



MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING SESSION
HELD SEPTEMBER 9 , 2021

Mayor MacFarlane called the Town Council Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:05 P.M.
Mayor MacFarlane led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Martha MacFarlane announced that one of the Town Councilors, Councilor Klein, had extenuating circumstances and would not be able to physically attend the meeting that night, but would attend virtually by Zoom. Mayor MacFarlane had spoken with Town Attorney, Heather Ramos, who had said that a motion could be made by the Council to allow Councilor Klein to participate and vote virtually by Zoom.

Motion made by Councilor Lehning to allow Councilor Klein to participate and vote remotely by Zoom; Councilor Gallelli seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Martha MacFarlane, Mayor
George Lehning, Councilor
Rick Klein, Councilor (Virtual)
Ed Conroy, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marie V. Gallelli, Councilor

Staff Present:

Sean O'Keefe, Town Administrator
John Brock, Town Clerk
Heather Ramos, Town Attorney (Virtual)
James Southall, Public Utility Supervisor (Virtual)
Tara Hall, Library Director
Rick Thomas, Police Chief

Confirmation of Meeting Notification and acknowledgement of Quorum was completed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor MacFarlane read the Resolution Title and the following statements:

RESOLUTION No. 2021-10, A RESOLUTION 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 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- The Taxing Authority is the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills.
- The Rolled-Back Rate is 7.0576 mills.
- The percentage over the Rolled-Back Rate is 6.27%, which is the percentage

increase in property taxes.

- The proposed Millage Rate to be levied is 7.50.

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

There was no public comment or questions.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Public Comment and Questions.

Mayor MacFarlane open for Councilor Comment and Questions for this issue only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy stated that Sean O’Keefe, Town Administrator had done a good job.

Councilor Gallelli stated that she agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Councilor Comment and Questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy to approve Resolution 2021-10, A RESOLUTION 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 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; Councilor Lehning seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Councilor Lehning	YES	Councilor Klein	YES
Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy	YES	Councilor Gallelli	YES
Mayor MacFarlane	YES		

Mayor Martha MacFarlane read the Resolution Title and following statements.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-11, A RESOLUTION 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 2022 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Tentative Budget for the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills for Fiscal Year 2022 to be adopted by Fund Department is as follows:

- General Fund in the amount of \$2,074,421
- Special revenue in the amount of \$183,000
- Infrastructure fund in the amount of \$219,707
- Enterprise fund in the amount of \$1,126,500
- Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$214,653
- Total all Funds \$3,818,281

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

There was no public comment or questions.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Public Comment and Questions.

Mayor MacFarlane open for Councilor Comment and Questions for this issue only.

There was no Councilor comments or questions.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Councilor Comment and Questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy to approve Resolution 2021-11, A RESOLUTION 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 2022 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; Councilor Gallelli seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Councilor Lehning	YES
Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy	YES
Mayor MacFarlane	YES

Councilor Klein	YES
Councilor Gallelli	YES

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Lehning seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. | **Attendees: 13**

ATTEST:

Mayor Martha MacFarlane

John Brock, Town Clerk