

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

April 14, 2022

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz	Andrew Berns, Town Administrator
Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski	Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk
Council Member Jim Allbritton	Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator
Council Member Bob Hartmann	Richard DeWitt, Assistant Town Attorney
Council Member David S. Kuczenski	

Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Breitkreuz at 7:00 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Senator Lauren Book – Legislative Update

Senator Book provided an update on the legislative session with regards to the state budget and redistricting.

4. Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month – April

The Town presented a proclamation to the Sikh community and the Sikh Youth Association presented a check to the Town Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00.

THE REGULAR MEETING WAS SUSPENDED AT 7:23PM IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE LPA MEETING AND RECONVENED AT 7:27PM

5. District Boundary Review – Presentation of Options – Scott Burton-Rodriguez, Empire Consultants

Scott Burton-Rodriguez and Taylor Burton-Garcia presented the new redistricting options to the Town Council as directed by the Town Council at the March 28, 2022 Town Council Meeting.

The following motion was made by Council Member Allbritton, seconded by Council Member Hartmann and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO CHOOSE OPTION 4A FOR THE 2022 BOUNDARY REDISTRICTING.

6. Public Comment

The following member of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth.

7. Board Reports

George Morris, Chair of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board (DIAB) and Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Board member spoke about current projects and advised the DIAB discussed a "Survey and Design" method of assessing new projects going forward. He advised the

Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is looking for volunteers to join the board and "Bingo at the Barn" will be held on June 11, 2022. Lastly, he spoke about the tree in the Council Chambers that is a fundraiser for the SWR Parks Foundation. Leaves, acorns, branches can be purchased and placed on the wall and the proceeds goes to the Foundation.

8. Council Member Comments

Vice Mayor Jablonski wished everybody a Happy Passover and Happy Easter. He spoke about the May 14th "Hazmat at the Barn", the DMV Flow-Mobile on April 27th and the Broward County Property Appraisers office on April 21st. Next he spoke about the "Unity in Diversity" 5K that happened on April 9th and the Rolling Oaks Easter Egg Hunt and what successes they were. He presented two ideas to the Town Council; one being bringing back the Town-Wide Garage Sale and the other is a permanent structure at the Southwest Meadows Preserve and putting a chain link fence from the corner of 163 Avenue and Griffin Road and plant a Calusa hedge as a privacy buffer.

Council Member Hartmann spoke about the Town appearing to open back up since the beginning of the pandemic and attending the Barn Dance after a two-year hiatus. He stated the Farmer's Market is taking off and everything from traffic to vendors is going smoothly and he commended the Town Council and Town Administration for making it happen. He thanked Vice Mayor Jablonski aka the Easter Bunny for showing up at the Rolling Oaks Egg Hunt and spoke about the turnout and what a great time everyone had. He then reminded the public the Farmer's Market goes on hiatus at the end of April and restarts on September 24th. Council Member Hartmann spoke about the "Unity in Diversity" 5K and the great turnout it garnered. Lastly, he spoke about the Sunshine Ranches "Party in the Park" and how much fun it was reconnecting with the residents.

Council Member Allbritton commended the Rolling Oaks Civic Association on the wonderful job putting on the Easter Egg Hunt. He thanked the Sikh Youth Association for the "Unity in Diversity" 5k and how wonderfully organized it was. He spoke with the residents in his district and they agreed a fence and hedges would be welcome additions to the Farmer's Market as mentioned by Vice Mayor Jablonski. The Green Meadows drainage project is nearing completion and the residents were concerned about their sidewalks and driveways, however Council Member Allbritton spoke with Town Public Works Director Rod Ley and the contractor will make any repairs necessary once the project is fully complete. He stated in a month or two, the Green Meadows Civic Association should have enough members to elect officers and submit the paperwork to get the association up and running. Lastly, the Public Safety and Traffic Committee is working to put ideas together to make things different in the future and he thanked Town Administrator Berns for all his hard work at the committee meetings.

