

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

September 28, 2023

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz	Andrew Berns, Town Administrator
Vice Mayor Jim Allbritton	Russell Muniz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk
Council Member Bob Hartmann	Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator
Council Member Gary Jablonski	Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney
Council Member David S. Kuczenski	

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 7:01 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Kuczenski attended the meeting via telephone.

3. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: John Garate, Mary Michel, Jim Laskey, Debbie Green, and Richard Ramcharitar.

4. Board Reports

Debbie Green and Richard Ramcharitar spoke on behalf of the Zero-Waste Broward Task Force. Debbie Green advised Council about the importance of grass roots organizations and informed Council of the committees the Task Force is developing to further help the Task Force. They stated the first Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Materials Processing Authority meeting is scheduled for October 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Flamingo Park Meeting Hall in Sunrise, 12855 NW 8th Street. Richard Ramcharitar discussed a meeting he attended with the Miami-Dade County's Resiliency Officer for solid waste regarding zero waste and not building an incinerator. He spoke about meeting with the CEO of a company that provides composting services in Miami-Dade County and parts of Broward County. He said there are grants available for municipalities to create composting programs in their areas and would provide more information to Town Administration and Council soon.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events within the Town such as the December Holiday Lights Contest with the entry deadline being December 1st and the judging beginning December 5th. He talked about the Broward County Property Appraiser being at Town Hall on October 3rd, the next Town Council Meetings being October 12th and 26th, the DMV FLOW Mobile on October 25th, and the Rolling Oaks Halloween event on October 28th. He discussed the new format of the Town newsletter and thanked everyone for the good work they did on it and encouraged people to read it as it contains a lot of information. He addressed Council Member Kuczenski and told him that he was in everyone's thoughts and prayers during this time. He informed Council that the new recycling facility being built by Waste Management in Pembroke Pines is going to be single stream recycling and a plan for multi-stream recycling will not be

needed. He informed Council he requested, from Town Administration, a list of all municipalities in Broward County that are recycling, which may be useful for the ILA.

Council Member Hartmann discussed attending the Zero-Waste Task Force meeting and trying to become more organized. He said the Task Force met with Mike Ewall, the founder of Energy Justice Network, to assist them with organizing and committee development. He explained the Energy Justice Network was a national support network for grassroots community groups against waste industry facilities such as incinerators. He stated that one of the main recommendations was keeping the Zero-Waste Task Force from being affiliated with the Town for various reasons. He recommended to the Town and community that the Town stay separate entities and that the Council involve themselves as private citizens and not in leadership roles. He stated the Town's role should be through the Solid Waste Authority and educating other municipalities on zero waste and how to prevent the incinerator. He also spoke about working with Waste Management (WM) on developing a program for the Town to reach a benchmark of 75% recycling. He stated the Town should set goals for each year and work to obtain the goal of 75% recycling in increments. He said the Town should use the tools provided by WM to educate people and lead by example.

Vice Mayor Allbritton discussed the Broward League of Cities meeting and the election of Denise Harland as the Second Vice President to the Board. He spoke about the upcoming project drainage for Green Meadows on 54th Street. He stated there would be a public meeting on October 17th about the project and encouraged residents to attend the meeting. He talked about the Rolling Oaks Halloween event happening on October 28th. He said they need volunteers for the event, people to hand out candy, and that the hay bale contest was back again this year. He spoke about the mural painted on the wall at Founder's Park. He said Laura Warren has captured the spirit of the Town with the mural and suggested everyone go and see the mural. He spoke about the Rural Public Arts Board and the photo contest for the 2024 calendar. He stated that the selections had been made and would be in next year's calendars. He also pointed out that even if the pictures were not in the calendar, the images may be used by the Town in the future, even in the Town Newsletter. He told everyone that the speed trailers were available if residents wanted them placed in certain areas to help slow traffic and to contact himself or Town Hall for them. He discussed two incidents that occurred around the area where an individual approached a single mother and children and attempted to kidnap the children. He reminded everyone to be always vigilant and to stay safe.

Council Member Kuczenski stated that residents have contacted him asking for more traffic enforcement in the area and for speed trailers placed around Town and he said he has addressed those issues. He informed Council and residents that Schott Communities 5k would be occurring on Saturday, October 7th and there would be road closures in the Sunshine Ranches area. He spoke about incidents happening around Town where equipment is being stolen from landscaping trucks while the companies are working around Town. He suggested people speak with their landscaping companies to remain vigilant and reminded everyone to lock their vehicle at night and remove their key fobs. He thanked everyone that contacted him about his mother and thanked them for their kind words.

Mayor Breitzkreuz wished the best to Council Member Kuczenski and his family during this difficult time. He stated the intent of the Town was to stay separate from organizations trying to stop the incinerator because of sunshine laws and other issues, much like an HOA. A discussion ensued between Mayor Breitzkreuz, Council Member Hartmann, and Council Member Jablonski regarding keeping the task force and Town separate, with Mayor Breitzkreuz concluding it was a complicated issue. He agreed that Waste Management was a great partner, with a wealth of resources that could help the Town achieve the recycling goals. He stated they would be able to get the Town where it needed to be and was behind it one hundred percent.

6. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Keith Poliakoff had no comments.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns advised Council the Town's trial summer hours were a success and the hours were going to continue to the end of the year. He said the Town was awarded a grant from the Florida Firefighter Assistance Program allowing the Town to purchase five sets of PPE, not to exceed \$16,645, at no cost to the Town. He informed Council the legislative session in Tallahassee will move forward in January and the Town is working on submitting appropriation requests. The Town will work with Southern Group again this year because of their quality of work in the past.

Ordinance – 2nd Reading

8. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 090-100 OF THE UNIFIED LANDDEVELOPMENT CODE (ULDC) ENTITLED ROADWAY CAPACITY, CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN STANDARDS; PROHIBITING THE USE OF PHOSPHOGYPSUM TO CREATE OR REPAIR TOWN OR PRIVATE ROADS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. {Approved on First Reading - September 14, 2023}

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$471,861.00) TO COMPLETE THE SW 54TH PLACE FROM DYKES

ROAD TO THE IVANHOE CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 TOWN BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED BY CORRECTING THE AMOUNT IN THE RESOLUTION TO FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$462,000).

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE CITY OF SUNRISE PROVIDING WATER SERVICE TO 5301 HANCOCK ROAD, REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING THAT NO FURTHER EXPANSION OF SERVICE SHALL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE TOWN, PROVIDING FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE FURNISHED TO THE CITY OF SUNRISE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA OPPOSING THE CREATION OF A MASS BURN FACILITY PLANT (INCINERATOR) BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT OR NEAR THE BROWARD COUNTY LINE NEAR THE CITY OF MIRAMAR; FURTHER ENCOURAGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONSIDER AND TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DISPOSING OF SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

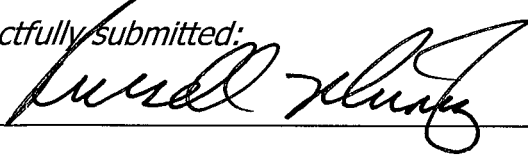
The following motion was made by Council Member Hartmann, seconded by Council Member Jablonski, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Jablonski, Kuczenski, Vice Mayor Allbritton and Mayor Breitreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

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