

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - 060

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR RECEIVING FUNDS TO ENVIRONMENTALLY RESTORE A PORTION OF THE NATURAL SURFACE WATER IN THE COUNTRY ESTATES FISHING HOLE PARK, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS FOR OUTDOOR WATER-ORIENTED RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND TO CONNECT THE PARK'S WATERWAY WITH SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S C-11 CANAL, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Southwest Ranches has determined that purchasing the Country Estates Fishing Hole Park for public open space and recreational purposes furthers many of the major Objectives proposed in the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) and Broward County Board of County Commissioners reimbursed the Town of Southwest Ranches' matching funds to purchase the Country Estates Fishing Hole Park for outdoor recreation and environmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of Grant approval the Town Council of Southwest Ranches must dedicate a portion of the Park for natural environmental restoration purposes, provide a public boat ramp and boat culvert beneath the existing 2 lane Griffin Roadway in order to link the Park directly into the C-11 Blueway for outdoor water related recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has announced applications are being received this Spring to fund constructing public natural environmental facilities as described above.

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

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

Section 2: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby ratify and support submitting to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission a grant application before their deadline this Spring.

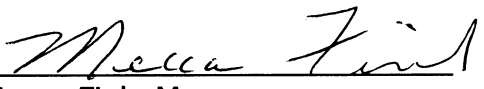
Section 3: The Town Council hereby authorize its Town Administrator to transmit the applicable Grant Application on behalf of the Town Council, to attend all necessary meetings, and to coordinate the execution of final Grant agreements, if any, between the parties.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 20th day of April 2006, on a motion by Council Member Aster Knight and seconded by Council Member Forest Blanton.

Fink	<u>Y</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>
Blanton	<u>Y</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>
Nelson	<u>N</u>

Ayes	<u>4</u>
Nays	<u>1</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>
Abstaining	<u>0</u>




Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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