

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 22, 2018

Mayor Sears called the work session to order at 5:45 p.m.

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

Also Present: Town Clerk Burke, Chief Thomas, Tom Wilkes (Gray Robinson Firm) and Public Services Director Ernest.

Mayor Sears said he would like to clear some rumors he heard regarding the Town's fire system. He spoke with the Fire Department when the house on Palmetto Avenue burnt down. The Lake County Fire Department told him that the hydrant worked. The Town would begin the fire hydrant flushing system in the next 60 days.

Councilor Scott asked if gas lines would be available in Venezia. **Mayor Sears** replied that Town Hall would furnish the master plans for review. **Councilor MacFarlane** said she understood that they were just replacing the existing lines. **Councilor Conroy** stated that if anyone had an issue with the tall gas line poles, they placed in the right of way that you could request a shorter one.

Mayor Sears adjourned the work session at 5:52 p.m.

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of October 22, 2018 to order at 5:52 p.m.
Cub/Boy Scout Troop 245 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Services Director Ernest led the Invocation.

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Also Present: Town Clerk Burke, Chief Thomas, Tom Wilkes (Gray Robinson Firm) and Public Services Director Ernest.

PUBLIC HEARING

***Second Reading and Adoption* ORDINANCE NO. 2018-007 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING SCREECHING OF TIRES AND THE UNLAWFUL USE OF ENGINE AND COMPRESSION BRAKES "JAKE BRAKING"; CREATING A NEW ARTICLE V IN CHAPTER 164 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLED "SCREECHING OF TIRES AND ENGINE AND COMPRESSION BRAKES "JAKE BRAKING"; PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE AND PROVIDING FOR PUNISHMENT AS A NONCRIMINAL TRAFFIC INFRACTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**

Councilor Scott seconded by, **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2018-007 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING SCREECHING OF TIRES AND THE UNLAWFUL USE OF ENGINE AND COMPRESSION BRAKES "JAKE BRAKING"; CREATING A NEW ARTICLE V IN CHAPTER 164 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLED "SCREECHING OF TIRES AND ENGINE AND COMPRESSION BRAKES "JAKE BRAKING"; PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE AND PROVIDING FOR PUNISHMENT AS A NONCRIMINAL TRAFFIC INFRACTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Second Reading and Adoption ORDINANCE 2018-011 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER'S RETIREMENT TRUST FUND; AMENDING CHAPTER 34, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE II, POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS; AMENDING SECTION 34-6.8, DISABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 34-6.17, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-6.28, REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Scott seconded by, **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** moved to approve ORDINANCE 2018-011 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER'S RETIREMENT TRUST FUND; AMENDING CHAPTER 34, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE II, POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS; AMENDING SECTION 34-6.8, DISABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 34-6.17, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-6.28, REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and consider Planning and Zoning's vote (2 yea, 2 nay) for Meritage Model Home Parson, Elevation A.

Mayor Sears gave background on the Venezia South Subdivision. He let the Town Council know that the builder before them had purchased the last 38 lots available in Venezia South. He gave everyone the Town Council a couple minutes to review the plans provided by the Builder (Meritage Homes Corp.).

Mayor Sears said the Subdivision has a certain look and wants to make sure that the Town Council preserves that look as people have invested in their homes.

Councilor MacFarlane stated that the original plans were only tile roofs.

Nick Everly, Construction Manager for Meritage Homes Corp. Stated that they would like the Town Council to approve or deny all remaining models. (Parson, Elevation A and C). (Hamlin, Elevations A, B and C.)

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel replied that if Elevations A and C met minimum code then that it should be approved. He was on the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board when the original code was created and the Town Council at the time changed the minimum square foot requirement for single family residents.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel seconded by, Councilor Conroy moved to approve Meritage Model Home Parson, Elevation A and C. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Sal Gallelli, 1104 N Tangerine Ave, said that that Town Council needed to maintain the aesthetics of the residents who have already purchased homes in Venezia South.

Matt McGill, 119 E Croton Way, asked what the Planning & Zoning Advisory Board thought of Elevation A and C. **Chairman Llewellyn** said that the Planning & Zoning Advisory Board didn't think that the homes kept the aesthetics of the existing homes and that the roof pitch was a concern for them as well. **Matt McGill** then stated that if the homes met minimum code then why the Town Council wouldn't approve them. **Mayor Sears** replied that it is still up to the Town Council whether something is approved or denied.

Councilor Conroy stated that the Town Council at that time didn't think the house's square footage would regulate the look of the house.

Matt McGill, 119 E Croton Way, said that each house already looks the same and that the proposed designs would hurt the aesthetics of the Venezia South Subdivision.

Councilor Scott seconded by, Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel moved to approve Meritage Model Home Hamlin, Elevation A, B and C. Motion carried 4-1. (Councilor MacFarlane, Voting no.)

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Central Ave Paving (Councilor Scott)

Public Services Director Ernest said that he and the contractor agreed to complete the parking lot in front of the Library however the contractor already had a job scheduled and will return the first of the year.

Update on Library Landscaping (Councilor Scott)

Councilor MacFarlane said that she was going to meet with the Friends of the Library to discuss the original plans that were accepted to do the landscaping in front of the Library. She then asked where the funding for the project was located. **Mayor Sears** replied in the Utility Fund because there were some native plant elements that would help add another element to the Consumptive Use Permit. **Councilor MacFarlane** said she would get with Town Clerk Burke to discuss the funding process. **Councilor Scott** asked that he hopes citizens' complaints don't stop the progress again. **Councilor MacFarlane** said that she is working on it.

Pricing for the proposed Venezia trail (Councilor Scott)

Mayor Sears said that the Lake County School Board had verbally agreed to allow a "cattle shoot" type trail to run through their property to connect the Venezia South Residents to Lakeshore Blvd. The Lake County School Board's risk management would be reviewing the agreement that Town Attorney Ramos was working on. The estimated cost for just the sidewalk in concrete is

\$33,600. The estimated cost for the fencing is about \$12,350. The pricing is also dependent on how wide the sidewalk is going to be. However, he would ask that the Town Council allow him to continue to work with Town Attorney Ramos on the agreement.

Councilor MacFarlane said that the security of the “cattle shoot” type trail makes her concerned.

Mayor Sears said that they would work on a ten (10) year Interlocal Agreement with the School Board, Maybe even ask for twenty (20) years.

Councilor Scott asked what would happen if Venezia wanted to develop that tract. **Mayor Sears** said that it was something else to look at however the trail would be to the north side where they more than likely wouldn’t develop.

Councilor MacFarlane suggested that the Town Council talk to the Venezia Residents.

Mayor Sears said that he would get all the hard figures first.

Bernard Alimenti, 205 E. Magnolia Ave, asked why the Venezia Residents weren’t there tonight supporting it. He then asked what the impact fees were. **Mayor Sears** replied about \$0.46 a square foot. He then agreed that the developer should have done the infrastructure but the Venezia Residents want the sidewalk. **Mr. Alimenti** said that the Venezia Home Owners Association should pay for the sidewalk or a portion of it. He then encouraged the Town Council to get resident input. **Mayor Sears** replied that this would be a large project and would be announced.

Marie Gallelli, 1104 N. Tangerine, said that Mr. Alimenti made a good point that there wasn’t a lot of resident interest.

Discussion: 2019 Goals and an update on 2018 Goal Progress

Mayor Sears said that he would like to do a retreat maybe in December at Mission Inn for the Town Council to get everyone thinking about the New Year.

BOARD REPORTS

Library Board Minutes-No Comment

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Report & Minutes- None

Planning & Zoning Board Minutes-None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement/Police Department Report

Chief Thomas stated that he is still working on the side walk crossing however Florida Department of Transportation Engineer was on maternity leave.

Finance Report

Town Clerk let the Town Council know that Seacoast Bank had bought First Green Bank and that the transition happened on October 19, 2018.

Impact Fee Balance-No Comment

Library Director Report- No Comment
Public Services Report (Staff Meeting Minutes)-No Comment
Town Hall Report

Town Clerk Burke let everyone know that she had just returned from her Certified Municipal Clerk Conference where she had learned some new material.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears- No Comment

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel-No Comment

Councilor Conroy said that attending the Town Council Meetings is great however they Town Council gets a lot of feedback from outside of the meetings.

Councilor Scott-No Comment

Councilor MacFarlane-No Comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bernard Alimenti, 205 E. Magnolia Ave, said that Code Enforcement is a mess and that the whole Code Enforcement system needs to be revised. **Mayor Sears** said that there is a process to follow. **Mr. Alimenti** replied that the process isn't being followed. **Mayor Sears** replied that they would review.

Marie Gallelli, 1104 N. Tangerine Ave, asked if the majority of the Library Landscape could be lava rock. **Councilor MacFarlane** asked Mrs. Gallelli to come to the Friends of the Library Meeting to voice her recommendation before everyone. **Mrs. Gallelli** then asked if the Boards would give a summary of what all they have achieved over the fiscal year.

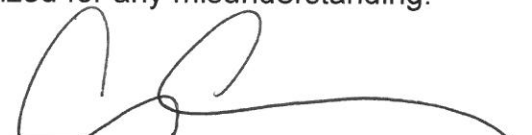
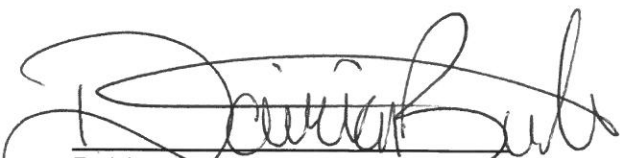
Elwis Benson, 406 S. Florida Ave, asked for the update regarding the Talichet project. **Mayor Sears** replied that the applicant withdrew their application and planned on moving forward with his original plans they were already approved.

Matt McGill, 119 E. Croton Way, asked who created the Code Committee. **Chief Thomas** replied that he did with Mayor Sears's authorization.

Bernard Alimenti, 205 E. Magnolia Ave, said that he was the one who called the fire administration in Lake County as the Public Services Director stated that the Hydrants were inoperable. **Mayor Sears** replied that they worked however when opened they would leak from the top. **Mr. Alimenti** replied that he has since talked to JJ Southall who has explained everything to him. **Public Services Director Ernest** replied that they had replacements on the way and apologized for any misunderstanding.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


Chris Sears, Mayor
Dairian Burke
Town Clerk