



Town Council Workshop (Major Development Status Update)

October 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Howey-in the-Hills Town Hall

101 N. Palm Ave.,

Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737

MINUTES

Town Manager, Sean O’Keefe, called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. O’Keefe led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Acknowledgement of Quorum

CURRENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor George Lehning

CURRENT MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT:

Councilor Reneé Lannamañ | Councilor David Miles | Mayor Pro Tem Marie V. Gallelli | Mayor Martha MacFarlane

FUTURE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Candidate Jon Arnold | Councilor Candidate Tim Everline | Councilor Candidate Graham Wells

STAFF PRESENT:

Sean O’Keefe, Town Manager | Tom Harowski, Outgoing Town Planner | Sean Parks, Incoming Town Planner | John Brock, Deputy Town Manager / Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion: Major Development Status Update

Councilor Lehning spoke to the incoming Town Councilors and said that the Town’s newly revised Land Development Code (LDC) should be considered the minimum requirement for PUDs. Councilor Lehning told the incoming Councilors that he would like to see them hold the line on the LDC being the minimum allowance for PUDs, and not give up items to developers trying to negotiate items on their PUDs.

Town Manager, Sean O’Keefe, asked outgoing Town Planner, Tom Harowski, to come forward and give his presentation on the status of major developments within the Town. A lengthy discussion/question and answer session ensued while Mr. Harowski was reviewing his report.

Incoming Town Councilor Wells asked that all incoming councilors be given maps of all the developments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any person wishing to address the Mayor and Town Council and who is not on the agenda is asked to speak their name and address. Three (3) minutes is allocated per speaker.

Fran Wagler, 409 W. Central Ave. – Mrs. Wagler asked questions about many of the developments. Mrs. Wagler disagreed with Mr. Harowski’s synopsis of trends in local development.

Bill Sullivan, 26336 SR19, Howey-in-the-Hills (unincorporated Lake County) – Mr. Sullivan announced that, even though he lives outside of the Town, he recently purchased a house on Lakeshore Blvd. Mr. Sullivan advised the incoming Town Councilors to ignore smaller lots. Mr. Sullivan also advised the incoming Town Councilors to be wary of the Central Lake CDD and the family (with 23 heirs) that runs it.

Tom Ballou, 1005 N. Tangerine Ave. – Mr. Ballou said that he would like to see a new sound system or microphone system in the Town Hall.

Tina St. Clair, 135 E. Central Ave. – Mrs. St. Clair had questions about roundabouts and how they are paid for. Mr. Harowski described how the Town’s fair share process should be set up.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O’Keefe thanked Mr. Harowski for his tenure with the Town as Town Planner.

There being no further business to discuss, the Town Manager, Sean O’Keefe, adjourned the meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. | **Attendees: 18**

Mayor

ATTEST:

John Brock, Town Clerk