

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MARCH 13, 2017**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of March 13, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Corporal Miller led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, Councilor Conroy, Councilor Mabry and Councilor Scott.

Also Present: Public Services Supervisor Ernest, Corporal Miller and Town Clerk Brasher

PRESENTATION

Proclamation – Water Conservation Month

Mayor Sears read the Water Conservation Month Proclamation aloud for the record.

Susan Davis, Intergovernmental Coordinator with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) was present to receive the Water Conservation Proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the February 27, 2017 Town Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Conroy, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Inter-local Agreement with the Lake~Sumter MPO.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Mabry, moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lake-Sumer MPO. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration to Wave Water Impact Fees for new residence at 137 E. Palmetto Ave.

Mayor Sears gave background on this item and read the memo from Town Attorney Blom-Ramos stating the Water Impact Fee would be waived due to the wording included in the ordinance.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2017-002, PERTAINING TO THE HANDLING OF PAYMENTS MADE WITH INSUFFICIENT FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Resolution No. 2017-002.

Councilor Scott, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-002 pertaining to handling of payments made with insufficient funds. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2017-003, PERTAINING TO BIKE TRAILS; EXPRESSING THE TOWN'S SUPPORT, INTEREST, AND DESIRE FOR BIKE TRAILS TO BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED THROUGH THE TOWN; APPOINTING COUNCILOR ED CONROY TO WORK WITH ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES, LAKE COUNTY, LAKE COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS, THE LAKE-SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY STAKEHOLDERS AND AGENCIES REGARDING THE LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF BIKE TRAILS THROUGH THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sears read by title only Resolution No. 2017-003.

Councilor Conroy gave detailed background on this item and asked for this item to be mailed out to the surrounding municipalities. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a bike fix-it station. **Public Services Supervisor Ernest** said the bike fix-it station will be ordered shortly.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-003 pertaining to bike trails. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2017-004, PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT; AMENDING THE TOWN'S SCHEDULE OF FEES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, SECTION 30-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT AND ADD THE FEE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Resolution No. 2017-004.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed tree permit fee and the associated costs.

David Kilmartin, 128 E. Laurel Ave., voiced his concerns with the proposed cost.

Don Ellis, 135 W. Palmetto Ave. voiced his concerns with the proposed cost.

Public Services Supervisor Ernest said the proposed cost will help defray Staff time and will discourage trees from being taken down.

Marie Gallelli, 1004 N. Tangerine Ave. asked where the tree permit fee comes from. **Public Services Supervisor Ernest** gave details on the time involved for Staff to review the trees, trips to the home and administration fee.

Peter Tuite, 300 Croton Way, voiced his opinion the tree permit process and the proposed cost.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Sal Gallelli, 1004 N. Tangerine voiced his opinion the proposed fee Tree Permit Fee.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by **Councilor Mabry**, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-004 pertaining to a tree permit fee. Motion failed 4-1 with a roll call vote.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears gave background on the Town's Money Market account and discussed the possibility of moving some of the funds to another bank. A lengthy discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to bring this item back at a later date.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said he is very impressed with the new Lake County School Board Superintendent who he met at the Lake County League of Cities Luncheon.

Councilor Mabry – None

Councilor Conroy thanked everyone for the support of the bike trail.

Councilor Scott thanked Mayor Sears for meeting with him to discuss Town business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sal Gallelli, 1104 N. Tangerine Ave. suggested moving the no permit garage sale to the Week before the time changes and gave background.

David Kilmartin, 128 E. Laurel said the Town needs to prohibit fertilizers. **Ms. Davis** with SJRWMD said Seminole County adopted a fertilizer ordinance. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Peter Tutie, 300 E. Croton Way voiced his opinion on reuse water and fertilizers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk