

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

June 08, 2023

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz	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	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 Breitzkreuz at 7:00 PM.

3. Proclamation – Jewish American Heritage Month – May 2023

Council Member Kuczenski presented a proclamation to acknowledge the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

4. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Jim Laskey, Newell Hollingsworth, Richard Ramcharitar, Debbie Green, John Steven Garate, and Marianne Allen.

5. Board Reports

George Morris, Chair of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board (DIAB) informed the Council the May 2023 DIAB meeting had been cancelled. He also spoke on behalf of the Aster Knight Foundation and gave updates on the upcoming carnival. He provided information regarding the website, sponsorship for the Carnival, and asked the Town to sponsor a stage for music events at the Carnival. He announced the dates of the Carnival will be January 11th, 2024, through January 15th, 2024.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events within the Town such as the Hazmat event, the Special Magistrate Meeting on June 27th, and the DMV event scheduled for June 28th. He discussed the preliminary taxable value report from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office and the additional revenue it will add directly to the Town from Broward County. Lastly, he advised the first speed pole will be installed on SW 186th Avenue in the upcoming week.

Council Member Hartmann congratulated the graduates of West Broward and Archbishop McCarthy High Schools and wished them luck in their future endeavors. He updated the Town on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding safety issues around railroad crossings and train corridors, future projects planned around the City of Ft. Lauderdale area, and that the MPO may be raising the membership fee for the Town. He reminded residents that the Town had a workshop on the noise ordinance and the Town may act on changing it in the future. He then discussed the incinerator the County wants to place near the Town and different options

he believes would help the Town. He suggested the Town possibly using Dr. Barbara Sharief as a consultant regarding the incinerator given her experience with the issue. He suggested the Town speak to County Commissioners Steve Geller and Nan Rich and have them attend a meeting to address the issue. He asked that a resolution informing Broward County and the Solid Waste Authority that the Town is opposed to the incinerator be prepared, and all of the Council members gave their consensus. He would like the Town Attorney to look into making changes to the ILA the Town previously signed. He proposed creating an official advisory board of residents to help the Town with the incinerator issue, and for the Town to have workshops regarding the matter. He then asked Mayor Breitkreuz if he would be the Town's representative regarding the incinerator issue at all future meetings and discussions with outside entities, with Mayor Breitkreuz graciously accepting on the Town's behalf.

Council Member Kuczenski spoke about the Davie Police Department "9 p.m. Routine" program and to remain to be vigilant against mail and auto theft. He discussed the mural on the wall at Founders Park and the amazing work being done there by artist Laura Warren. He reminded residents that June first is the official start of hurricane season and to read the information posted by the Town and to make sure they have their hurricane supplies ready. He provided traffic citation statistics for the month of May throughout the Town and thanked the Davie Police Department for their efforts in dedication to the speed enforcement in the Town. He spoke about his position on the incinerator issue and the reasons he supported the ILA, including having a "seat at the table" during discussions with the County and the provision for the Town's right to challenge it in court. He spoke about the importance of stopping groundwater contamination and to place the incinerator away from the water sources for the Town and neighboring municipalities. He then advised that Pembroke Pines Mayor Ortis is not seeking reelection and suggested the Town speak to the prospective candidates regarding the incinerator issue.

Vice Mayor Allbritton thanked the residents for speaking about the incinerator issue and stated that the Council is against the incinerator and will do everything possible to stop it from being placed near the Town. He also thanked Mayor Breitkreuz for being the Town representative at the meetings regarding the incinerator. He then spoke about wanting a workshop in the future regarding code enforcement and what the Town can do regarding anonymous reporting and any suggestions the residents may have regarding it. He reminded residents about the calendar photo contest and the deadline for submittals was September 5th. He spoke about the speed trailers being placed around Town. Lastly, he spoke about the permanent speed sign being in place and would like more placed in the future.

