

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN AND INCLUDE THE RURAL VACANT PARCELS WITHIN THE TOWN IN THE SAFE PARKS AND LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING "OPEN SPACE", PRESERVING AND ENHANCING; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2000, the registered voters in Broward County voted in favor of a \$400 million Safe Parks and Land Preservation Referendum; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary purposes of the Referendum was to preserve and enhance as much of the vacant "open space" and natural amenities remaining in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches supported Broward County's program to purchase, preserve and enhance natural open space, archeologically significant and conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Staff from Broward County Parks Department contacted the Town to determine the most appropriate possible vacant sites to purchase, preserve and enhance for rural open space and wildlife habitats, as well as those which are archeologically significant and those which could be used for recreational purposes within the Town's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town has conducted a preliminary inventory of all vacant sites that are expected to meet the criteria for Broward County to purchase, preserve and enhance for open space and passive recreational purposes within the Town's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town, as the newest municipality within Broward County, since this is the first year of incorporation, has not had the opportunity to acquire any parks or open space lands; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to immediately develop a partnership with Broward County for the purpose of having the County consider acquiring, with a portion of the funding set aside to purchase "Open Space," the remaining rural parcels included in the Town's preliminary inventory of prime vacant parcels of land located within the Town's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town has acquired the option on 38 acres of property within the Town, and said option must be exercised within 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Broward County, the staff of the Town and the Town Citizen Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan have met and agreed that the acres under option meet all "Open Space" criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: The Broward County Board of County Commissioners and Members of the Land Preservation Trust are hereby requested to consider and include the parcels attached hereto in the pending "Open Space" acquisition program.

Section 2: The Town of Southwest Ranches would propose that ten (10) acres be purchased by the Town for use as a neighborhood park.

Section 3: The Town of Southwest Ranches would propose that the remaining 28 or 36 acres to be used as open space be purchased by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners from existing funding within the "Open Space" acquisition program.

Section 4: The Town of Southwest Ranches would enter into an interlocal agreement with Broward County in which the Town would maintain the neighborhood parks and the open space.

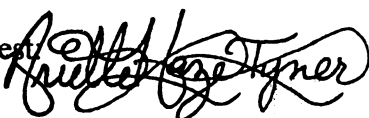
Section 5: The Town of Southwest Ranches requests that Broward County place this Resolution on a Broward County Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda prior to June 30, in order to provide input to the Town as to the intent of the County in a proposed partnership with the Town on the identified site.

Section 6: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

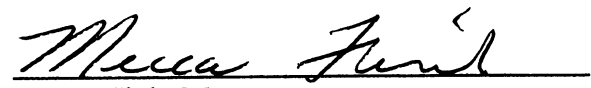
Section 7: If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 8: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 14 day of June 2001.

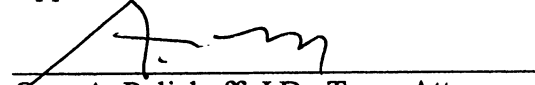
Attest: 

Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk



Mecca Fink, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney