

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

June 23, 2022

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Emil C. Lopez , Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Jim Allbritton

Richard Dewitt, Assistant Town Attorney

Council Member David S. Kuczenski

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 Breitkreuz at 7:00 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Kuczenski and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER HARTMANN'S ABSENCE.

3. Barbara Sharief, Candidate for Florida Senate District 35

Barbara Sharief was unable to attend.

4. Angel Gomez, Coordinator of Governmental Affairs, BCPS – Secure the Next Generation Referendum

Angel Gomez provided information regarding the "Secure the Next Generation Referendum".

5. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Debbie Green.

6. Board Reports

There were no Board Reports.

7. Council Member Comments

Vice Mayor Jablonski advised of upcoming events such as the Rural Public Arts Advisory Board 10th Photo Contest and the Town Flag Project as well as "HazMat at the Barn" on July 9th, Town Hall closure for the July 4th holiday, the SWR Scholarship Award Night on July 14th, Broward County Property Appraiser will be at Town Hall on July 21st and the Florida DMV Mini-Flow Event on July 27th. He also mentioned the "Bingo at the Barn" event two weeks prior met with great success. He mentioned the new Town Kiosk had been delivered and will be up and running soon. He spoke about the noise ordinance becoming a proactive Code issue and asked the Town Council to consider speaking about the issue in July.

Council Member Allbritton spoke about the Public Safety and Traffic Committee's recommendations made at the June 9th Town Council meeting and announced funding has been identified. Some of the projects will begin June 27th. He spoke about the canal clean-up project between 164th and 166th Avenue and he worked on getting residents in the area to sign forms allowing the South Broward Drainage District employees to come on their property to clean-up behind the houses. Lastly, he spoke about the Civic Association he had been working on and sent out 50 invitations to the upcoming meeting which would be on the last Monday of the month. He stated the attendance has been growing. He was hoping to be able to pick a president, vice president and secretary soon and join the ranks of Country Estates, Rolling Oaks and Sunshine Ranches Associations.

Council Member Kuczenski spoke about keeping in touch with Weston Mayor Peggy Brown regarding the Bonaventure Boulevard bridge and having dedicated equestrian passage across. He spoke about resident troubles with Waste Pro and how non-responsive they are but assured the public Town Hall is working on the issues. Mayor Breitreuz announced the Town is working on obtaining a new trash collector. He mentioned considering the rains that had occurred, maybe the Town can explore the drainage in Sunshine Ranches. Council Member Kuczenski spoke about the upcoming elections and changes to the sign ordinance he would like to make, such as not requiring candidates to obtain homeowner approval prior to placing a sign in their yard, but still requiring approval from owners of vacant properties. Vice Mayor Jablonski and Mayor Breitreuz agreed with Council Member Kuczenski's view with one addition made by Mayor Breitreuz to include requiring signatures from owners of for sale properties as well. Another change he would like to see is lengthening the time a sign can be placed to more than 60 days, however Mayor Breitreuz and Vice Mayor Jablonski felt the 60-day limit is sufficient. He spoke about the guardrails along Shotgun Road and 20th Street, that are painted green and he would like to find out the cost of painting and maintaining the Town guardrails a similar pleasing color.

Vice Mayor Jablonski inquired how to make the changes to the signature requirement of the sign ordinance Council Member Kuczenski spoke about. Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz advised Town Council to provide direction to staff and Town Attorney Poliakoff will draft the document. Assistant Town Attorney Dewitt advised the Town Attorney's office has begun drafting this item.

Mayor Breitreuz thanked Vice Mayor Jablonski for running the previous Town Council meeting in his absence. He inquired about the plaque the Town has from a sister city in Ireland and to discuss re-establishing a relationship with them at a future meeting after researching the process. He spoke about the Town Council meeting he missed and an item that had to do with filling a vacant Town Council Seat, that went in a direction he wasn't comfortable with and he expressed his thoughts on the matter.

8. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney Dewitt had no comments.

9. Administration Comments

Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz updated the Town Council on projects that were being worked on such as the voiceover IP phone system (VOIP), updating Town Hall with internet fiber optics,

and the License Plate Reader (LPR) project. This included a LPR camera installed at Town Hall as well as working with Broward County on a revocable license agreement to install LPR camera's on County Right-of-Way. He also spoke about the new Town Website that will go live on July 5th.

Resolutions

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 2021-009 AND CONSENTING TO A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COOPER CITY PROVIDING WATER SERVICES TO 5950 ASAD COURT, 13590 STIRLING ROAD, 5850 ASAD DRIVE, AND 5900 ASAD WAY, FOUR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES LYING WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING THAT NO FURTHER EXPANSION OF SERVICE SHALL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE FURNISHED TO THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 2022-041 AND APPROVING A NEW AGREEMENT CONSENTING TO THE CITY OF COOPER CITY PROVIDING WATER SERVICES TO 5101 SOUTH FLAMINGO ROAD, REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING THAT NO FURTHER EXPANSION OF SERVICE SHALL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE FURNISHED TO THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12. Approval of Minutes
a. April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting

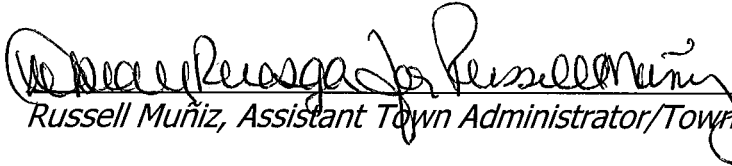
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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

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


Steve Brettkreuz, Mayor

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