

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 059

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS THE TOWN'S SOLE FIRE SERVICE PROTECTION PROVIDER; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE; DIRECTING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO BRING BACK AN AGREEMENT FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL'S APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town's fire protection service is currently provided by the Broward Sheriff's Office ("BSO") and the Town of Davie ("Davie"); and

WHEREAS, Davie has notified the Town that it can no longer provide service to the Town at the contracted rate; and

WHEREAS, BSO has notified the Town that Station 55, which is owned by the City of Weston, will not be available to service the Town as of October 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in response to both notifications, the Town Administrator initiated discussions with both service providers to determine how to provide the best coverage to the Town in the most cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing both service providers' proposals, the Town Administrator has determined that it is in the long term best interest of the Town to enter into an Agreement with BSO to provide complete fire service protection for the entire Town of Southwest Ranches.

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: After reviewing all of the information provided, the Town Council hereby approves the Broward Sheriff's Office as the Town's sole fire service protection provider.

Section 3: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby authorizes the Town Administrator and Town Attorney to enter into formal negotiations with the Broward Sheriff's Office and to prepare an agreement for the Town Council's approval.

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 1st day of May 2008, on a motion by Council Member Aster Knight and seconded by Council Member Don Maines.

Fink	<u>Y</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>

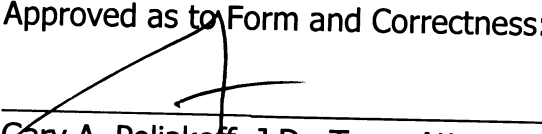
Ayes	<u>5</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>
Abstaining	<u>0</u>


Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan A. Owens, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


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

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