



## Town Council Workshop

May 23, 2024 at 1:30 PM

Howey-in-the-Hills Town Hall

101 N. Palm Ave.,

Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737

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### MINUTES

Mayor MacFarlane called the Town Council Meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Mayor MacFarlane led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Councilor Reneé Lannamañ delivered an invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

Acknowledgement of Quorum

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Sean O'Keefe, Town Manager | Tara Hall, Library Director | Morgan Cates, Public Works Director | Steven Valente, Police Lieutenant (Zoom) | John Brock, Town Clerk

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion: **Mid-Year Budget Review**

Sean O'Keefe, Town Manager, led a lengthy discussion on the Town's proposed Mid-Year Budget Amendment. Mr. O'Keefe reviewed the executive summary for the Mid-Year Budget Amendment.

Councilor Miles noticed that, in the revenue budget, Water Tax (314300) revenues had been moved out of the General Fund and moved into the Water Utility Fund. Councilor Miles wanted this changed back so that Water Taxes were back in the General Fund. Councilor Miles objected to the Water Taxes having been moved to a different fund in the middle of the year.

Councilor Miles also questioned how low the Gas Utilities Taxes revenues were for the year. Councilor Miles wanted the Gas Utilities Tax revenue to be audited.

Mayor MacFarlane wanted the T-Mobile tower lease to be reviewed.

Mayor MacFarlane summarized that the Town Council wanted to see the Resolution with the Mid-Year Budget Amendment to come before the Town Council during the June 10, 2024, Town Council Meeting. Councilor Miles stated that, when this item came before the Town Council again, he wanted to see the actual FY23-24 numbers updated on the supplemental spreadsheets (this should be current through May 31, 2024).

Councilor Lehning had questions about the School Resource Officer (SRO) expenses and wanted to see what it was costing the Town to supply the 3 SROs for the schools within Town.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

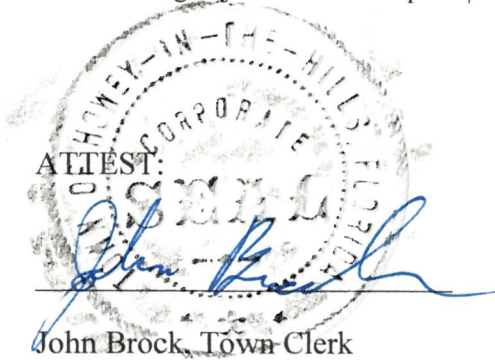
*Any person wishing to address the Mayor and Town Council and who is not on the agenda is asked to speak their name and address. Three (3) minutes is allocated per speaker.*

**Tim Everline, 1012 N. Lakeshore Blvd.** – Mr. Everline stated that citizens wanted responsible development, and he emphasized that citizens have never said that they wanted no development.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m. | **Attendees: 13**

  
ATTEST:  
John Brock, Town Clerk

  
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Mayor Martha MacFarlane