

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

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of July 9, 2012 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 Richardson, Councilor Hall (arrived 6:05) and Town Clerk Brasher.

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

Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Town Council Meeting, Minutes of June 25, 2012 Town Council Special Session and Minutes of June 25, 2012 Town Council Work Session.

Councilor Ernest, seconded by Councilor Richardson, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval for Potable Water System Interconnect Pressure Control Valve Relocation

Town Engineer Shira gave a detailed update on the pressure control valve relocation and the approximate cost of \$4,185 to relocate the valve.

Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to approve the portable water system interconnect pressure control valve relocation. Motion carried 5-0.

Update of Water Plant Construction

Town Engineer Shira gave a detailed update on the water plant expansion project and said the power pole has been moved to the wrong place and the well can't be finished. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel moved to have Town Attorney Blom-Ramos draft a letter to Duke Energy aka Progress Energy to move the pole. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Discussion of Status of Personnel Policy

Mayor Sears said he has a copy of the proposed personnel policy and is still reviewing it.

Discussion of Status of Revisions for Land Development Code

Mayor Sears said Town Planner Harowski and Town Clerk Brasher are working on LDC revisions.

Discussion of 2012 – 2013 Budget Dates

It was the consensus of the Town Council to hold Budget Work Sessions on August 6, 7 and 8 at 11:00 a.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Hall gave an update on the new golf cart laws that will be effective in 2013.

Councilor Richardson - None

Councilor Ernest – None

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel asked when the drainage grate would be repaired. Discussion ensued.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Sears - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clay Frankel, the developer for Whispering Hills asked if all developers could have input in the LDC changes and why his plans have not been reviewed. **Mayor Sears** responded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Brasher, CMC
Town Clerk