Council Member Kuczenski updated the public on the Founders Park Wall that was being painted. He is interested in possibly expanding the project further down than just the first six panels. He is working with Weston Mayor Peggy Brown on the equestrian access across the Bonaventure Bridge as well as working with Akai Estates to make sure there is safe passage to riders. Lastly, he rode around Sunshine Ranches to look over the recently resurfaced roads and he noticed places that need to be repaired, but for the most part looks very well done. He did notice where FPL and

Mas-Tec are installing underground cables there are gouges on Holatee Trail, which is a newly resurfaced road, but he did contact the Town Administration and it is being taken care of.

Mayor Breitkreuz spoke about how exciting it is to see the residents out and about at the various events around Town. He echoed Council Member Kuczenski's concerns about the roads being damaged during work, but he is confident once the damage is reported they will be repaired. He did give a shout out to FPL for updating the power lines and placing them underground, as this will allow the Town to get their power back quicker. He addressed comments made during public comment and thanked the resident. Lastly, he spoke about the school traffic out west backed up to SW 199th Avenue on Griffin Road is the worst he has ever seen and asked Town Administrator Berns about conducting a traffic study to possibly investigate widening the road.

9. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney had no comments.

10. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns addressed the traffic issue raised by Mayor Breitkreuz and advised the Town had requested an updated traffic count for the area of concern and he will advise Council when the information comes back. He advised Broward County Commissioner Steve Geller will attend the April 28th Town Council meeting and the Council can address the situation, however, since the redistricting, Commissioner Geller now represents the east part of the Town and Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich represents the west part of the Town and she has been invited and will attend May 26th Council meeting. Town Administrator Berns spoke about a forestry grant that was applied for Calusa Corners in October, 2021 and the Town was notified they were awarded \$13,000.00 with no match. Staff has been advised to proceed with the project.

Ordinance – 1st Reading

11. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ("ULDC"), ARTICLE 10, ENTITLED, "DEFINITION OF TERMS" TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM, "NET ACRE" TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS; AMENDING ARTICLE 45 ENTITLED, "AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DISTRICTS," SECTION 045-070 "MINIMUM PLOT SIZE AND DIMENSIONS" TO PROVIDE FOR LOTS MADE NONCONFORMING BY THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **{Item Tabled from March 24, 2022}**

The following motion was made by Council Member Hartmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Jablonski and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

12. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 105-030 OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS;

PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Kuczenski, seconded by Council Member Hartmann and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING WITH THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS: ALLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SPEAK WITH TOWN PLANNER, COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY ALSO SEEK ANSWERS TO LEGAL QUESTIONS, AND TOWN ATTORNEY RESPONSES WOULD BE PUT IN WRITING AND SHARED WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Resolutions

13. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE SELECTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF EMIL C. LOPEZ AS THE TOWN FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EMIL C. LOPEZ, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE SCOPE, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE TOWN FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Hartmann and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5 TO STATE, "PROVIDING THE TOWN WITH AT LEAST NINETY (90) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE IN THE EVENT FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR VOLUNTARILY RESIGNS FROM HIS POSITION."

14. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$64,455.00) WITH KIMLEY HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SURFACE AND DRAINAGE ONGOING REHABILITATION (TSDOR) ROADWAY ASSESSMENT STUDY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE PURCHASE ORDER; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TOWN BUDGET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Kuczenski and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

15. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY

DRAINAGE AND WATER QUALITY PROJECT TO CONGRESSWOMAN WASSERMAN SCHULTZ TO BE CONSIDERED TO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO HELP EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Allbritton, seconded by Vice Mayor Jablonski, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

16. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE SW 185TH WAY / SW 186TH AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT TO BROWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX PROGRAM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO HELP EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

17. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DYKES ROAD ROADWAY CAPACITY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO BROWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX PROGRAM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO HELP EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

18. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE GREEN MEADOWS TRAFFIC CALMING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT TO BROWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX PROGRAM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO HELP EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

19. Approval of Minutes
a. March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

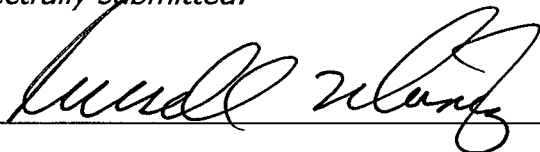
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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

20. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 12th day of May 2022



Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE AFFECTED PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR ADMISSION OF OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE OR IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE, NOR DOES IT AUTHORIZE CHALLENGES OR APPEALS NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.