

Jay G. Foy, Mayor  
Lawrence Gordon, Vice Mayor  
Mark C. Uptegraph, Council Member  
Remar M. Harvin, Council Member  
Daniel H. Sohn, Council Member  
John Fenn Foster, Town Attorney  
Janice C. Rutan, Town Administrator



**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**Thursday ~ June 13, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- VI. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**
  - a. Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2019 and May 23, 2019 regular meetings and the May 7, 2019 Workshop
- VII. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION**
  - a. National HIV Testing Day June 27, 2019
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
- IX. REGULAR AGENDA AND FIRST READINGS**
  - a. Nominate a member and alternate member to represent the Town of Haverhill at the re-established Issues Forum meetings to be held quarterly.
  - b. Approve Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between the Town of Haverhill and Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC.
  - c. Approve travel and registration for Vice mayor Gordon and Council Member Sohn to attend the Annual Florida League of Cities Conference to be held in Orlando August 15 – 17, 2019 and to appoint Vice Mayor Gordon voting delegate for the Town of Haverhill
- X. SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**
  - a. Set Preliminary Non Ad Valorem Assessment Rate at \$282.00 per household
- XI. REPORTS**

Town Attorney  
Mayor  
Town Administrator  
Committee/Delegate Report  
Treasurer's Report (included in packet)
- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS**
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Notice: If any person decides to appeal any decision of the Town Council at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for this purpose; he/she needs to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. The record must include

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the regular monthly meeting of the Haverhill Town Council was held at the Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Those present were Mayor Jay Foy; Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon, Council Member Mark C. Uptegraph, Council Member Remar Harvin and Council Member Daniel Sohn. Also present was John Foster, Town Attorney; Janice C. Rutan, Town Administrator and Joseph Roche, Director of Public Services.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Foy offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Town Administrator called the roll. All members were present.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Daijah Harvin, Club Circle.** Ms. Harvin addressed the Town Council expressing her concern over the on-street parking issues in Club Circle. Cars are parking on the street, at curves, causing dangerous situations when another vehicle is trying to pass, often facing an oncoming vehicle. She asked if the Town Council could enforce the no parking regulations the Homeowner's Association had implemented. Discussion followed and Council explained that because it was a private road, the Town could not regulate parking restrictions.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Town Administrator requested approval of the May 23, 2019 minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda. Attorney Foster requested the agenda be amended to add Council Affidavit as Item 9.a. and to move 9.c. to New Business. **A motion was then made by Council Member Harvin, seconded by Vice Mayor Gordon and unanimously passed (5-0) to amend the agenda as requested.**

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2019 and ~~May 23, 2019 regular meetings and the May 7, 2019 Workshop~~**

**A motion was made by Council Member Sohn, seconded by Council Member Uptegraph and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION**

**National HIV Testing Day June 27, 2019**

The Town Administrator offered Staff's Report.

Vice Mayor Gordon introduced Perriette Cazeau, the President and Founder of the Foundation and thanked her for her tireless efforts. In turn, she thanked Vice Mayor Gordon for being one of the first to support her cause in concert with the Mayor from Haiti. Ms. Cazeau has been looking after the residents of Haverhill by offering them transportation for testing and treatment.

**A motion was then made by Vice Mayor Gordon, seconded by Council Member Harvin and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the Proclamation as presented.**

Council Member Sohn expressed his appreciation to Ms. Cazeau.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

D/S Matthew Horton was present to offer the Palm Beach Sheriff's office crime statistics for the previous two-week period. He reported there had been 43 patrols, 1 missing person, 1 vehicle burglary and one vehicular homicide.

The officer stated that the extra patrols were working to keep crime down in the Town of Haverhill. Mayor Foy agreed.

In response to a question from Council Member Sohn, Deputy Horton responded the parties involved in the vehicular homicide were not named in the statistics report.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA AND FIRST READINGS**

##### **TOWN COUNCIL RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT**

Attorney Foster offered Staff's report. He noted the genesis of the affidavit was that there had been a comment made from someone outside the Town about the residency of one of the Council Members. It had been suggested that if all Council Members agreed to sign the Affidavit then the matter could be put to rest because should the question come up again, Staff could produce the Affidavit and the question would be answered.

Discussion followed and the Attorney explained how the Affidavit was specific to each Council Member. Corrections and clarifications were brought up. The affidavit would assure the public that the Council Members would not gain favor as they too agree to uphold the laws and Ordinances of the Town as it related to the property they reside on.

He then noted that there was a provision in the laws of the State of Florida that if a Council member fails to hold residence in the Town, the elected seat is vacated. It is automatic.

Discussion followed. Council Member Sohn questioned the provision in his affidavit that he notify the Town if he becomes aware of any wrongdoing. It was clarified he was not responsible for his landlord's actions, but he would be required to notify the Town of any known infraction. The other Council Members own their property and it would be their responsibility to bring their properties into compliance on their own. Once signed, he would agree to the Terms of the Affidavit. He questioned how he would know if there was something amiss. The Town Attorney reiterated any action would be based on to the best of his knowledge, without independent inquiry.

Mayor Foy clarified that although he brought his land in 1977, but did not receive his C.O. until 1981. He questioned why the Town Council was being asked to sign something that was already required and it seemed to be redundant. He questioned the necessity.

The Attorney agreed, adding that he cannot remember the issue of residence ever coming up, however, since someone from the outside has questioned the residency of one Council Member, staff felt it better to have all Council Members sign an Affidavit affirming their residence and not just that one person.

Mayor Foy next questioned why the Town would care if someone from the outside questioned the residency of a Town Council member.

Attorney Foster responded that by signing the Affidavit, the Town Council would be establishing public confidence. Questioning the residency becomes an issue. Residency is essential. This is saying that the Town Council would take any material allegation seriously. Now there is an

affidavit on file confirming residency. Staff felt that under the circumstances, of an allegation that contained such a material point, it took action.

Mayor Foy asked what the consequences would be if it took no action; and further questioned why it is a concern of Haverhill if a non-resident questioned residency. Attorney Foster responded that from a legal standpoint it is concerning; giving an example of a Council Member found not to be a resident, potentially any vote they had taken would be null and void; and any action taken could fail.

Mayor Foy commented that the way the matter is being handled reminded him of being found guilty before being proven innocent. He was not happy with the chain of progression. What if he refused to sign the affidavit? Attorney Foster informed him he could refuse to sign with no consequence. Again, he reminded all that the allegation goes to the very heart of qualification and as such, Staff felt it prudent to recommend that the Council take a step in affirmative action by laying their cards on the table in the form of a sworn statement.

Mayor Foy understood however, again felt it was redundant. He had no objection and clearly understands the goal and intent. He was not comparing the Affidavit to that of a Resolution (bubble gum) but feels it is a redundancy and not a separate requirement. He closed his comments and added whether he signs the affidavit or not was a separate issue.

Council Member Sohn commented the Mayor made great points and things he had questioned. In the essence of Sunshine, Council Member Sohn stated to all that the complaint was against him. He asked if it was an official complaint filed with the Town of Haverhill. Attorney Foster replied it was not and Council Member Sohn questioned why the Town was allowing rumors to grow legs. He questioned if the Town should be required to create a separate document every time a non-official complaint comes into the office. He has already signed document after document. He is hesitant to sign this document and agrees with the points of the Mayor. He again wanted to make it clear that signing an official document that could cause problems for the Council Members down the line was based on a non-official complaint.

Vice Mayor Gordon commented that Council Member Sohn was being disingenuous at which time the Mayor requested all to speak through the Chair.

Mayor Foy stated the fact of truths are clear when each of them take their oath of office. Again he noted that he does not believe the document is necessary, however, he is unopposed to signing it. He reiterated that there was not deadline to sign nor did the Council Members have to sign it.

Attorney Foster repeated there was no deadline, nor did it have to be signed, but he was concerned the allegation wasn't about a non substantive issue, it was about a very substantive issue and this is an unusual event for the Town of Haverhill. The fact of the matter was that he could not recall any Council Member renting and not owning their property. He commented that Council Member Sohn had brought to the Council a number of "firsts". The concern was if there was an allegation made on a substantive, material issue, then Staff wanted to get out in front of it to say, look we have an affidavit on file from every Council Member.

Noting the matter was a request, not requiring a vote, Mayor Foy, stated he would take his home with him to think about it.

Vice Mayor Gordon commented that he has been proud to be a resident of the Town since 1996. And he has no problem signing the affidavit as it is quite clear that either you live in the Town or you don't live in the town. If you live in the Town, you should have no problem signing the affidavit. If one is lying about living in the Town, then clearly one would not want to sign. He noted that the Council was dealing with a lot of difficult situations that the Council has not had to

deal with in the past. This would be one way of saying, yes, I live in the Town of Haverhill. He has no problem of signing it.

Council Member Uptegraph confirmed that at the time of Election, each Council Member signed an oath and that the oath taken clearly stated that the person met the qualifications to be an elected official. He did not remember signing a similar affidavit like the one before him, but had no problem in signing it.

Council Member Harvin commented that it was fundamental to live in the Town for which you have been elected to serve and represent.

Council Member Sohn commented that he absolutely agreed with all that was said and there were no issues per se, as he had clarified the issues that he had questions about. However, he wanted all to understand that the signing of the document is because of hearsay. Because he meets all of the requirements, he is not uncomfortable signing the document, he appreciates the staff time that went into it. He loves the Town and is here – he might have an affordable housing issue to deal with but that was an issue that he will need to deal with.

Council Member Gordon confirmed Council Member Sohn had a personal housing issue adding that the Town itself does not. Council Member Sohn responded by stating he believes that the town has a serious affordable housing issue and that there were five members on the Council. He had thought real hard on how he would approach being asked if he was a resident of the Town of Haverhill after being asked to provide document after document. He felt he has more than complied with the Town. He again reiterated he had no problem signing the document because he meets the requirements but again wanted all to understand that even though the Council says they are family, friends and colleagues, doing what they were doing was giving legs to rumors as it was not an official complaint. He hopes signing the document washes the rumor clean.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Michelle Damone, non-resident of Haverhill,** She noted she was not a resident but a friend of Council Members Sohn. She is a former elected official, having served four terms on one of the craziest districts. The Mayor is aware of that. She stated that she had never seen anything in her 22 years in serving in public office or being involved in public office as this. She thought it intrusive, a bit of harassment. She commented that Council Member Sohn meets the requirement. Adding he had to qualify through the Town Clerk and the SOE office. The Town had asked him again to have him prove residency through a lease and Driver's license. To have the Building Inspectors look at his bedroom was intrusive and disgusting and harassing. She added that this was not even a formal complaint. She asked if it was in writing, was it written to the Administrator, to the Attorney to the Mayor or the Council? She answered herself, "no". She again commented the Town was reacting to a phone call or verbal complaint. She then asked that what if as a renter, (since you have never addressed a Councilman as a renter) he was in between 2 locations and there was a 24 hour gap, by signing the Affidavit the Town could revoke him. She accused the Town of baiting and added that it wasn't appropriate that the Affidavits were received this evening without having any kind of advanced notice. Personally, she didn't think Council Member Sohn should sign it and he should have an Attorney review it. That was her personal opinion and she added that she had never seen anything like this and she lives in the craziest district ever. She had never seen anything this abrupt. She apologized stating she said what she did for the record.

The Town Administrator stated for the record that the Building Official was at the property to do an inspection on an open permit and he was not there for the reason stated by Ms. Damone.

Council Member Sohn commented that was not what she was referring to. She was referring to something else at which time the Mayor intervened adding that if it was a Code Enforcement issue the Town Council could not discuss it.

Council Member Sohn insisted on clarifying the issue stating it was not a Code Enforcement issue. His landlord invited people to see his room. He was not happy with his landlord but that was his understanding of what happened. That it came from the landlord.

The Town Administrator again clarified that the Building Official was there on official business to inspect a utility room.

Mayor Foy once again noted for the record that they Town Council is not to get involved with Code Enforcement as they would sit as a quasi-judicial board.

No further discussion.

**Nominate a member and alternate member to represent the Town of Haverhill at the re-established Issues Forum meetings to be held quarterly.**

The Town Administrator offered Staff's report. She explained that for the past 25 years, the Town had participated in a Palm Beach County Interlocal Agreement establishing the Intergovernmental Coordination Program. One of the two programs, the Issues Forum, had been inactive for 8 years and was being reestablished. Each participant would need to appoint participating members.

