

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

June 22, 2023

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor 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

Richard Dewitt, Assistant Town Attorney

Council Member David S. Kuczenski, Esq.

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. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Quasi-Judicial Hearing

3. Resolution Extending Site Plan Phasing Agreement for A.B. McCarthy High School

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE TERM OF A PHASING AGREEMENT FOR ARCHBISHOP EDWARD A. MCCARTHY HIGH SCHOOL, RELATING TO ITS AMENDED SITE PLAN, WHICH WAS APPROVED ON JUNE 25, 2020, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2020-043; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Assistant Town Attorney Dewitt clarified the rules of the Quasi-Judicial procedure. Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk Muniz administered the oath swearing in anyone who wished to speak on the item and read the resolution into the record. Town Planner Jeff Katims advised it was a simple item and he had nothing to add unless Town Council had any questions. Mayor Breitkreuz then inquired if the applicant had any comments. Archbishop McCarthy Executive Director of Advancement Tony Massaro thanked the Town for their patience and guidance with the school and requested the one-year extension to the existing phasing agreement. The school is looking to add four portables which will help decrease class size while not increasing enrollment. Town Planner Jeff Katims clarified further the reason for the one-year extension and advised of future projects for the high school. Mayor Breitkreuz opened the floor for public comment. One member of the public spoke, and then public comment was closed. Mayor Breitkreuz recalled Executive Director Massaro to address the public comment which had to do with the length of time the high school portables will be utilized.

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 RESOLUTION.

Mayor Breitkreuz recognized Florida House Representative Robin Bartleman and invited her to come to the podium to address the public. She provided an abbreviated summary of the previous legislative session.

Presentations**4. 2023 SEAB Town College Scholarship Recipient Awards**

Kathy Sullivan, Chair of the Schools and Education Advisory Board (SEAB), presented the scholarship awards to each recipient.

5. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth and Richard Ramcharitar.

6. Board Reports

George Morris, Chair of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board (DIAB) spoke about the most recent DIAB meeting and what was discussed. He then spoke on behalf of the Aster Knight Parks Foundation regarding the upcoming Country Carnival. They need food truck vendors and have set up a website www.swrcountryfair.com to help with the process of becoming a vendor. He spoke about the Tree of Life in the Council Chambers and urged the public to purchase leaves and acorns. He spoke about improving the grassy area where the concert was held during the Country Carnival and is in touch with a contractor. He also mentioned the concert area needing a stage and thought it would help bring the community together. He mentioned the upcoming Bingo at the Barn and the Fun Car show events and asked residents to keep an eye out for more information. Lastly, he spoke about the speed sign that is being installed on SW 186 Avenue in the swale and that it would be done once the rainwater has receded, and the ground is firm.

7. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events in the Town such as HazMat at the Barn on July 29th and a special Code Hearing and the DMV Flow Mobile on July 28th. He advised due to the weather the speed sign being installed on SW 186 Avenue would be delayed. He advised that he would be speaking about the proposed 362-day fireworks ordinance with Town Administrator Berns soon and how the Town will be incorporating the fill permit recommendations the DIAB proposed.

Council Member Kuczenski spoke about the state law which allows for the usage of fireworks only 3 days out of the year as well as the proposed Town ordinance which will prohibit fireworks all other days except for the 3 days that State of Florida law allows. He urged the residents to be respectful of their neighbors as Southwest Ranches is an equestrian town. He spoke about the Rural Public Arts and Design (RPADAB) Advisory Board Photo contest's requirements and provided contact information. He also mentioned the RPADAB is also redesigning the Southwest Rancher Newsletter and the Town flag. He thanked Debbie Green, Marianne Allen and Richard Ramcharitar for their concern regarding the proposed Waste to Energy plant. Council Member Kuczenski spoke about the 2023-2024 budget talks and explained a little about the planning of it. He stated he

was unhappy that some of the Town's drainage projects funding wish list were vetoed by the state legislature. Lastly, he wondered if a drainage impact fee could be added to the construction of new homes.

Vice Mayor Allbritton spoke about attending the South Florida Regional Planning Council meeting in Key Largo and talked about their shared main concern of flooding. He spoke about how hard all the advisory boards work to better the Town and thanked them for their commitment. He spoke about the speed trailers and asked for locations to place them. He also mentioned he would like to see more of the fixed speed signs installed around the Town. He stated the residents that are fighting to stop the Waste to Energy plant are just what the Town needs.

Mayor Breitreuz appreciated all the feedback at the Noise Ordinance workshop as well as emails and phone calls and he will put together some recommendations and work on drafting something to bring back to the Town Council. He spoke about the public safety contract and advised it will come before the Town Council in August. Lastly, he stated the Town staff is assisting him with setting up meetings with other local leaders to try and build a coalition to stop the Waste to Energy plant.

8. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney Dewitt provided an update on ongoing litigation between the Town and the City of Pembroke Pines and announced a Shade Session and requested it be scheduled. Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz discussed dates with the Town Council and June 29, 2023 at 7:00PM was agreed upon.

9. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns thanked Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz and Town Staff for their assistance while he was out. There were no further comments.

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CREATING THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING AND UPDATING THE TOWN COUNCIL ON ANY MATTERS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BROWARD COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO IMPLEMENT THE CREATION OF THE BOARD; 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 Breitreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO DENY THE RESOLUTION.

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AGREEING TO PIGGYBACK ONTO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY CONTRACT PRICING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A GALVANIZED STEEL DOME ROOF SHADEPORT STRUCTURE AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE COUNTRY ESTATES FISHING HOLE PARK FROM INDUSTRIAL SHADEPORTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$34,478); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET; 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 Breitzkreuz 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 COOPER CITY PROVIDING WATER SERVICES TO 6125 STALLION WAY, 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.

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. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 10th day of August, 2023.

Steve Breitzkreuz, Mayor

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