

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 9, 2012**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of April 9, 2012 to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Councilor Ernest led the Invocation.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Boy Scout Troop No. 254 and Cub Scout Pack No. 254 presented the Annual Charter to the Town.

Mayor Sears presented the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Donation to Boy Scout Troop No. 254 and Cub Scout Pack No. 254.

CONSENT AGENDA – Only one motion needed to approve the Consent Agenda

Minutes of the March 12, 2012 Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the March 26, 2012 Town Council Work Session

Councilor Hall, seconded by **Councilor Ernest**, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Pavement Assessment and Micro-Surfacing

Traffic Engineer Watanabe gave detailed background on this item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, seconded by **Councilor Ernest**, moved for Traffic Engineer Watanabe to obtain a quote from Roadway Management for micro-surfacing on E. Cypress Ave., E. Laurel Ave., E. Magnolia Ave., E. Palmetto Ave., and to bring back the quotes for the above four (4) streets and authorize two (2) borings on N. Lakeshore Blvd. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2012-003, Amending the Town's Schedule of Fees as Set Forth in Chapter 30, Article II, Section 30-3 of the Code of Ordinances to Add and Include Fees for Collection Charges, Providing for Inclusion in the Code of Ordinances; Providing for Severability; Providing for an Effective Date.

Town Attorney Blom-Ramos read by title only, Resolution No. 2012-003.

Councilor Richardson, seconded by **Councilor Hall**, moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-003. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Three Year Contract Extension Request from Veolia ES Solid Waste Southeast, Inc.

Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item.

It was the consensus of the Town Council for Town Clerk Brasher to check other municipalities' rates that use Veolia and check with the auditor if this needs to go out to bid.

Cancel or Reschedule May 28th Work Session Due to Memorial Day Holiday.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to cancel the second meeting in May unless there is a need for a special session.

PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2012-001- Creating Article IV in Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances Entitled Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles; Authorizing and Providing Restrictions for the Use of Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles Within Town Limits; Providing for Enforcement; Providing for Severability, Codification and an Effective Date.

Town Attorney Blom-Ramos read by title only, Ordinance No. 2012-001.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Pat Miller asked if the Town has any idea how many residents might want to drive a golf cart in Town and if a valid driver's license is required? **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** read sections of the Ordinance that requires a driver's license.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, seconded by Councilor Richardson, moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2012-001 as amended. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2012-002, Consenting to the Continued Inclusion of the Town of the Lake County Municipal Service Taxing Unit for Provision of Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services for an Additional Five Years; Providing for an Effective Date

Town Attorney Blom-Ramos read by title only, Ordinance No. 2012-002.

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

Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2012-002. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel discussed the email that was submitted by a resident regarding the Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilor Ernest suggested removing the concrete top off the Magnolia Street valve and installing steel locked gates along with a sub pump.

Mayor Sears gave background on this item and said Town Engineer Shira is making a shop drawing which will be submitted to the water plant expansion contractor and a change order will be forthcoming.

Councilor Richardson discussed recycling and said he is waiting to hear from Veolia regarding two (2) recycle bins. He said he has been emailing Progress Energy to get the status of the lights on Lakeshore Blvd.

Councilor Hall-No comments

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Sears reported the following:

1. Larry Metz wants to hold a meeting in Town at Lake Hills Schools on April 17, 2012 regarding legislation and concerns in the State of Florida.
2. Gave an update on the outstanding issues for the Consumptive Use Permit.
3. Water plant expansion will start in April. A power line is in the way and the Town is working with Progress Energy to get the power line moved. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held towards the end of April or the first of May.
4. The Library RFP and expansion will be handled by the architect.
5. The Easter egg hunt was a success and thanked all of those who assisted with the event and hopes it will continue.

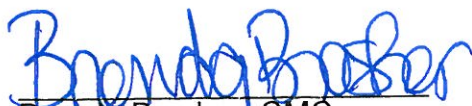
PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, CMC
Town Clerk