**A motion was then made by Council Member Sohn, seconded by Council Member Harvin and unanimously passed (5-0) to appoint the Town Administrator as the primary member to represent the Town on the Issues Forum and to appoint Council Member Uptegraph as the alternate member to the Issues Forum.**

**Approve Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between the Town of Haverhill and Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC.**

The Town Administrator offered Staff's report. She reported that in May of 2000, the Town of Haverhill entered into a ground lease contract with Sprint Spectrum for a five-year term at a monthly rent of \$1,500.00. The lease states that in the first year of each 5-year renewal term, the monthly rent shall be increased by 15% over the previous year's rent.

2001-2005	\$1,500.00
2005-2010	\$1,725.00
2010-2015	\$1,983.75
2015-2020	\$2,281.31
2020-2025	\$2,623.51

**A motion was then made by Council Member Uptegraph, seconded by Council Member Harvin and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Amendment No. 2 to the lease agreement between the Town of Haverhill and Sprint Spectrum commencing February 1, 2020, extending the term of the agreement for 5 years, with the tenant paying rent in advance in equal monthly installments of \$2,623.51.**

**SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Set Preliminary Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate at \$282.00 per household (Resolution R2019-02)**

The Town Administrator presented Staff's report. She explained that the contract extension entered into with Waste Pro had raised cost for solid waste and recycling services by 11.5% resulting in an increase from \$20.07 per unit, per month to \$22.38 per unit, per month.

Per household cost:	\$268.56	(22.38 x 12)
Discount average	10.74	

Administrative costs	2.80	
<b>TOTAL PER UNIT</b>	<b>\$282.00</b>	<b>(\$20.00 per unit per year increase)</b>

This was a Preliminary assessment that needs to be filed with Solid Waste Authority no later than July 1, 2019 for **TRIM** purposes. This would be the amount that would appear on the Notice to Taxpayers sent out the first week in August. Once the preliminary rate was adopted, Council could not increase but could only decrease at final hearing

**A motion was then made by Council Uptegraph, seconded by Vice Mayor Gordon and unanimously passed (5-0) to set the preliminary non ad valorem assessment rate at 282.00 per unit <5 units. (Resolution 2019-02**

## **REPORTS**

### **Town Attorney**

Attorney Foster reminded all that there would be a Code and Ordinance Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday. The Charter would be reviewed addressing the residency requirements for a qualified elector. Also they will be looking at Accessory Dwelling Units and fencing in front yard.

Attorney Foster also wanted to clarify by Ordinance that a Certificate of Occupancy would be required prior to moving into the dwelling.

The second issue he would like to address was the issue that the Town just dealt with. There had been allegations made, and he doesn't want to get into the allegations as not to give them credence, but they had been made to a Council Member and the Council member properly passed them on to the Town Administrator and Town Attorney. These were allegations that cut to the heart of what the law refers to as misfeasance and malfeasance. Right now they were just allegations, as there is no proof and no substantiating evidence.

He explained that as part of an initial investigation, Staff did meet with Council Member Sohn after the last workshop and went through each of the items and went through some of the documentation that Council Member Sohn had. Even subsequent to that there had been some issues that arose at the property where Council Member Sohn is living that Staff will need to take a look at a little bit more carefully. Attorney Foster stated the question he had for the Council was that Staff does not want to undertake any investigation not authorized by Council. Even more importantly, Council Member Sohn was now represented by an Attorney, so Attorney Foster cannot communicate with Council Member Sohn regarding these issues under the Rules of Professional Responsibility without his attorney present, and he cannot communicate with Council Member Sohn's attorney or investigate the issue without Consent from the Town Council. Basically the Town Administrator and he were looking for some type of direction on how to proceed. Did the Council want Staff to continue the investigation and continue speaking with Council Member Sohn and his attorney, even talking with the people at the Commission on Ethics or just to stand down? Staff was seeking direction from the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Gordon felt the Town Council should put these issues to the Ethics with a cc to the State Attorney's office and let them do their investigation and see where it takes us. **A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gordon to submit an official written complaint to the Ethics and copy the State Attorney.**

Vice Mayor Gordon commented that this was a serious matter.

**The motion was seconded by Council Member Uptegraph because of hearing that Council Member Sohn had legal representation.**

Council Member Sohn denied having legal representation several times. He admitted forwarding the email to an attorney that was a friend, but again denied it was legal representation.

