

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD MARCH 23, 2020

Mayor MacFarlane called the Town Council Meeting of March 23, 2020 to order at 6:00p.m.

Mayor MacFarlane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor MacFarlane led the Invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The approval of the minutes and ratification and confirmation of all Town Council actions at the following Town Council Meeting(s) March 9, 2020.

Councilor Nebel seconded by, Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy moved to approve the minutes and ratification and confirmation of all Town Council actions at the following Town Council Meeting(s) March 9, 2020. Motion passed 3-2 with a roll call vote. (Councilor Scott & McGill voting no.)

Councilor Scott said that he felt the meeting wasn't being conducted properly, Councilor McGill agreed, and they left the Town Council Conference Call.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of RESOLUTION 2020-02. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS; ESTABLISHING A CANVASSING BOARD FOR 2020 ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor MacFarlane gave background on the Resolution.

Berniece Hower, 444 Bellissimo Place said it was a great idea.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy seconded by, Councilor Nebel moved to approve RESOLUTION 2020-02. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS; ESTABLISHING A CANVASSING BOARD FOR 2020 ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Proclamation-Water Conservation Month.

Mayor MacFarlane read the proclamation.

Proclamation- Woman's Lung Health Week (May 11-17, 2020).

Mayor MacFarlane read the proclamation.

Discussion: Impact Fees Ordinance 2004-355 and State Statute alignment.

Mayor MacFarlane said that she reviewed Florida State Statute 163.3180 that talks about impact fees. That the limitations of the impact fee use are in the Town's Ordinance not State Statutes. That the State Statute even allows you to use impact fees for repairs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy said that he wanted to bring it up because if the laws had changed, he wanted to be sure that our Town Ordinances were up to date. He suggested that Town Attorney Wilkes review and make the corrected changes.

Councilor Nebel said that people who need additional assistance need to make an appointment for ADA compliance. **Mayor MacFarlane** replied since its being brought back up she would like to say that the resident had two options for accommodations. We thought we had one figured out and then the resident respectfully declined that option. That the Town would continue to explore other options.

Update: Water Study RFB.

Mayor MacFarlane said that she submitted a draft to the Utility Department on 3/12/2020. That she wanted the RFB to be more evolved then just a comprehensive study.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy said that the water rate study that was completed years ago was very minimal.

Councilor Nebel said that we need to be up to date.

Mayor MacFarlane said that she would have an update at the next Town Council Meeting.

Reminder: Complete the 2020 Census.

Mayor MacFarlane asked everyone to fill out the 2020 Census.

Jamie Troyer, 224 Messina Place said that the information should be placed on the Website.

Peter Tuite, 300 E. Croton Way thanked Mayor MacFarlane and Public Services Director Ernest for being up late on Saturday regarding the water issue. He also gave an example of a machine his mother used who was hearing impaired that worked for her. Also, he asked if the boardwalk was considered a repair like a sidewalk?

Discussion: Community Communication.

Mayor MacFarlane said that multiple individuals have volunteered to bring items to anyone in the community that needs help gathering supplies.

Councilor Nebel thanked Mayor MacFarlane.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy said that there is a food bank at the Howey in the Hills Community Church. He also stated that he would be donating his after-tax council pay to the food bank.

Mayor MacFarlane said that she would put the information on the Town Website under COVID-19 Updates.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


Martha MacFarlane, Mayor