Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that staff did a great job communicating during the Hurricane. **Mayor Sears** agreed.

Mayor Sears asked if there was a time table as to when the storm debris would be picked up. **Interim Town Clerk** said that there was no exact time table.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that WCA is regarding all debris as storm debris and is not picking anything up.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that he has received multiple compliments on the new exercise equipment at Griffin Park.

The Work Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of September 25, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Lieutenant Roman led the Invocation.

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

Absent: Councilor Scott and Councilor Conroy

Also Present: Interim Town Clerk Burke, Lieutenant Roman, Town Planner Harowski and Library Director Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the, September 12, 2017 Tentative Budget Public Hearing, September 15, 2017 Town Council Special Session and September 20, 2017 Final Budget Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Mabry moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

Town Planner Harowski said that at least every seven years the Town is required to review its Comprehensive Plan and determine if any changes are required as a result of changed conditions or as a result of changes in State requirements. Since the last evaluation and appraisal was done in 2010, the Town is due to conduct a review in 2017. According to the schedule issued by the Department of Economic Opportunity, the Town is due to submit its determination on needed revisions by October 1, 2017. The Town established a schedule for review of individual elements over the first half of 2017 to allow the Planning Board to digest the Comprehensive Plan in manageable sections and discuss potential revisions. In support of this effort, the staff provided a summary report for each element discussing the current contents of the element, changes to conditions that have occurred since the last review, changes to requirements, and other relevant information.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel seconded by **Councilor Mabry** moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Proposed buy back sick policy

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel agreed with the policy but asked that the Auditor and Accountant review and offer their input.

Mayor Sears said that he is on the fence in regards to this policy.

Councilor Mabry said that he agrees but would like to know what the cap for sick hours accrued is for Town Employees and is there a certain amount you can use.

Discussion: Longevity Policy.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that Staff needs to make a recommendation to the Town Council.

Consideration and Approval for Professional Services Wetland Monitoring and Reporting Services – Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Sears said that wetland monitoring and reporting is a requirement per St. John's Water Management District.

Councilor Mabry seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** moved to approve Professional Services Wetland Monitoring and Reporting Services – Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

BOARD REPORTS

Library Board Minutes

Library Director Hall said that they were one of two libraries open after the Hurricane Irma.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Report & Minutes – None

Planning & Zoning Board Minutes-No Comment

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement/Police Department Report

Mayor Sears said that any and all further notices to residents must be reviewed by him first.

Finance Report-None Impact Fee Balance

Mayor Sears said that he likes the impact fee sheet provided so that the Town Council and the residents can keep track of the funds and monies available.

Library Director Report –No Comment Public Services Report-None Town Hall Report-None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel-No Comment
Councilor Mabry-No Comment
Mayor Sears-No Comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Kilmartin, 128 E. Laurel Ave, said that the resident's comments are not being relayed in the minutes and gave an example. He said that the Town needs to consider the love affair they have with trees. He added that the Town needs to ease up the restrictions and fees when it comes to taking down certain trees and asked that the Town Council review the tree ordinance and come up with a better plan within the next few meetings. **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** said that it had to go before the Planning & Zoning Board first. Mayor Sears asked Interim Town Clerk Burke to let Mr. Kilmartin know when the tree ordinance would go before the Planning & Zoning Board.

Sal Gallelli, 1104 N. Tangerine, said that he agrees with Mr. Kilmartin regarding the tree issue. He then asked what the status of the Planning & Zoning Board was because last he hear they had talked about doing away with them. **Mayor Sears** said that the Planning & Zoning Board is a part of the Town Charter and serves a purpose. The Town Council would like to continue to use them for that purpose and believes that they just got off task. He added that the comment for abolishment was just a side comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chris Sears, Mayor

Dairian Burke, Interim Town Clerk