Mayor Breitkreuz spoke upon the Code Compliance workshop that the Vice Mayor proposed. He suggested the Town structure it as a workshop on which code issues should be proactive and which issues should be reactive. He felt the Town's Ordinances should be reviewed and possibly be changed to alleviate the issue of neighbors having to turn in their neighbors on code issues. The Mayor recognized Weston Commissioner Mary Molina-Macfie and thanked her for coming to the meeting. He spoke regarding the Mayoral election for Pembroke Pines mentioned by Council

Member Kuczenski. He felt that now may be a good time to try and rebuild a better relationship with the Town's neighbors and the Town should be willing to try because it would be beneficial for all parties. He directed the Town Administrator, with the consensus of the Town Council, to produce a Town ordinance similar to the Town of Davie's regarding AirBnbs, to bring it before the Council soon. Mayor Breitreuz spoke about the Carnival and thanked all of those involved with it on their hard work. He felt that it was a great event for the community, and the Town is open to looking at a stage for the event. Finally, he discussed the incinerator issue and how proud he was of the Town residents and how they have responded and gotten involved in it. He expressed that his number one priority is to ensure the incinerator is not placed in or around the Town. His goal was to save the water, the animals, and the health of the residents. Mayor Breitreuz stated that in the early stages of this process it is crucial to gather as much information as possible and to develop a multi-prong strategy focusing on selecting the best allies to oppose the incinerator, which points the Town needs to focus on, and to find indisputable information that cannot be ignored. He also agreed the Town should have an advisory board regarding the incinerator and asked the Town Administrator to draft a resolution to create the board. He suggested the Town HOAs nominate two members to a part of the board and to not limit it to just those members. Council Member Kuczenski interjected that the board would be then subject to Sunshine Law. Mayor Breitreuz agreed that it would be subject to Sunshine Law and explained to the public the restrictions of the Sunshine Law regarding interactions of board members.

7. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney DeWitt had no legal comments.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns advised that he has requested from the League of Cities a list of all municipalities that have approved or are considering the ILA regarding the incinerator and is awaiting their response, and he will provide it to the Council when it is received. He also advised Council that he has spoken to the City Managers of Weston and Pembroke Pines about the incinerator issue in an effort to work with their City administrations. He also stated he would be reaching out to other municipalities on the western side of the County and possibly the Broward City and County Managers Association in the future. He responded to Council Member Kuczenski's request that yes it should be possible to obtain a copy of the location of municipal wells that may be in the area of the incinerator and would work on getting it from the Health Department for him. He stated to the Council that he has had previous conversations with the Code Department regarding proactive vs reactive issues, and they have had discussions on the issue within their department as well. He advised that if a future workshop was held the Administration and Code department will have some information for the Council regarding the matter. Lastly, he concluded with wishing the Town a "Happy Birthday" as it was the Town's birthday week, and it was celebrating its 23rd birthday.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXTENSION TO ITS EMERGENCY LINE OF CREDIT REVOLVING NOTE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAXABLE NOTE, AND INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT THEREOF FROM \$10,000,000 TO \$20,000,000; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT EXTENDING AND AMENDING LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH TD BANK, N.A.; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SUN UP ENTERPRISES, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY- NINE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$233,369.00) TO COMPLETE THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT DRAINAGE AND RESURFACING PROJECT; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 TOWN BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN AT TORNEY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Kuczenski, seconded by Council Member Hartmann, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was 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, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2023-045 TO CORRECT AN OWNERSHIP ERROR WITHIN THE WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AGREEMENT; CONSENTING TO THE CITY OF COOPER CITY PROVIDING WATER SERVICES TO 12550 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 COOPER CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

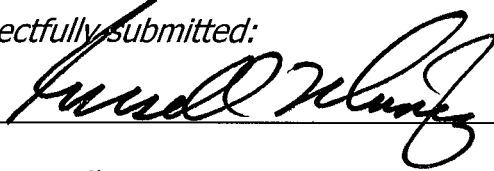
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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

12. Adjournment

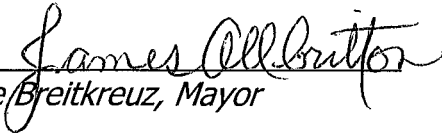
Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 27th day of July, 2023.



Steve Breitkreuz, 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.