

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD June 27, 2016**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of June 27, 2016 to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sears led the Invocation.

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

Also Present: Town Planner Harowski, Public Services Supervisor Ernest, Town Clerk Brasher, Chief Thomas, and Utility Clerk Burke.

Absent: Councilor Conroy, Excused. (Joined the Town Council Meeting by Phone)

PUBIC HEARINGS

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-003 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING; ADOPTING THE 2016 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL UPDATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Ordinance No. 2016-003.

Town Planner Harowski gave detailed background on the proposed changes.

The Public Hearing was opened. As no one wished to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Kearney, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, moved to recommend adoption of Ordinance 2016-003 to the Town Council. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-001, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1, THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, TO REVISE POLICIES 1.1.1, 1.4.6, 1.4.7, 1.4.8 AND TABLE 3 CONCERNING THE TOWN CENTER MIXED USE (TCMU) LAND USE CLASSIFICATION; AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Ordinance No. 2016-001.

Town Planner Harowski gave detailed background on the proposed changes.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel asked if the three houses on Lakeview are included in the Town Center (by the School). **Town Planner Harowski** said no, that the homes are further down.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel then said that he asked the question because when the Town Center was platted, the previous Town Planner said that there had to be a certain percentage of acreage. He then asked if we were running into any problems by changing the Comprehensive Plan. **Town Planner Harowski** said No, that the Town overlay has three sub areas, one is Town Center commercial, Town Center Residential and lastly home type business buildings.

Town Planner Harowski then gave more detailed background about the proposed changes.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by **Councilor Mabry**, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-001, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1, THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, TO REVISE POLICIES 1.1.1, 1.4.6, 1.4.7, 1.4.8 AND TABLE 3 CONCERNING THE TOWN CENTER MIXED USE (TCMU) LAND USE CLASSIFICATION; AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Budget Public Hearing Dates

Mayor Sears said that everyone has to be there for the meetings.

Town Clerk Brasher said that September 13, 2016 is the only date left to have the Tentative Budget Public Hearing due to scheduling.

Mayor Sears asked Councilor Conroy if those dates worked for him. **Councilor Conroy** replied yes.

Councilor Kearney, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, moved to approve the Budget Public Hearing Dates. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Proposal for from SMW GeoSciences for the CUP Compliance Assistance for the Water Audit.

Mayor Sears gave background on SMW GeoSciences, Inc.

Mayor Sears said that SMW has kept us in compliance with St Johns Water River Management. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Town Clerk Brasher said she spoke with Sarah from SMW and that Sarah said that the Town may be eligible for reimbursement for the new smart meters that are being installed.

Councilor Conroy asked Mayor Sears what happened with the meter that was found in Mission Inn. **Mayor Sears** said that the Town put a new meter in and will be charging Mission Inn for the water. **Councilor Conroy** then asked if the Town could go back and charge Mission Inn a certain percentage of the water that was used. **Mayor Sears** replied that the Town charged Mission Inn for the new meter and that no one knew the meter was there, Mission Inn thought they were getting their water from the retention pond, so he just asked them to pay the fees for the new meter and move forward.

BOARD REPORTS

Library Board Minutes- None

Parks & Recreation Advisory Minutes-No Comments

Planning & Zoning Board Minutes

Mayor Sears said one of the questions he had when reading the minutes was, is RedJacket trying to get 19 boat slips approved? **Town Planner Harowski** replied that what RedJacket wants to do is have a boat slip for every home. **Mayor Sears** reads from the third paragraph from the bottom of the first page, where it states Town Planner Harowski responded that there will be 19 slips. **Town Planner Harowski** said that 19 slips is what the current permit allows.

Mayor Sears asked if this topic was on the next agenda. **Town Clerk Brasher** replied yes on July 11, 2016.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement/Police Department Report-No Comments

Finance Report-No Comments

Impact Fee Balance

Mayor Sears Thanked Town Clerk Brasher and Town Hall staff for having the Impact Fee Balance broken down.

Councilor Kearney asked what the typical cost for a new home is. **Town Clerk Brasher** replied around \$5,000 and that the amounts vary due to the square footage.

Mayor Sears gave background on the process of building a home when it comes to impact fees.

Town Clerk Brasher said that Town Hall has large spreadsheets on the wall of what the builders need to pay, what they have paid and everything else that is needed in the building process.

Library Director Report

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that our library is up the most in Lake County about 6%.

Mayor Sears said that our percentage and one other library went up and that is it due to more people coming to the library. **Mayor Sears** said that the Town commends Tara on all her hard work.

Public Services Report

Town Clerk Brasher said she would like to thank Public Services for putting up the new blinds in Town Hall, also that last week our battery backup went down and John came right over to fix it.

Public Services Supervisor Ernest said that by the end of the week the Board Walk would be open.

Parks and Recreation Chairman Ernest said that there will be an opening event but that it won't be until the fall.

Safety Board Minutes-None

Town Hall Report-No Comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears said that for the meeting on July 11, 2016 in the packet the Council will get the actual submittals from each department, and a Balanced Budget from him.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that we were mention in the Lake Sentinel in Sundays paper under the heading "Crime has big Jump in Lake's Largest City". The mentioning about Howey In The Hills was that we were up 75%, we went from 8 crimes to 14. Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that even with that being said that Howey In The Hills was still safer than most places and he thanked the Police Department for that.

Councilor Kearney said that he came up with an idea to modify the Tree Ordinance and what he came up with was Chapter 7 Page 26 on litigation was to take out the words "per Inch".

Mayor Sears asked if Councilor Kearney would email his idea to Town Clerk Brasher so it could be emailed out to all the Council.


Councilor Mabry-No Comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martha Macfarlane, Cypress Ave, asked how Parks and Recreation could get messages to the Town Council. **Mayor Sears** replied that a Town Council Member would be voted as the Parks and Recreation Liaison next meeting.

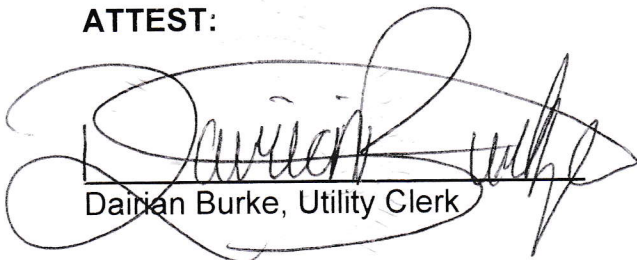
David Kilmartin, 128 E Laurel Ave, voiced his concern with the incident that occurred at his garage sale.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dairian Burke, Utility Clerk