

TOWN OF HAVERHILL
Regular Town Council Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2011
Town Hall – 4585 Charlotte Street
OFFICIAL MINUTES

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the regular meeting of the Haverhill Town Council was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill. Those present were James E. Woods, Mayor; Jay G. Foy, Vice Mayor; Jerry Beavers, Council Member; Mark Uptegraph, Council Member; and Lawrence Gordon, Council Member. Also present were Town Attorney John Foster and Town Administrator, Janice C. Rutan.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Town Administrator recorded all members were present.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attorney Foster issued the Oath of Office to returning and recently elected Council Members Jay G. Foy, Mark C. Uptegraph and Lawrence Gordon.

REORGANIZATION OF TOWN COUNCIL

- a. Nominations for Mayor: The floor was opened up for nominations for the position of Mayor. Council Member Uptegraph nominated Jay G. Foy to serve as Mayor for the ensuing one year term. Mr. Foy accepted the nomination. With no other nominations forthcoming, the nomination for Jay G. Foy as Mayor was voted upon and passed unanimously (5-0).
- b. Nominations for Vice Mayor: Council Member Beavers nominated James E. Woods to serve as Vice Mayor for the ensuing one year term. Mr. Woods accepted the nomination. With no other nominations forthcoming, the nomination for James E. Woods for Vice Mayor was voted upon and passed unanimously (5-0).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no additions, deletions or substitutions, the agenda stood as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Minutes of the February 24, 2011 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Woods seconded by Council Member Uptegraph and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Henry Lynch, Pineway Drive. Former Council Member Lynch addressed newly elected Council Member Lawrence Gordon and congratulated him on his victory. Mr. Lynch offered a poignant and heartfelt speech on behalf of Mr. Gordon and commented that he wanted to personally pass the baton to Mr. Gordon as he filled the Seat once held by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Lynch welcomed Council Member Gordon to the family of Haverhill and wished him God speed.

Council Member Gordon thanked Mr. Lynch for his words and noted that it was his pleasure and honor to serve the Town of Haverhill.

COMMENTS FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arthur Bober was present representing the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office. He reported on a burglary at 530 Tall Pines Road. There were also two crimes of opportunity. A man was accosted at Belvedere and Haverhill Roads on March 8th at 1910 hours. Weapons were removed from a home resulting from a call for domestic violence. He explained that once weapons were removed from a home, they can only be returned via a judge's order. A bus that parks at the church at 1063 Haverhill Road had a spare tire stolen. The Belvedere Road Bridge, although located within the County, did have graffiti painted and the PBSO graffiti task force removed the damage that occurred on February 28, 2011 and March 8, 2011. Although the Town had reported two tailgates had been removed from pick up trucks in Town, there had not been a formal report made.

In response to an inquiry, it was determined that the man accosted on Belvedere and Haverhill Roads lived on Richmond Mews which was located within the Town.

In response to Council Member Gordon's inquiry, Joseph Roche said that the Town had an ordinance that prohibited vehicles from parking across sidewalks but since the sidewalks in Briarwood about the driveways, he cannot enforce that ruling as the vehicles were parked on the driveway, technically.

Deputy Bober did respond that the PBSO had taken over patrolling the parks.

A question and answer period ensued between those present at the meeting and Deputy Sergeant Bober.

Mayor Foy then introduced James Guyn who was representing Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.

SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

FIRST READINGS AND REGULAR AGENDA

None.

REPORTS

Town Attorney

Attorney Foster congratulated re-elected and newly elected Council Members. He referred to the Town of Haverhill as an "A-rated" customer and looked forward to a continuing relationship with the Town. He commented that he would continue to protect the Town's special characteristics despite its location in the midst of a booming city. He expressed his appreciation to Vice Mayor Woods who as Attorney Foster summarized, had poured his heart and soul into his service as Mayor of the Town. He looked forward to working with Mayor Foy.

Mayor

Mayor Foy referred to Haverhill as sanity amid the insanity. He echoed the words of Attorney Foster and thanked Vice Mayor Woods for his dedicated service to the Town. He commented that although he may not be able to fill the shoes of former Mayor Woods, he would strive to come close to Vice Mayor Wood's accomplishments.

Consultants

None.

Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported that she had received a request from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to pass a Proclamation designating March 25, 2011 National Missing Children's Day and from the Town of Palm Beach requesting support of their recently adopted Resolution 11-11.

The Town Administrator commented that she had enjoyed working with Vice Mayor Woods since her hiring in 2005 and expressed her appreciation to Mr. Woods. She added that she looked forward to working with Mayor Foy.

Committee/Delegate Report

Jerry Beavers reported that at the Palm Beach County League of Cities District II and III meeting, a lengthy discussion had taken place regarding the Inspector General and what role her position would play in the oversight of Palm Beach County's cities and towns.

Vice Mayor Woods reported that the Annual Picnic would be held on April 9, 2011 and that the next meeting of the Special Events Committee will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at noon.

Mayor Foy concurred with Council Member Beavers, adding that it was the general feeling at the League meeting that the Inspector General had gone too far in attempts to regulate the municipalities. The League urged municipalities to become involved in the Ordinances being proposed.

Mayor Foy reported that he had attended a meeting of the Economic Development Council. The purpose of the meeting was to look at ways to ease the regulatory climate Countywide. The Regulatory Task Force Committee was meeting on a regular basis to look at best management practices between the public and private sector. The Town Administrator commented that she had attended a meeting back in May on the same subject and that a subsequent meeting had been scheduled for May 25, 2011.

He next reported that the Belvedere Road drainage project was moving forward as was the Grove Street Drainage project that would benefit Briarwood Subdivision. Joe Roche reported that he had met with the County at the Grove Street project and there were easement issues that needed to be resolved. He was working with the County and would continue to follow up.

Mayor Foy requested a Belvedere Road Committee meeting be scheduled. Attorney Foster requested John Kim obtain the County's most recent traffic counts prior to the meeting.

A Code and Ordinance Committee meeting needed to be scheduled as well. Items to be discussed would be amendments to the Animal Code; a violation provision to the Business tax Receipt Code and a provision to prohibit parking on the swales.

In response to questions raised by Council Member Gordon, Mayor Foy gave a brief history on the Briarwood Drainage issues. He explained that at a recent meeting between the Town and Palm Beach County, South Florida Water Management presented a LIDAR map that clearly showed that Briarwood Roads were dug in and therefore were lower than all other roads within the Town. The installation of the valley gutters could relieve some of the nuisance flooding, however, because of the roads; not all flooding could be alleviated.

Mayor Foy requested a listing of all Committees and membership so that he could make appointments at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

(Included in packet)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor James Woods thanked all for their kind words. He commented that he had held the gavel since March of 2004 and expressed his appreciation to Staff for their support which in turn made his job easier. He added that passing the gavel to Jay Foy was well deserved and he was pleased to do so. He thanked Mayor Foy for accepting the nomination and wished him the best during his tenure as Mayor.

The Town Administrator clarified that Mr. Woods had served as Mayor consecutively from 2004, but had also served 2002-2003.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved: March 24, 2011



Janice C. Rutan, Town Administrator



Jay G. Foy, Mayor