

## MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING HELD SETPTEMBER 23, 2019

Interim Mayor MacFarlane called Town Council Final Budget Public Hearing of September 23, 2019 to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation

Roll Call

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Interim Mayor MacFarlane** read the Resolution Title and following statements:  
Resolution No. 2019-011, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9180 FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY IN THE HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- The Taxing Authority is the Town of Howey in the Hills.
- The Rolled-Back Rate is 8.9180 mills.
- The percentage over the rolled-Back Rate is 0.00%.
- The Millage Rate to be levied is 8.9180 mills.

**Interim Mayor MacFarlane** opened for Public Comment and Questions for this issue only.

No Public Comment

**Interim Mayor MacFarlane** closed Public Comment.

No Council discussion.

**Mayor Nebel** seconded by, **Councilor Conroy** moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-011, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9180 FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY IN THE HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed 3-2 with a roll call vote. (Councilor Scott & McGill voting no.)

**Interim Mayor MacFarlane** read the Resolution title and the following Statements:  
Resolution No. 2019-012, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Interim Mayor MacFarlane** said the Final Budget for the Town of Howey in the Hills for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to be adopted by Fund Department is as follows:

- General Fund- In the amount of \$1,695,723
- Special Revenue-In the amount of \$118,000
- Enterprise Fund-In the amount of \$836,800
- Police Pension Fund-In the amount of \$185,500
- TOTAL ALL FUNDS - \$2,836,023

**Interim Mayor MacFarlane** opened for Public Comment and Questions for this issue only.

**,236 Messina Place** asked for an explanation of the Town Funds. **Town Clerk Burke** provided the explanation.

**Interim Mayor MacFarlane** closed Public Comment.

**Councilor McGill** said that he felt as though the Town could have lowered the Millage Rate more. That he brought ways to lower the Budget at the Special Session that was held on Friday. In the future he would like the Budget to better explain line items and the money within the line items. He then stated that he appreciated Mayor MacFarlane's comments to do better next year. The Police Department is the largest Budget and that there are a lot of ways to cut down the cost. **Mayor MacFarlane** said that the Budget is a living document and can be changed throughout the year.

**Councilor Conroy** said that \$38,000 went to body cameras and cell phones. That an additional \$65,000 went into Town Employee salaries. That the Police Department in its most recent survey got a 95% approval rating and that the Residents of Howey love the Police Department.

**Councilor Conroy seconded by, Mayor Nebel moved to approve Motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-012, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed 3-2 with a roll call vote. (Councilor Scott & McGill voting no.)**

The Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Mayor MacFarlane, Interim Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dairian Burke  
Town Clerk