

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Southwest Ranches, Florida**

Thursday 7:00 PM

August 25, 2022

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz  
Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski  
Council Member Jim Allbritton  
Council Member Bob Hartmann  
Council Member David Kuczenski

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator  
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator  
Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator  
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Breitzkreuz at 7:05 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Breitzkreuz requested a moment of silence for the Hollingsworth family on the recent passing of their son.

**3. Proclamation - Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

Mayor Breitzkreuz read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Barbara Markley of the League of Women Voters of Broward County organization who was on hand to receive the proclamation.

**4. Public Comment**

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Carlos Hernandez and Gloria Murphy.

**5. Board Reports**

Debbie Green, representing the Schools and Education Advisory Board, spoke about a book drive that the Board is working on to benefit underserved schools.

Mary Gay Chaples, representing the Southwest Ranches Historical Society, indicated that Josh Dykes was nominated as a 2022 Broward County Pioneer Day nominee and was looking forward to bringing forth a presentation at a future Town Council meeting.

**6. Council Member Comments**

Vice Mayor Jablonski advised of upcoming events such as the deadline for the Rural Public Arts Photo Contest for next year's calendar, the DMV Flow Mobile event to be held on August 31st, the Broward County Property Appraiser outreach event to be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as the two budget hearing dates on September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also reminded everyone that the new solid waste vendor Waste Management would begin collecting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. He also advised that the Household Hazardous Waste event would be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Oaks Park. Lastly, he reminded everyone that Town hall would be closed on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Hartmann advised that he was working on developing a new policy that would help establish procedures governing Transportation Surface Drainage and Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) projects. He also advised that the Town was working on a vicious dog ordinance that was based on a similar ordinance that the Town of Davie enacted. He requested that Town Attorney Poliakoff provide an update. Town Attorney Poliakoff advised that the Davie ordinance was a bit overbroad and the version that would be drafted by the Town would give the Town more discretion regarding confiscating the dog. Lastly, Council Member Hartmann advised that the Town was working with a traffic engineer to study speed reduction and traffic alternatives along SW 185/SW 186 Avenue.

Council Member Kuczenski advised that he concurred with Council Member Hartmann concerning the need for workshops for TSDOR projects. He also commented on the vicious dog ordinance and advised that it was important that victims report incidents so that a permanent record could be established so that if a future incident occurred with the dog, the owner would be held liable. He also spoke about his efforts to have the Town create an amendment to the election sign code. He wished to amend the code so that the signatures of property owners of occupied homes were not required to be filed. However, he did wish to have on file permission from owners of vacant properties to include vacant lots and vacant homes. He also wished to waive the requirement that election signs may not be erected prior to 60 days before the election.

Vice Mayor Jablonski agreed with waiving the requirement to have the owner's permission on file but still require it for vacant properties. However, he felt that waiving the 60-day requirement could be problematic, instead he felt that they should be allowed after the August primary. Mayor Breitkreuz, Council Member Allbritton, and Council Member Hartmann all agreed with Vice Mayor Jablonski.

The following motion was made by Council Member Kuczenski, 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 INSTRUCT STAFF TO NOT RIGOROUSLY PROACTIVELY ENFORCE THE ELECTION SIGN CODE AS IT RELATES TO PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURES FOR OCCUPIED PROPERTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION PERIOD.**

Council Member Allbritton addressed a comment made by a resident concerning the issues with a vendor on a drainage project in Green Meadows and assured the resident that the contractor would not be used on future projects. He also addressed concerning speeders and spoke about the efforts of the Public Safety and Traffic Committee and advised that the Town now has three laser speed guns to assist with enforcement. He further advised that a special detail of Davie Police would be performing speed enforcement in various locations around Town during a one year trial period. Lastly he advised that the Green Meadows HOA would be having a "Neighborhood Talk" on August 29<sup>th</sup> via Zoom and requested that Davie Police be in attendance.

Mayor Breitkreuz advised that his "Q&A with the Mayor" series of Zoom Meetings would resume beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the Farmers Market would resume on the weekend

of September 24<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he advised that the new solid waste contract with Waste management would begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. He advised that several communication pieces would be forthcoming to educate the residents about the impending changes. He addressed some of the changes including the collection method which requires a new rolled 96 gallon cart, as well as the fact that all trash would need to be put into the cart.

## **7. Legal Comments**

Town Attorney Poliakoff offered his condolences to the Hollingsworth family.

## **8. Administration Comments**

Town Administrator Berns advised that a budget amendment would be forthcoming that would include funding needed for two signs for entranceway signs at Southwest Meadows Preserve property where the Farmer's Market is held. The signs are currently included in the budget books as "Unfunded" but it was imperative to get the signs made for the upcoming season. The cost was anticipated to be approximately \$2,000. He also advised that the second tranche of ARPA funding was received by the Town which reflects a total of nearly \$4 million received by the Town in ARPA funding. He thanked the Town Council on the direction they provided for the budget. He was pleased with the budget preparation position the Town was in and looked forward to presenting a budget proposal to the Town Council at the first public hearing on the budget. He further advised that he and Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz would be meeting with Davie Administration the following day on the Public Safety contract. Lastly, he advised that on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm there would be a meeting to garner resident input on the Stormwater Master Plan.

## **Ordinance – 1st Reading**

**9.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ("ULDC") SECTION 010-030, "TERMS DEFINED," SECTION 035-080, "INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY IN RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS," SECTION 045-030, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," SECTION 045-050 "PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES," AND SECTION 060-030, "PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES" TO DEFINE, AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE LIMITED AGRICULTURE-RELATED ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE IN THE RURAL, AGRICULTURAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **{Staff Requesting a tabling to September 12, 2022}**.

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 Breitreuz voting yes.

**MOTION: TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE (NO DATE SPECIFIED).**

## **Resolutions**

**10.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) TO RECEIVE FOUR HUNDRED NINE

THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$409,422.00) TO COMPLETE SW 54TH PLACE DRAINAGE EXTENSION TO IVANHOE CANAL IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

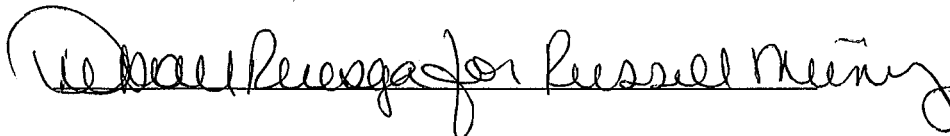
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**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.*

*Steve Breitzkreuz, Mayor*

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