

**Minutes of the Howey-in-the-Hills Town Council Meeting
Held May 9, 2011**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of May 9, 2011 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 254 and Boy Scout Troop 254 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilor Ernest led the invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, Councilor Ernest Councilor Hall, Councilor Richardson, Town Attorney Blom-Ramos, and Finance Administrator Michelle Monday-Bolte

Absent: Town Clerk Brasher

PRESENTATIONS

Sean P. Loughlin, the Lake County Disaster Assistance Coordinator spoke of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is an effort to get all cities to sign on as part of this plan, in the event of a loss all applications are submitted together and then the funds received are distributed based on need. It is funded 75% by FEMA and 25% by the community. Funds are received after the disaster, as is currently the case, but this plan allows for potential improvements of buildings with a 4 to 1 return on your investment. Discussion ensued in regard to this plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 11 Town Council Meeting and April 25, 2011 Town Council Work Session

Councilor Richardson, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel**, moved to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2011 Town Council Meeting and the April 25, 2011 Town Council Work Session. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Work Authorization No. 13, Additional Services for the Engineering Design (Phase 2) of the S. Lakeshore Boulevard Project in the Amount of \$9,950.

Discussion: **Frank Watanabe** spoke in regard to the Consideration and Approval of Work Authorization No.13, Additional Services for the Engineering Design (Phase 2) of the S. Lakeshore Boulevard Project in the Amount of \$9,950. This includes the addition of sidewalks, additional driveways, and moving the Buckhill Road left turn into this project. In addition, the county has requested a Right of Way Record Map. This is a certified report that shows that any right of way and easements have been dedicated as required before construction begins and the cost for obtaining this record survey is included in this work authorization, which is still under the original budgeted amount and is reimbursed to the Town through impact fees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, seconded by **Councilor Richardson**, moved to approve Work Authorization No. 13. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2011-003, Supporting the Lake County League of Cities, Inc. Proposed Resolution 2011-001, Requesting the Florida Legislature to Amend Florida Statutes Chapter 373 to Require Connection to Water Connections to Central Water Systems Provided by Municipalities When Service is Available.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Resolution 2011-003

Mayor Sears spoke in regard to this Resolution stating that it has been discovered that there is some gray area in regard to customers being required to hook up to Town water if it is available to them. This resolution supports the League of Cities Resolution which will require residents to connect to the Town Water.

Councilor Ernest, seconded by **Councilor Hall**, moved to approve Resolution 2011-003. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Approval of 2011-004, Adopting the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Resolution 2011-004

It was the consensus of the Council Members to table this Resolution until additional answers to questions could be clarified by **Sean P. Loughlin**. There needs to be clarification as to if this prevents us from being able to go to FEMA directly, as to if the funds would come to us, and how this benefits the Town.

PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2011-002, Extending the Moratorium on the Collection of Wastewater Impact Fees for an Additional Six Months; Providing for the Sunset of the Moratorium; Providing for Severability; Providing for an Effective Date.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Ordinance 2011-002

The Public Hearing was opened. As no one wished to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Ernest, seconded by **Councilor Hall**, moved to approve Ordinance No. 2011-002. Motion passed 4 to 1 with a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Howey Men's Club Sponsorship of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Christmas Festival.

Councilor Richardson, seconded by **Councilor Hall**, moved to approve the Howey Men's Club Sponsorship of Christmas Festival with the same funding and staff support by the Town as previously provided. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Ernest and **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** had no additional comments.

Councilor Richardson expressed concern with micropaving of the road. **Mayor Sears** responded that he has concerns also and that if the Town decided to move forward with Micropaving or Microsurfacing then the Town would hire an outside firm to test each road to make sure they meet the county specifications.

Councilor Hall stated that he is still working on the Lake Illinois project for presentation to the Council for cleaning up the lake.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Sears stated that Lakeshore had been sprayed and that the Public Works department would be cleaning up the brown spots as a result of the spraying.


There has been no response from St. Johns for the CUP renewal.

The SRF is still in Tallahassee, he stated that there will be a resolution at the end of May or in early June. Tallahassee requested a few changes to the resolution, it has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and as soon as Tallahassee approves it will be presented to Council.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Holtzclaw, at 308 Dupont Circle, spoke on behalf of the homeowners on Dupont Circle. The homeowners of these properties pay taxes for Lakefront property and they would appreciate anything the Town could do to allow them to enjoy the lake again.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:00 P.M.


Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Monday-Bolte
Administrator of Financial Services