

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JUNE 22, 2015**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of June 22, 2015 to order at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest led the Invocation.

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

Also Present: Chief Thomas, Library Director Hall, Administrative Assistant Rhoden, and Town Clerk Brasher.

PRESENTATION

FY 2014 Annual Audit

Stephen Scheel, representing Carr, Riggs & Ingram presented the FY 2014 Annual Audit. **Mayor Sears** asked if there is a check list for the Police Pension portion of the audit so the audit will not be held up. **Mr. Scheel** said to reach out to the FLC and have the Actuary Study done in a timely fashion.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Transition, Separation, Wavier and Release Agreement for Edward Smith

Mayor Sears provided detailed background. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Councilor Mabry, moved to approve the Transition, Separation, Wavier and Release Agreement for Edward Smith. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Proposal for Water Plant Operations from Utility Repair Experts, Goals and Objectives of Public Services Department and Public Services Job Descriptions

Mayor Sears provided detailed background and said he would like to lump these three agenda items together. He further proposed approving the proposal from Utility Repair Experts and gave detailed background on Public Services. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Ed Smith asked questions about the proposal. **Mayor Sears** responded to Ed Smith.

Councilor Nebel, seconded by Councilor Conroy, moved to approve the proposal for Water Plant Operations from Utility Repair Experts. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 2015-0?? Amending Wastewater Rates and Setting a Residential Tenant Connection Fee

Town Clerk Brasher gave detailed background on this item.

Discussion: Irrigation at Venezia (no back-up)

Mayor Sears provided detailed background on this item. A lengthy discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to review and amend the irrigation rates

Set Budget Work Session Dates

Town Clerk Brasher gave background on this item on this item.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to hold the Budget Work Session Dates on July 13, July 14 and July 20 at 7:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

BOARD REPORTS

Library Board Minutes- No report

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Events Subcommittee Minutes – No comment

Planning & Zoning Board Minutes – No comment

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement/Police Department Report – Chief Thomas gave an update on the Howey Mansion.

Finance Report – No comment

Library Director Report – Library Director Hall said the Town was not awarded the Impact Fees for the Community Center Addition.

Public Services Report – No comment

Service Order Report – No comment

Town Hall Report – Town Clerk Brasher gave an update on the 8 ½ x 11 size paper bill. She further thanked Public Services employee James Southall for working so professionally with Town Hall Staff and he is a pleasure to work with.

Town Goals and Project List – No comment

Department Director Meeting Report – No report

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears updated on the following items:

- Update on stormwater pipe on Lakeshore Blvd. and said a vendor will be replacing the pipe for \$12,900.00 as it is an emergency. He said he contacted F.D.O.T. and they said it was not their drainage pipe. Discussion ensued.

- Background on possible annexations.
- Voiced his concerns with Town Engineer Richardson as she is not responding with him or Town Staff and asked for direction.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to use BESH as they were approved when this item was put out for RFQ.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest said there are trees around the Library that are dying and asked Town Clerk Brasher to contact an arborist. **Town Clerk Brasher** said she would make contact with one and have them meet with Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Ernest.

Councilor Nebel – No comment

Councilor Mabry – No comment

Councilor Conroy – No comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS

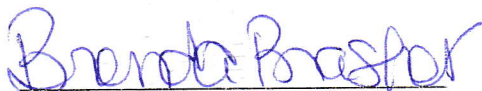
David Kilmartin, 128 E. Laurel Ave. voiced his concerns with the rain washout damaging His property. **Mayor Sears** there is no curb and gutter and no one knows where the water is coming from and many homes have the same problem in Town. He said the Town can't go on private property to solve rain issues due to the hard rains but he will look at this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk