

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

April 13, 2023

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Jim Allbritton

Russell Muñiz, 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.

A walk on Proclamation was read into the record proclaiming April 19, 2023 as Officer Jeff Hobales Day. Davie Police Chief and other members of the Davie Police Department were on hand to congratulate Officer Hobales for his years of dedicated law enforcement service to the Town of Davie and the Town of Southwest Ranches.

3. Proclamation – Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month – April 2023

The Town presented a proclamation to the Sikh Community in honor of Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month.

4. 2023 Unity in Diversity 5K Run/Walk Presentation – Sikh Youth Association, Heartway Church and Misión Vida Church.

A check in the amount of \$11,000.00 was presented to the Town of Southwest Ranches Schools and Education Advisory Board Scholarship Fund by the Sikh Youth Association representing the proceeds of the fundraising effort from the Unity in Diversity 5K Run/Walk.

6. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022 – Town Financial Director Emil Lopez

Town Financial Administrator Lopez provided a brief explanation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and introduced representatives from Keefe McCollough, the Town's auditing firm, to present their report to the Town Council.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski 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 ACCEPT THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Board Reports

George Morris, Chair of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board (DIAB) spoke about the March 23rd 2023 DIAB meeting and the upcoming projects on SW 54th Place and SW 63rd Street, as well as discussions that were had about possible solutions for the fill permits. He also advised notices were mailed out and preparations were completed for that meeting as well as for the April 18th 2023 DIAB Meeting where the Board will continue the discussions on the SW 54th Place and SW 63rd Street projects. There will be an advisor at the April 18th 2023 meeting as well to speak about those upcoming projects.

Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events in the Town such as the DMV Flow-Mobile and HazMat at the Park. He spoke about the "Unity in Diversity" 5K and the Rolling Oaks Easter Egg Hunt that just passed and what great events they were. He reiterated what will be discussed at the upcoming DIAB meeting and everyone is invited.

Council Member Hartmann had no comments.

Council Member Kuczenski had no comments.

Vice Mayor Allbritton spoke about his seat on the Broward County Water Advisory Board and the flooding issues they have been working on. He spoke about a tool the Broward County Water Advisory Board came up with called "Document the Floods" in which residents of Broward County can upload flood photos and it assists Broward County in assessing flooding issues. He drove through his district during the rains, and he saw there wasn't any water in the streets, since the new drains were put in. He also spoke about the DIAB meeting on April 18th, 2023 and will be discussing the SW 54th Place drainage project. He stated he will personally go around and knock on the 15-16 doors to advise the residents about what will be taking place. He spoke about Florida Power and Light installing underground lines in Green Meadows and he's concerned the power boxes will be too close to the water level.

Mayor Breitreuz spoke about the uptick in noise complaints, and he advised he would like to revisit the noise ordinance. He suggested having a workshop with resident input. He also spoke about the Town's home-based business ordinance and would like to align it with the State's home business ordinance. He reminded the residents to make sure they remove their key fobs, lock their car doors and bring in any mail by 9:00PM every night.

9. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff requested a printout of the noise ordinance be provided to the Town Council so they may begin looking it over and suggest changes. He also said he would speak to Town Planner Jeff Katims, who drafts the comporting ordinances on the home-based businesses and ask him to bring it forward for a future meeting. Next, he congratulated Davie Police Office Jeff Hobales on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the Town. He congratulated Town Financial Administrator Lopez, Town Controller Rich Strum as well as the Finance Team on a job well done with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Lastly, he congratulated the Sikh Society on an incredible 5k which raised \$11,000.00 for the Town Scholarship.

10. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns spoke about the heavy rains South Florida had been experiencing and how quickly areas of the Town that had been part of drainage projects had drained and provided photos of the areas. He thanked Public Works Director/Town Engineer Rod Ley, the Public Works Team, the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board as well as the Town Council for their input and hard work to help the Town's drainage issues. He congratulated Town Financial Administrator Lopez and the Finance Team for the successful Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that was presented by the Town's auditors. He advised Budget Season is underway and all the department meetings have been completed and it's up to the Finance Team to analyze the information received and schedule the one-on-one meetings with Town Council. He wished Davie Police Officer Jeff Hobales all the best on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the Town. He then welcomed Davie Police Detective Eddy Velasquez who will replace Officer Hobales as the Town's Police Detective. He advised the Town had received the speed sign that will be fixed in place, and he suggested it be placed at the North end of SW 186th Avenue close to Griffin Road which seems to be a big problem due to drivers using SW 185th Avenue and SW 186th Avenue as a cut through. He asked for the Town Council's direction on the placement. Mayor Breitkreuz felt it was a great location, he just didn't want it too close to Griffin Road. Town Administrator Berns suggested aiming it towards incoming traffic into the neighborhood from Griffin Road and Mayor Breitkreuz wanted to make sure it was placed in a location that would catch when the drivers were accelerating into the neighborhood.

Resolutions

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VETTED SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (\$15,087.32) TO INSTALL A SOLAR POWERED LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERA ALONG THE NORTHERN PORTION OF GRIFFIN ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND APPROXIMATELY 128TH AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ISSUE A NEW PURCHASE ORDER FOR THIS CHANGE ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski 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 OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE CITY OF SUNRISE PROVIDING WATER SERVICE TO 5500 SW 148th AVENUE, 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 SUNRISE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

13. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE CITY OF SUNRISE PROVIDING WATER SERVICE TO 14421 LURAY 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 SUNRISE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Jablonski, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

14. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 23, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. March 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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 Breitzkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 AND MARCH 9, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

15. 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 11th day of May, 2023.



 Jim Allbritton, Vice Mayor

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