

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 8, 2019

Mayor Nebel called the Town Council Meeting of April 8, 2019 to order at 6: 00 p.m.

Mayor Nebel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Services Director Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Councilor Scott, Councilor McGill, Councilor Conroy, Mayor Nebel and Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane.

Also Present: Town Clerk Burke, Lt. Roman, and Public Services Director Ernest.

Mayor Nebel thanked **Pro-Tem MacFarlane** for an excellent job handling the daytime meeting.

Mayor Nebel asked all council members to approve a change in the agenda so that the report for new street lighting for Lakeshore Drive could be moved to the first order of business.

Councilor Scott, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** moved to approve that the agenda be amended so that the report for the lighting on Lakeshore Drive is the first order of business. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Clay Ormsbee, 301 Lakeshore Drive reviewed the lighting samples that were e-mailed to all the Council, and stated they went with the Sanibel Lighting, there would be 17 poles, 14 to 16 foot, and LED. Poles will be replaced; lights will be free.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by **Councilor Scott** moved to approve the lighting package. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1.Finance-No Comment

2.Police Department-No Comment

3.Code Enforcement -No Comment

4.Town Attorney Ramos -Not Present

5. Council Members:

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane reviewing 3 or 4 challenging ordinances, one of them being Section 166 in the code, parking ordinance. Should have something by May to go in front of the Planning and Zoning Board. She then stated that the Florida Legislation is considering a bill that would allow Municipalities to advertise on their websites and not just newspaper. If this bill passes it would save the Town a lot of money. Also working on a Welcome to Howey Booklet. It is not published yet because of changes in water fees.

Councilor Conroy stated that the League of Cities Luncheon is this week, and the speaker is from St. Johns Water Management District.

Councilor Conroy started review of the employee policies with Chief Thomas, Library Director Hall, and Town Clerk Burke.

Councilor McGill had a few questions regarding Building Official Ron Fran Von Frankenstein's contract. He stated he had a great meeting with him recently. He also would like to see all Contracted Employees renew their contracts at the same time every year, preferably around budget time.

Councilor Scott stated Chris Sears suggested one of the Councilors speak with the business owners regarding their properties and concerns in reference to sewer, he volunteered. He has concerns regarding Code Enforcement. A lengthy discussion ensued. Councilor Scott would like to discuss and take another look at the GPS Tracking System for the Howey Police Department.

Mayor Nebel congratulated everyone involved in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Golf Cart Crossing – Town Clerk Burke received an e-mail from FDOT stating the traffic study had to be a 1200 ADOT. The Town is at 1500 on the East side and 750 on the West side, so they are sending the traffic study to Tallahassee to see if we can allow the Golf Cart crossing. If not, there are 4 other streets we can choose from, but this would cost another \$2,500.00 to do another study. The town should hear something within a few weeks.

Discussion: Police Department Body Camera Policy – Councilor McGill and Councilor Scott both stated the only concern they had is to make sure the cameras were on when they need to be, and off when they need to be.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Water Conservation Month – Mayor Nebel read out loud the Water Conservation Monthly Proclamation.

(Close Town Council Meeting for Bicycle and Pedestrian Sidewalk Planning and bring to order the regular Town Council Meeting)

The Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Presentation and Discussion of pedestrian and bicycle sidewalk planning

Town Planner Harowski gave a presentation regarding the pedestrian and bicycle sidewalk grant and planning. He explained that the development of sidewalk alternatives looked at shortcomings of the current network as identified through the inventory; key factors that were to be considered in developing and accessing alternatives, identifying appropriate alternatives; and dealing with development on infill lots where no sidewalk infrastructure exists.

. The Meeting adjourned at p.m. 7:38 pm

ATTEST:

Dairian Burke
Town Clerk

Martha MacFarlane, Mayor