

MINUTES OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING April 27, 2009

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of April 27, 2009 to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Troop No. 254 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation was led by Ed Smith.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilor Ernest, Councilor Green, Councilor Nebel and Town Clerk Brasher. Also present: Police Chief Robbins and Public Works Director Padgett.

PRESENTATIONS

Website Presentation by B&H Consultants, Inc.

Robin Harris, representative with B&H Consultants, Inc., presented the Town Council with the proposed live version of the new Town website. **Councilor Nebel** said she would like to see the Howey Mansion on the home page. **Mayor Sears** asked the Town Council if they would like to keep the Howey.org and the HoweyintheHills.org domain names. He also asked what the Town Council would like to see as a description for the Town.

Del Pearce asked if there was a link to the Town Council for email access. **Ms. Harris** said there is a link to the Town Council and Staff email.

Mayor Sears discussed the Howey.org email addresses and issue the volunteer boards email addresses as well. **Jim Shira** said to keep in mind that the home page banner and the history banner needs to be decided this evening.

Councilor Nebel said she would like to see the Howey pier and the Howey mansion on the home page.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to remove the heron from the home page and place the color Howey mansion in the middle of the home page.

NEW BUSINESS

The Reserves, Phase 1, Traffic Concurrency Certificate

Town Traffic Engineer Watanabe presented The Reserves, Phase 1, Transportation Concurrency Certificate and gave detailed background information.

***Councilor Green**, seconded by **Councilor Nebel**, moved to approve The Reserves, Phase 1, Traffic Concurrency Certificate. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voting no.*

Discussion: Go Green Funding

Traffic Engineer Watanabe gave background information on locating funding sources to Go Green. **Councilor Nebel** cautioned that the Town Council be careful of the matches necessary that come with grants.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by **Councilor Nebel**, authorized Frank Watanabe to seek Go Green Grants. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voting no.

Resolution No. 2009-004, Relating to the State Revolving Fund Loan Application
Resolution No. 2009-004 was read by title only.

Councilor Ernest, seconded by **Councilor Nebel**, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-004. Motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voting no.

Discussion: Off-Fees in Resolution No. 2005-22.
Mayor Sears gave detailed back ground on this item.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to not charge the off fee if the person asking for disconnection for final service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amended Preliminary Subdivision Plan for Whispering Hills

Town Traffic Engineer Watanabe was present to answer questions. Town Engineer Watanabe said the he was okay with Revels Road being paved prior to the Final Construction Plan; however; he would like to see the final plans for the paving of the road.

Mayor Sears voiced his concerns with the park land. **Councilor Nebel** voiced her concerns with the outstanding issues as well as the recommendation of denial from the Planning and Zoning Board. **Councilor Green** voiced his concerns with the parkland.

Clay Frankel, representative from Whispering Hills said he cannot eliminate a waterfront lot to accommodate the Town Council's concerns with the parkland.

Councilor Nebel asked Mr. Frankel if he was saying he cannot live up to his approved Preliminary Subdivision Plan. **Mr. Frankel** did not have an answer for Councilor Nebel.

Councilor Ernest asked Mr. Frankel if he was willing to move the park. **Mr. Frankel** said this is the first time this subject has been discussed as that proposal would cost the development approximately \$400,000. **Mayor Sears** asked that the park in the front to be shifted to the back of the subdivision as a compromise. **Councilor Nebel** said the Town needs to look out for its future.

Councilor Green asked Town Engineer Shira about the water line to Whispering Hills. **Town Engineer Shira** said the water line along Lakeshore Blvd. does not have the required water flow for this project and this is the developers' responsibility. **Councilor Green** said he was speaking of the larger water main for future development in which Mr. Frankel is asking for a credit. **Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson** said he would like to see the Town change its policy and other municipalities require developers to oversize the line without receiving credits. **Councilor Green** suggested splitting the land wanted for the parkland. **Mr. Frankel** clarified that the Town Council wants more lakefront parkland. The parkland difference is .67 of an acre.

Robert Olsen voiced his concerns with the requirement of more parkland.

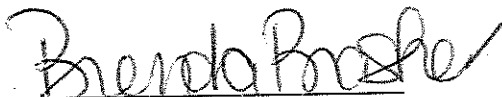
Councilor Green, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to that .67 acres be added to Tract A and the .83 acre tract is to remain as is and all other conditions are to be satisfied by the Town Planner and Town Engineers for the Amended Whispering Hills Subdivision Plan. Motion carried 3-2 with Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson and Councilor Nebel voting no.

Del Pearce clarified that looping of the water line will meet the requirements and the paving requirements.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:55 P.M.


Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda Brasher, CMC
Town Clerk