

Minutes of the Howey-in-the-Hills Town Council Meeting Held September 13, 2010

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of September 13, 2010 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilor Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, Councilor Ernest, Councilor Crowder, Town Attorney Blom-Ramos and Town Clerk Brasher

Absent: Councilor Green

NEW BUSINESS

Update on the EAR Based Amendments

Town Planner Shira gave detailed background on this item and presented a Town Center Overlay Map.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel asked for clarification on the blue areas. She further stated she does not remember discussing the blue area along Lakeshore Blvd. **Town Planner Shira** said it is not commercial, it can be residential and or office. She clarified that she did not create these areas as they were created by the Joint Work Sessions that were held. **Mayor Sears** asked for clarification in the "flex use space". **Town Planner Shira** explained the "flex" parcels.

Town Planner Shira also discussed wastewater, water, transportation and funding sources and she asked for guidance in some areas. **Mayor Sears** said it is hard to sit down with another municipality to discuss wastewater as they will want to know how much capacity the Town will need. **Town Planner Shira** said the Town can estimate the wastewater needs and the State expects the Town to have a plan to serve the annexed properties. Discussion ensued.

Approval of Revised Lake County Internet Access Policy

Library Director Merchant gave background on this item.

Councilor Crowder, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to approve the Revised Lake County Internet Access Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Planning & Zoning Commission Report

Mayor Sears read the Staff Report regarding a variance.

Vice-Chairman Ormsbee was present to answer questions. **Mayor Sears** clarified that Town Planner Shira would review all Variance Applications.

Martha McFarlane Williams gave history on the proposed project and discussed the set-back issues.

Planning and Zoning Member Morse said the survey submitted is five years old, the dimensions of the project were penciled in and it does not meet the set-backs. **Mayor Sears** reinitiated that the codes are in place to protect the Town as well as residents and a variance would be the next step for this project.

Appointment of Elected Official as a Director and Staff Member or Elected Official as Alternate Director to Lake County League of Cities for FY 2010-2011

Town Clerk Brasher gave background on this item and said the LCLC only wants one elected official to attend the monthly meetings due to possible Sunshine violations.

Councilor Crowder, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel as the director and Councilor Crowder as the alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Formal Mayor's Report

Councilor Crowder asked for a formal verbal Mayor's report and he gave examples of what he would like to see on the verbal report.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to have a Mayor report under old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Council Pay Rates

Councilor Crowder said he would like an ordinance adopted for Town Council attendance so nothing happens again that happened this past year. **Mayor Sears** said there should be a contingency for an excused absence by the Mayor or Town Council.

Update on Discussions with Lake County Schools Regarding Use of School Baseball Field

Mayor Sears gave detailed back ground on this item and said a local resident has come forward and is willing to make improvements to the site. He said he has problems with the proposed Interlocal agreement. **Councilor Crowder** asked who will be using the field and who will maintain the field. **Mayor Sears** said the field could be used for adult leagues and pick-up games. **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** asked how the watering of the field would affect the CUP. **Mayor Sears** said the Town is looking into drawing from Lake Harris. **Councilor Crowder** said he would like a cost estimate. Discussion ensued.

Charlie Richardson said the Town should move ahead with this opportunity and he offered his services for the plan design.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears said the Town is on the list for approval for the State Revolving Loan. Discussion ensued regarding bidding process. **Mayor Sears** gave an update on the Consumptive Use Permit and informed the Town Council that a property owner would like to donate a parcel adjacent to the store fronting Palm Ave. which would be used for green space.

Councilor Crowder asked for an update on the SRF loan reimbursement. **Mayor Sears** said he would look into that. **Councilor Crowder** asked the status of the reimbursement from Lake County for the road project. **Town Clerk Brasher** said the reimbursement was sent to Lake County last week.

Councilor Ernest gave an update on bids for the demolition of Town property on W. Central Ave.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glennys Barber asked when the office and/or residential section on Lakeview Dr. was decided as her property is effected? She further stated her property will be ruined and she asked why the same use is not all along Palm Ave. **Mayor Sears** said the Town held three work sessions last summer and the Town Center Overlay was decided. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:36 P.M.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, CMC
Town Clerk