

## **MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 24, 2017**

**Mayor Sears** called the Work Session to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, Councilor Scott and Councilor Conroy (via phone).

Absent: Councilor Mabry, Excused

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

**Mayor Sears** said he talked to the Town Engineer and he said that the Downtown Sewer and Lift Station Project and Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project would be out for bid in two weeks.

**Mayor Sears** then said that on August 1, 2017 he has a meeting with the Lake County Fire Chief and Lake County Public Safety Director about possibly combining the Howey Police Department and a Lake County Fire Station. **Councilor Conroy** said that Montverde has a Fire Station but not a Police Department, so possibly talking to them could be an opportunity. **Mayor Sears** said that he asked the Town Planner to conduct a feasibility study for the Police Department and Town Hall.

**Mayor Sears** adjourned the Work Session at 5:59 p.m.

**Mayor Sears** called the Town Council Meeting of July 24, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Mayor Sears** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Public Services Director Ernest** led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, Councilor Scott and Councilor Conroy (via phone).

Absent: Councilor Mabry, Excused

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Routine items are placed on the Consent Agenda to expedite the meeting. If Town Council/Staff wish to discuss any item, the procedure is as follows: (1) Pull the item(s) from the Consent Agenda; (2) Vote on the remaining item(s); and (3) Discuss each pulled item and vote.*

**Minutes of the July 10, 2017 Town Council Meeting.**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

First reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2017-002. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADDING A NEW SUB-SECTION "HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL PROPERTY OVERLAY" TO SECTION 2.03 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF OVERLAY DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Mayor Sears** read by Title.

**Town Planner Harowski** said there was one change to Ordinance 2017-002. The change was under Section B. Applicability, Section 1, which states or as approved by the Town Council as a locally significant site. He said the verbage was added at the Applicant's request to clarify that there are three different ways a site or structure could qualify for the Historic Overlay Zoning.

**The Public Hearing was opened.**

**As no one wished to speak the Public Hearing was closed.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, seconded by, **Councilor Scott** moved to approve the First reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2017-002. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADDING A NEW SUB-SECTION "HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL PROPERTY OVERLAY" TO SECTION 2.03 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF OVERLAY DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2017-006, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF AD VA LOREM TAXATION AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Mayor Sears** said that the Proposed Millage Rate is 9.2750. **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** said that it is the same rate as the current year.

**Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** seconded by **Councilor Scott** moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-006, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF

HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXATION AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

### **Consideration and Approval of Budget Public Hearing Dates.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, seconded by, **Councilor Scott** moved to approve the Budget Public Hearing Dates. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

### **Consideration and Approval of CPI Increase with Waste Corporation of America (WCA).**

**Mayor Sears** read by Title.

**Councilor Scott** said that he dislikes their service. **Skip McCall** (WCA Representative) said he would gladly meet with Councilor Scott to discuss any issues that may be going on.

**Mayor Sears** asked if there's a charge for bulk pick-up. **Skip McCall** replied that if it's a chargeable pile they will charge but that there is no fee for washers, dryers, refrigerators or other similar items.

**Councilor Scott** said that one issue he has is when people cut palm fronds and stack them by the road the garbage company doesn't pick them up. **Skip McCall** said that he would look into it.

**Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, seconded by, **Councilor Scott** moved to approve the CPI Increase with Waste Corporation of America (WCA). Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of FY 2017-2018 Proposed Budget.**

**Mayor Sears** said he added the Christmas lights, both Police Vehicles were taken out, and Public Services Director Ernest salary increase along with the other request from the Town Council.

**Mayor Sears** said that every year he likes to roll back the Millage Rate but wasn't able to do so this year.

**Mayor Sears** said he also increased the Revenue side of the Water Fund. **Councilor Conroy** thanked him.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **Library Board Minutes – None**

**Library Director Hall** said there is Chess Club on Monday, Canasta on Wednesday, Mahjong on Thursday and Story Time on Friday.

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Report & Minutes – None**

### **Planning & Zoning Board Minutes-None**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Code Enforcement/Police Department Report- No Comment**

#### **Finance Report**

**Mayor Sears** said that the Town is close to paying off the Venezia Line Upsize.

#### **Impact Fee Balance-No Comment**

#### **Library Director Report- No Comment**

#### **Public Services Report**

**Public Services Director Ernest** said that for four years they have been complaining that the backup generator wasn't hooked up. Well come to find out the panel was just marked wrong and there is backup generator power down at Public Services.

#### **Town Hall Report- No Comment**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilor Scott** asked if the Town was going to pave the Alley Way regardless if the Sewer is or isn't complete. **Mayor Sears** said that the Alley Way was included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

**Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** said that he had to make a **PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE** of the note that Councilor Scott passed to him during the meeting. **Mayor Sears** said that the note stated "Do you have an issue with spending \$5,000.00 on the Christmas tree for the Christmas Festival."

#### **Mayor Sears- No Comment**

#### **Councilor Conroy- No Comment**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Comment**

**The Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

ATTEST:

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Chris Sears, Mayor

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Dairian Burke  
Interim Town Clerk