Mayor Foy expressed his confusion at not knowing all of what was being discussed.

Council Member Sohn wanted to comment what was discussed. The Attorney did not want to discuss.

Vice Mayor Foy needed clarification on what was being asked. Attorney Foster explained that Town staff did not have the authority on its own to investigate and put together a report concerning a Town Council Member. A report that may entail meeting with Council Member Sohn and if he has an Attorney, his Attorney. But also would include Staff talking to the Commission on Ethics and/or the State Attorney's office as part of the investigation.

Mayor Foy asked that the requirements of the initiation of the complaint be explained. Would the person making the complaint be the proper person, or because the complaint was made to a Council Member would the Town make the complaint. He noted that complaints could be anonymous until such time that it's over. He was just trying to understand the process.

Attorney Foster responded that the Town would not be complainant. A person has made a complaint to a Council member. The Council Member had properly advised Town Staff. These allegations were such that they could potentially, and being very careful, he didn't want to discuss as the Town is not at the point to have a hearing, but the allegation were such in nature that they give rise potentially to what the law defines as misfeasance and/or malfeasance. That was Attorney Foster's concern. Again it was the materiality of these allegations and he did not want to share in the discussions Staff had with Council Member Sohn during which he did address the allegations Staff raised with him, however there were new things that had come up since then that the Town Staff discovered on their own.

For Staff to continue they need direction from the Council because it may entail meeting with attorney, meeting with witnesses, interviewing and Staff was just not going to undertake that without direction from the Council.

Mayor Foy then asked if Staff was asking for themselves or themselves and the Commission on Ethics. What were the town's options?

Attorney Foster explained that the options, and quite frankly the motion on the floor was to authorize Town Staff to continue with its investigation which would include interviewing any witnesses and talking to people and it could include sending a report to the Commission on Ethics and/or the State Attorney's office that there were facts that gave rise to a concern they should look at.

Mayor Foy asked about the type expenditure to be expected. The Attorney responded he was on retainer and the Town Administrator was on salary.

Council Member Sohn stated he understood the process and appreciated the Vice Mayor being the ethical man that he was and added that no official complaint had been filed with the Town and these were just rumors.

Mayor Foy warned Council Member Sohn that to continue offering more information may not be in his best interest.

Council Member Sohn explained that he had cut someone out of his life and that person had been saying things about him and other Council Members that was becoming too toxic for his life. He



knows things about them too. Since he had cut them out of his life they had been very vindictive and they have embellished and that was where this is coming from. Whether they go to another Council Member were going to another person. He asked the Council to understand this was pure politics. He added it was not even a resident. He knows he is a target, he knows he is different than anyone on the Council. He rents, he's younger, he wants to have a political future and he knows where it is all going. He stated again that it was pure politics. He went through things with Staff in response to the allegations. Attorney Foster reminded him the Mayor did not want to go into details. Council Member Sohn stated that it was not fair to him when it was not an official complaint. He didn't mind it was a non-resident, but it was not an official complaint.

Mayor Foy asked for further comment.

Councilmember Sohn stated for the record that he enjoys serving and does not want to do anything to jeopardize that.

Mayor Foy asked the motion be clarified.

Attorney Foster stated the motion was to authorize Town Staff to continue the investigation of these allegations including discussing the matter with the Commission on Ethics and the State Attorney's office.

The other option would be to stop right now but Staff was at a point that they could not continue to investigate.

Mayor Foy does not like that he had to either vote for or against it. He commented that if you vote for it, it appears as though you are agreeing to a potential charge you know nothing about but if you vote against it appears you are allowing that to be determined.

Vice Mayor Gordon commented that voting for the motion would allow the information to be ferreted out.

The Mayor knows of only one potential problem and not the others. Council Member Sohn stated he wanted the opportunity to discuss them.

It was agreed he could discuss after the investigation was over.

**Mayor Foy called the question and the vote carried 4 to 1 with Council Member Sohn voting against the motion.**

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Foy reported on the new NPDES requirements that address the density issue.

#### **Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Rutan reported that the copper coil for the A/C Unit had once again failed and the cost to fix it would close to \$5,000. She obtained additional quotes which were even more expensive. Discussion followed as to the possible replacement of the units and if the size of the units could be reduced. It was agreed the Town Administrator would reach back out to Summit Air and discuss further options.

