

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET PUBLIC
HEARING SESSION HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Mayor MacFarlane called the Town Council Budget Public Hearing of September 9, 2020 to order at 5:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation

Roll Call

Present: Mayor MacFarlane, Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy, Councilor Nebel, Councilor Gallelli, and Councilor Klein.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor MacFarlane read the Resolution Title and the following statements:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-004, A RESOLUTOIN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 7.50 FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- The Taxing Authority is the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills.
- The Rolled-Back Rate is 8.4414 mills
- The percentage over the Rolled-Back Rate is 0.00%
- The Millage Rate to be levied is 7.50

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

Myron Lewellen, 508 Bellissimo Place thanked the Town Council for getting the millage rate reduced.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Public comment.

Pro-Tem Conroy acknowledged the conservative budget and the ability of the Mayor in conjunction with the Directors to cohesively work together to get the millage rate reduced.

Councilor Nebel seconded by, **Pro-Tem Conroy** moved to approve Motion to approve RESOLUTION No. 2020-004, A RESOLUTOIN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 7.50 FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mayor MacFarlane read the Resolution Title and the following statements:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-005, A RESOLUTUION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Tentative Budget for the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills for Fiscal Year 2021 to be adopted by Fund Department is as follows:

- General Fund in the amount of \$1,722,715
- Special revenue in the amount of \$106,000
- Enterprise fund in the amount of \$924,800
- Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$186,500
- Total all Funds \$2,940,015

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

Myron Lewellen, 508 Bellissimo Place asked if reserve funds were accounted for. **Mayor MacFarlane** confirmed that the Town does not budget for reserves but that she would work with the accounting department to get the requested information.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Public comment.

Pro-Tem Conroy asked if the reserved funds roll over at the end of the year and how much of the reserves are coming from the impact fees. He also mentioned that he was delighted to see the separation for usage of the discretionary sales tax.

Councilor Galleli questioned the usage of the discretionary funds for utilization in purchasing PPE. **Mayor McFarlane** was uncertain of the allocation and is currently working with Milestone Professional Services for clarification of appropriate fund usage. **Mayor MacFarlane** did mention that there is a line item for safety equipment under general funds if PPE was not able to be purchased utilizing discretionary funds. **Mayor MacFarlane** did confirm that the discretionary sales tax funds could be utilized for the purchase of AEDs, vests, and cameras. The discretionary sales tax funds are earmarked for usage in the procurement for safety items as well as police vehicles. **Mayor MacFarlane** mentioned that in the past these items came out of the Ad-Valorem funds because they were mixed but now these items are discretely identifiable and allocation of these items as well as paving and roadwork should come out of the discretionary sales tax fund.

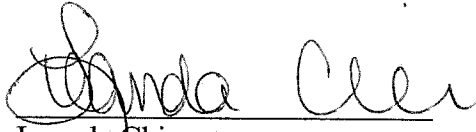
Mayor McFarlane noted that the Final Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2020 at 5:05 p.m.

Pro-Tem Conroy seconded by, **Councilor Nebel** moved to approve Motion to approve RESOLUTION No. 2020-005, A RESOLUTUION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mayor MacFarlane


Leanda Chinama
Town Clerk