

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

August 10, 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 7:00 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski and seconded by Vice Mayor Allbritton 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 MOVE ITEM 9 OUT OF ORDER.

Resolution

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES AND THE TOWN OF DAVIE FOR THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE & LIFE SAFETY, AND POLICE SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; 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 Breitkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Broward County Commissioner Steve Geller addressed the Town Council and invited them to his annual Town Meeting on Thursday August 24th. He spoke about one of his main priorities, which is job creation and focusing on education for Trades jobs such as Electricians, Plumbers etc. He spoke about projects being funded in the Town by Broward County Surtax and Surtax Director, Gretchen Cassini, will be at the Town Meeting lunch as well if Town Council has any questions for her. He spoke about budgeting, millage and placing funds in reserves for possible lean times. Lastly, he spoke about water and Southwest Ranches and the problems the Town could be facing in the future due to climate change.

3. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Mohammed Abid, Newell Hollingsworth, Jose Fidalgo, John Garate, Alberta Pieretti, Jim Laskey, and Xavier Jackson.

4. Board Reports

There were no board reports.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events in the Town such as:

- Bingo at the Barn on August 26th
- Town Hall closed for Labor Day on September 4th,
- Rural Public Arts and Design Board 11th annual Photo Contest due date of September 5th
- HazMat at the Barn on September 23rd

He advised the Broward County Interlocal Agreement regarding the Waste to Energy plant has been uploaded to the Town's website for public viewing. He spoke about the upcoming August 15th Budget Workshop and advised the residents to come out, voice their opinions and ask questions about the budget. He spoke about the 362 Day Firework Ordinance which will be on the August 24th Town Council meeting. He addressed some of the residents of Circle S Homes HOA in attendance that requested some help regarding the vehicle break-ins and theft in their community. Circle S HOA proposed an auto-open gate with an LPR attached in hopes of deterring unlawful activity in their community. He advised that the Council would not support a gated entry for their community. Council Member Kuczenski offered some suggestions, such as hiring a security guard, setup a neighborhood hotline or installing their own LPR cameras.

Council Member Kuczenski agreed with Council Member Jablonski's comments regarding gated communities and the suggestions made. As the Council Liaison to the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board he spoke about the "Beauty in the Ranches" photo contest and urged the residents to submit their photos by the deadline. He also spoke about the 10th annual December Holiday Lights Contest and advised the due date is December 1st. He spoke about his ride-along with the Davie Police Department and stated he was very impressed with the officer he rode with. He provided traffic citation statistics via each district. Lastly, he liked what Senator Geller said about contacting the U.S. Senators regarding the ten billion dollars needed for the Army Corps of Engineers and asked if the Town can draft a resolution and send to Washington. The Town Council was in consensus of Council Member Kuczenski's suggestion.

Vice Mayor Allbritton thanked Town staff, Town of Davie staff and all the Council Members that helped put together the public safety contract. He thanked Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz for the Clean Air Task Force meeting the previous night. He stated it was very informative and people all over the United States attended. Vice Mayor Allbritton stated to contact him or call Town Hall if someone would like the mobile speed trailers to be placed at a specific address or location. They only flash and state to "slow down" and they can stay at any one location for two weeks. He urged the residents of Circle S Estates to get together and come up with a solution for more security such as asking the Davie Police Department for extra patrol time or hire a security guard.

Council Member Hartmann stated the deadline for the "Beauty in the Ranches" is September 5th and the photos can be used for things such as being published in the Town's Calendar. He advised that August 15th will be the public budget hearing, and this is where the Town Council gets together, discusses and possibly rearranges items in the budget. This is the time for the residents to come out and provide their input. He advised the budget is on the Town's website or they can call Town Hall and request a copy. He spoke about the Solid Waste Task Force that met the previous night, August 9th. He stated the task force needs everyone's help. There are 40 schools within a 10-mile radius of the proposed site, and he would like to get the PTA's, the School Board and moms and dads involved also. He advised the next meeting will be at Town Hall on September 13th at 7:00pm and to please come out and participate.

Mayor Breitreuz thanked Vice Mayor Allbritton for handling the previous Town Council meeting while he was away. Regarding the proposed Waste to Energy plant, he stated he had been going around to neighboring municipalities and meeting with several elected officials about the issue. He also stated he had met with City of Pembroke Pines Vice Mayor Iris Siple and had a great meeting as well and he is hopeful a new page is being turned. He thanked the residents of Circle S Estates for attending and presenting their case. . He proposed he would like to go out to the property, walk it and come up with ideas as to how to strengthen the security of the community. He spoke about a safety grant that may be available to them and he provided his number so they can set up a meeting. Council Member Jablonski advised there are programs available to the Town's residents through the Town of Davie Police Department called "Safer Watch" and "Vacation Watch". Council Member Hartmann spoke about cameras on people's homes, and they can be a valuable tool for the police department.

6. Legal Comments

There were no legal comments.

7. Administration Comments

There were no administration comments.

Ordinance - 1st Reading

8. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO THE USE OF HELICOPTERS WITHIN THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. {Second Reading to be held on August 24, 2023}

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 Breitreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE SUBJECT TO AMENDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 1) THAT RESIDENTS WITHIN 750 FEET OF THE SITE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE REQUEST; 2) THAT THE REQUEST IS LIMITED TO A

SPECIFIC DATE AND TIME; 3) THAT THE REQUEST WILL NOT BE DELETERIOUS TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY; 4) THAT THERE IS NO LIVESTOCK MAINTAINED WITHIN 750 FEET. THE APPLICANT IS EXEMPTED FROM THIS PROVISION FOR THEIR OWN LIVESTOCK; 5) THAT THE REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE AT LEAST 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE; 6) THAT THE LANDING AND/OR TAKEOFF SITE MEET FAA STANDARDS.

Resolutions

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-051, ADOPTED ON MAY 25, 2023, AND APPROVING A NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE AS A MUNICIPAL PARTY IN AN INDEPENDENT LEGAL ENTITY KNOWN AS THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AUTHORITY OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER TOWN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Allbritton 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 Breitkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

11. Approval of Minutes

a. June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting

The following motion was made by Council Member Kuczenski and seconded by Council Member Jablonski 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 MINUTES SUBJECT TO AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: 1) REPLACE THE WORD "CURRENT" WITH THE WORD "PREVIOUS" ON PAGE 2, BEGINNING OF 4TH LINE. 2) REMOVE "OR TEARDOWN AND RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING PROPERTIES" FROM THE LAST LINE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KUCZENSKI'S COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.

Appointments

- 12. a. Solid Waste Authority Governing Board Delegate**
- b. Solid Waste Authority Governing Board Alternate**
- c. Solid Waste Authority Technical Advisory Committee**

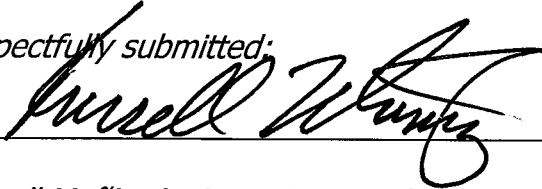
The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Allbritton and seconded by Council Member Kuczenski and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Jablonski, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton, and Mayor Breitkreuz voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR BREITKREUZ AS THE GOVERNING BOARD DELEGATE, COUNCIL MEMBER HARTMANN AS THE GOVERNING BOARD ALTERNATE, AND ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MUÑIZ TO THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 14th day of September, 2023.



Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE AFFECTED PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR ADMISSION OF OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE OR IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE, NOR DOES IT AUTHORIZE CHALLENGES OR APPEALS NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.