The Town Administrator reported that the audit had been completed and that because the Town had not formally amended the budget for FY 2018 to reflect the loan proceeds and expenditures for the Park and Cyprus Lane drainage project, there would be a finding on the annual audit. Grau and Associates would be presenting the Annual Financial Reports at the June 27, 2019 meeting.

### **Committee/Delegate Report**

It was reported that Richard Reade, the Village of Palm Springs Village Manager had talked about the number of pedestrian accidents along Lake Worth Road and how he had reached out to Commissioner Weiss for assistance with public awareness for both pedestrians and drivers in the area.

There was also discussion that the County Commission seemed to not be connected with the voters and the problem increased the higher you got into State level government.

Airbnb is working with property owners to better regulate. The owner does need to meet their tax obligations due to the income. It was confirmed that homesteaded properties could operate as an Airbnb as long as the owner resides at the property.

Council Member Sohn noted that his appointment to the Florida League of Cities Land Use Committee was a two-year commitment and he would be expected to attend the July and August meeting of the Committee. The August meeting would be taking place during the annual conference.

He added that he would be presenting the Council with a Proclamation for consideration at their next meeting declaring the month of June LGBTQ Pride Month.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Included in packet.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve travel and registration for Voce Mayor Gordon and Council Member Sohn to attend the Vice Mayor Gordon voting delegate for the Town of Haverhill Annual Florida League of Cities Conference to be held in Orlando August 15-17, 2019 and to appoint**

The Town Administrator offered Staff's report which included a spread sheet showing the total expenditures spent to date for travel by each of the Council Members. Each Council Member was allotted \$1,974 per year to attend conferences, seminars, etc.

Spending to date was as follows:

Mayor Foy:	\$215.49
Vice Mayor Gordon:	2497.98
Council Member Uptegraph	\$75.00
Council Member Harvin	75.92
Council Member Sohn	3411.22

The balance in the travel account was \$3,594.00.

Included in the spreadsheet was the cost for both Vice Mayor Gordon and Council member Sohn to attend.

Council Member Sohn noted that his attendance at the Policy Committee meeting in July would not include hotel but would only include travel and the August meeting was part of the Annual conference.

Discussion followed and Attorney Foster referred to the Charter that was very clear the Mayor represents the Town and in his stead the Vice Mayor and the reminder of the Council Members only if either could not attend.

Council Member Sohn confirmed the expenditures included in the report were for the current fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Gordon commented that Council Member Sohn's attendance at the Policy Committee meeting was a choice of his to attend and was not mandatory, but having the Town represented at the Annual Florida League of Cities Conference was mandatory and as such the Town should not pay for Council Member Sohn to be on the Legislative Committee.

Council member Sohn noted that the Town Council would still need to authorize his attendance at the Policy Committee meeting even if they don't pay for it because he would be representing the Town.

It was suggested that in the future the budget be set at each Council Member's needs.

**By general consensus Council authorized Vice Mayor Gordon and Council Member Sohn attendance at the Florida League of Cities annual conference August 15-17, 2019.**

**A motion was then made by Council Member Sohn, seconded by Council member Harvin and unanimously passed (5-0) to authorize appoint Vice Mayor Gordon Voting Delegate representing the Town of Haverhill at the Florida League of Cities annual conference, August 15-17, 2019.**

**Mayor Foy asked for a motion authorizing Council Member Sohn to represent the Town of Haverhill while serving on the Legislative Policy Committee. Hearing none, he passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Gordon and moved to authorize Council member Sohn to represent the Town of Haverhill while serving on the Florida League of Cities Legislative Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sohn.**

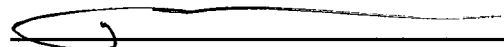
Council Member Sohn commented that he represented the Town well last year while serving on the Committee, he enjoyed serving in the Committee and there were a number of small cities that serve on the Committee. It was a 2 year commitment for him and he would like to fulfill the commitment.

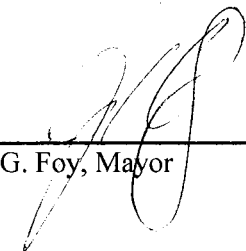
**The motion passed 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Approved: June 13, 2109

  
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Janice C. Rutan, Town Administrator

  
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Jay G. Foy, Mayor

