

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

March 23, 2023

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Jim Allbritton

Debra Ruesga, Deputy Town Clerk

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Gary Jablonski

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 7:01 PM.

3. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: The Sikh Youth Association, Patrick Keane, George Cailas, Kirk Hobson-Garcia.

4. Board Reports

There were no Board Reports.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events in the Town such as the DMV Flow-Mobile, HazMat at the Park, the Broward County Property Appraiser, the "Unity in Diversity" 5K and the Rolling Oaks Easter Egg Hunt. The Southwest Meadows Sanctuary was awarded a \$600,000 grant with a \$150,000 Town match for the drainage canal and wetlands by the Federal Government through Debbie Wasserman Schultz. He then provided an update on his trip to Broward Days in Tallahassee. He advised the Fireworks Bill the Town was proposing to legislators in Tallahassee was rejected and the Town was advised to revamp the Bill.

Council Member Kuczenski spoke about his time in Tallahassee attending Broward Days and who he spoke with. He spoke about a news item that aired on NBC6 news regarding mail thefts in Sunshine Ranches and he wanted to assure the residents, the Town and Davie Police Department are on top of the issue. Lastly, Council Member Kuczenski announced his intent to run for re-election to the Town Council in 2024.

Vice Mayor Allbritton spoke a little bit about Nelson Diaz who is a member of the Southern Strategy Group, the Town's lobbyist group. While the Town Council was in Tallahassee for Broward Days, Nelson was working on setting up meetings with the Legislators. Vice Mayor Allbritton then spoke about his trip and what was accomplished. Next, he spoke about his attendance at the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting and what was discussed. He advised he had not received any new locations for the speed trailers and to contact him with locations to place them. Lastly, he announced his intent to run for re-election the Town Council in 2024.

Council Member Hartmann spoke about Broward County and wanting to get into the garbage/recycling business. He is concerned about where Broward County wants to put the facility.

Mayor Breitkreuz spoke about the presentation Code Enforcement Director Julio Medina gave at the previous meeting. He said it was an excellent presentation and he thanked Mr. Medina and his entire staff for all they do. He spoke about the mail thefts happening in Town and offered some suggestions to mitigate the problems on an individual level, such as retrieving the mail before dark, not mailing checks in the residential mailboxes, but bringing them to the Town and mail them in the blue mailbox in front of Town Hall. He spoke about an issue that was raised at the Country Estates Homeowners Association meeting regarding electrical boxes not being placed high enough in that area of Town and he thanked Jim Laskey for bringing awareness to the issue. He advised that he and the rest of the Town Council appreciate the feedback from residents. Lastly, he expressed his well wishes to Council Member Kuczenski and Vice Mayor Allbritton on their intent to run for re-election.

6. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney Dewitt provided an update on the court case that the City of Pembroke Pines filed against the Town regarding public records requests.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns had no comments.

Ordinance – 2nd Reading

8. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO DANGEROUS DOGS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN'S CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. {Approved on First Reading - January 26, 2023} {Tabled From February 9, 2023}

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- **PAGE 1, LINE 18 – AMEND TO SAY, “TO REGULATE DOGS AND PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP.”.**
- **PAGE 2, ITEM C, LINE 32 – REPLACE “LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH “CODE ENFORCEMENT”.**
- **PAGE 3, LINE 5 – IN BETWEEN “TIME TO TIME” AND “\$1,000”, INSERT “A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF.”**

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR ALL FUTURE TRANSPORTATION SURFACE DRAINAGE ONGOING REHABILITATION (TSDOR) PROJECTS TO PRESCRIBE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND FOR THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC NOTICE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSPORTATION SURFACE DRAINAGE ONGOING REHABILITATION (TSDOR) POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND ACCEPT THE CHANGES AS OUTLINED IN AMENDED EXHIBIT "A" HANDED OUT AT MEETING.

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CPZ ARCHITECTS, INC. TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF OSBORN ENGINEERING CO. AS AN APPROVED SUBCONSULTANT AS OUTLINED IN ITS RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS #22-013 FOR CONTINUING ARCHITECT AND/OR ENGINEER CONSULTING SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER WITH CPZ ARCHITECTS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$241,707.47) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDED SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK RESTROOM FACILITIES PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO E. GOMEZ CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED, SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$42,975.00) FOR THE COUNTRY ESTATES FISHING HOLE PARK PLAY FIELD FENCE PROJECT.

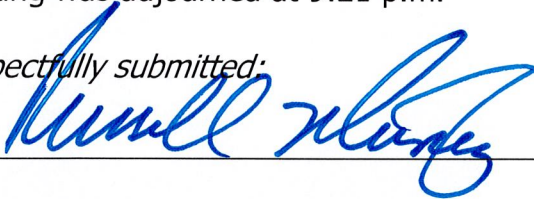
The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski and seconded by Council Member Hartmann and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Jablonski, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 11th day of May, 2023.



Jim Allbritton, Vice 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.