

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

March 9, 2023

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Jim Allbritton

Russell Muniz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Keith Poliakoff, 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 7:01 PM.

3. Presentation: Code Enforcement Update – Julio Medina

Code Enforcement Director Julio Medina provided a presentation to the Town Council and residents outlining the functions of the Code Enforcement Department.

4. Proclamation: Procurement Month – March 2023

The Town Council recognized March 2023 as Procurement Month.

5. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: The Sikh Youth Association, Newell Hollingsworth, Anna Koldys, John Steven Garate and Pamela Olsen.

6. Board Reports

There were no Board Reports.

7. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events such as the "Unity in Diversity 5K", Flamingo Flocking, HazMat at the Barn, the Barn Dance, Water Matters Day, and the annual Rolling Oaks egg hunt. He also advised of upcoming roadway resurfacing starting in April on I-75 between Sheridan Street and Griffin Road, which is expected to last two years. Council Member Jablonski asked Town Attorney Poliakoff to provide an update about an incident that happened at a venue within the Town, which he did.

Council Member Kuczenski spoke about complaints he received about a property and thanked Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar, Town Attorney Poliakoff and Code Enforcement Director Julio Medina for their hard work regarding those issues. He spoke about the Founder's Park Wall painting project and that six more panels of the wall have been approved to be painted. He advised the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board 11th annual photo contest will be starting soon and the Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board will be discussing the various trails within Sunshine Ranches. He provided updates on traffic citations that were issued within the Town. He spoke about Water Matters Day and urged the residents to

register if they would like to attend and get two free trees. Lastly, he reminded the public to move their clocks forward one hour on March 12th for Daylight Saving Time.

Council Member Hartmann asked for clarification from Town Attorney Poliakoff regarding code enforcement violation reporting. Town Attorney Poliakoff advised he will review the statute and get back with him. He also asked for clarification of comments made in the public comment portion of the meeting stating the Town has a record amount of code enforcement fines, to which Town Attorney Poliakoff stated that statement was untrue. He then asked Town Administrator Berns to clarify another statement made during the public comment portion of the meeting regarding a code case and a resident taking his life. Town Attorney Berns gingerly explained the situation. Town Attorney Poliakoff at that point located the statute and provided the answer to Council Member Hartmann's question regarding code violation reporting.

Vice Mayor Allbritton spoke about the auction items that will be at the Barn Dance. He thanked General Services Manager Tom Holste for relocating the speed trailers throughout the Town. He advised the locations of the speed trailers and the length of time they would stay at each location. He spoke about certain Town Council members that are going to Tallahassee for Broward Days and the issues that will be addressed while they are there. He advised the Broward County Sheriff's Department increased enforcement regarding drivers that are performing illegal maneuvers on public roads. Lastly, he spoke against the permit less carry bill that was up for vote in Tallahassee. Council Member Kuczenski added that if the permit less carry bill passes, could the Town add additional protections, such as metal detectors.

Mayor Breitkreuz spoke about the dangerous dog ordinance and provided some insight on its origin. He thanked Newell Hollingsworth for his comments on TSDOR Policy Resolution and directed Town Administrator Berns to bring the resolution to the next meeting for Town Council approval. He spoke about the Code Enforcement department and its role in the Town and Council Member Jablonski added that Code Enforcement always works with the residents to help them come into compliance at as minimal cost as possible.

8. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff spoke about his attendance at Broward Days in Tallahassee. He met with the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President as well as the incoming Speaker of the House. He advised the Fireworks Bill was not in good shape and the Town will need to tweak it and bring it back at the next meeting. One of the suggestions was to create a permit process for residents that want to set off fireworks. He assured the Town Council he would work on amendments to the bill and bring it back for Town Council Approval. Further discussion ensued. Town Attorney Poliakoff spoke about the Affordable Housing Bill that is also up for approval in Tallahassee and he stated that it won't have any impact on the Town, and he explained why. He advised the Town Council the law changed regarding cellular tower lease revenue reporting, and he had been working with Town Financial Director Lopez in regards to updating the Town's financial records.

9. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns advised the Southwest Meadows Drainage Project was approved for \$600,000.00 in Federal Funding and he thanked Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz for her help. He spoke about the solar powered speed sign and advised it was ordered. He asked for a consensus from the Town Council on an item that wasn't budgeted for the current year to utilize funds for the Town owned 25 acres, regarding Wetlands mitigation in the amount not to exceed \$7925.00. The Town Council gave its approval. He turned the mic over to Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz who provided an update on the LPR locations and asked for approval on a change order regarding one of the locations that will need additional work done due to the lack of an electrical conduit at the site.

10. Approval of Minutes

- a. **January 26, 2023 Regular Meeting**
- b. **February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting**

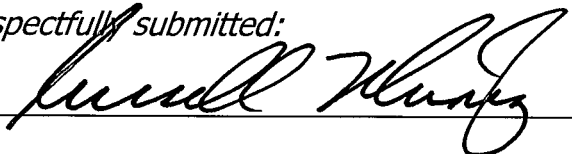
The following motion was made by Council Member Kuczenski and seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Jablonski, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 26, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

11. Adjournment

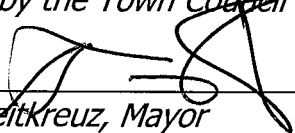
Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 13th day of April, 2023.



Steve Breitzkreuz, Mayor

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