

RESOLUTION NO. 2004 – 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2003-62, WHICH APPROVED THE DONATION OF FUNDS TO THE SOUTHWEST RANCHERS UNITED, INC. FOR USE IN ITS OPPOSITION TO THE SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT'S \$3.6 MILLION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE S9 AND S10 BASINS; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at the Town Council Meeting on July 10, 2003, following public comment and the testimony of Ted Galatis, Jr., Esq., legal counsel to Southwest Ranchers United, Inc., the Town Council determined that the interests of the residents of the Town who were challenging the special assessments of the South Broward Drainage District to fund improvements to the S9 and S10 basins were consistent with the Town's interests and, therefore, had a public purpose and were beneficial to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town agreed to donate \$25,000 to the Southwest Ranchers United, Inc. to support its efforts, and restricted the use of these funds to paying for expert fees; and

WHEREAS, at the Town Council Meeting held on September 10, 2003, Resolution 2003-74 was adopted, amending Resolution 2003-62 to provide that the donated funds could be used for both expert fees and the attorney's fees of Ted P. Galatis, Jr., Esq.; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that additional funds are required to assist in the payment of additional expert witness fees and costs.

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

Section 1: The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The Town Council hereby approves the amendment of Section 4 of Resolution 2003-62 as follows:

Section 4: The Town Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to make a ~~\$25,000~~ \$ 30,500.00 donation to the Southwest Ranchers United, Inc., to be placed in the trust account of Andrew & Galatis, P.A., which

funds can be disbursed to pay for expert fees and costs and approved legal fees of Ted P. Galatis, Jr., Esq.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be come effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 9th day of October 2003.

Mecca Fink
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:

Shari Canada
Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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