

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of November 16, 2015 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Services Supervisor Ernest led the Invocation.

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

Also Present: Town Planner Harowski, Police Chief Thomas, Public Services Supervisor Ernest, Library Director Hall, Administrative Assistant Rhoden, and Town Clerk Brasher.

BOARD REPORTS

Planning & Zoning Board Minutes – No comments

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of the Town Council Minutes from September 28, 2015 and October 26, 2015

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Conroy, moved to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2015 and October 26, 2015. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration of Boondock's Land Development Code Amendment

Town Planner Harowski gave detailed background on this item. He said they wanted to make changes to the motel activity that is on site. They want to convert the small units to larger units and build additional units. He said the marina and restaurant would continue to be in business. He said motel facilities are not identified in the LDC so that use is currently a non-conforming use and gave background. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the current use.

Ted Wicks, representing Boondocks said the proposal is for short term rental and they would like to have a destination resort for fisherman. They would like to build up to 12 cottages and gave detailed background.

Inaudible portions of Mr. Wicks conservation due to cross conservation.

Bill Herrington, 107 Island Drive voiced his concerns the proposed project and gave details.

John Scott, 503 N. Palm Ave. voiced his concerns with the proposed project.

Mayor Sears asked Mr. Wicks to submit a full set of proposed plans including a drainage plan. **Mr. Wicks** said the plans would go through the normal review process and it is premature to spend money on something without knowing if it will be approved or not.

Discussion: Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code

Town Planner Harowski gave detailed background on this item and said there are elements in the Comprehensive Plan that needs to be changed. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the property uses, build to requirements and outdoor displays.

Mayor Sears asked the Town Council if they were approval of the proposed amendments to bring back in the form of an ordinance.

Approval to Remove John Ernest and Add David Nebel to the Town's Bank Account for Check Signing Purposes Only

Councilor Conroy, seconded by **Councilor Mabry**, moved to approve the bank account changes as proposed. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Proposal from John Murphy, Inc. to remove and replace finger pier in \$6,974.00 for wood or \$8,369.00 for Trek like product

Public Services Supervisor Ernest gave background on this item.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, moved to approve the proposal from John Murphy, Inc to replace the finger pier in the amount of not to exceed \$8,369.00. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Public Services Supervisor Ernest said he is not sure Mr. Murphy will be able to do the renovations to the Sarah Maude Mason Nature Preserve due to illness.

Update: Email Communication from Lassiter Transportation Group

Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item and said he will be reaching out to Mr. Lassiter for a time frame.

PUBLIC HEARING

Second Read of Ordinance No. 2015-005, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONCEPTUAL LAND USE PLAN FOR THE LAKE HILLS MIXED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2011-008; PROVIDING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Sears read by title only, Ordinance No. 2015-005.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by **Councilor Conroy**, moved to continue Ordinance No. 2015-005 to the December 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement/Police Department Report – Police Chief Thomas said there continuing

problems with the Howey Mansion and gave details.

Finance Report – No comments

Library Director Report – Library Director gave background on the volunteer hours and the programs the Library provided.

Public Services Report – No comments on report submitted at the meeting.

Town Hall Report – No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears said the open Town Council seat will be filled at the first meeting in December.

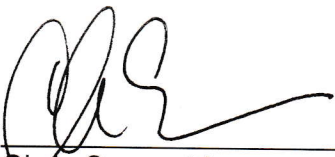
Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel – No comments

Councilor Conroy – No comments

Councilor Mabry asked for clarification on process for the Town Council Seat Applicants.
Mayor Sears said the applications would be interviewed and an applicant would be chosen that evening.

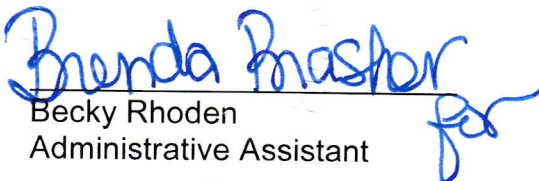
PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:


Becky Rhoden
Administrative Assistant