



Southwest Ranches Town Council

REGULAR MEETING Agenda of March 14, 2024

Southwest Ranches Council Chambers
7:00 PM Thursday

13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

<u>Mayor</u> Steve Breitkreuz	<u>Town Council</u> Jim Allbritton Bob Hartmann Gary Jablonski	<u>Town Administrator</u> Russell C. Muniz, MBA, MPA	<u>Town Attorney</u> Keith M. Poliakoff, J.D.
<u>Vice Mayor</u> David S. Kuczenski, Esq.		<u>Town Financial Administrator</u> Emil C. Lopez, CPM	<u>Town Clerk</u> Debra M. Ruesga

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Presentations

3. **Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month**
4. **Public Comment**

- All Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.
- Public Comment will last for 30 minutes.
- All comments must be on non-agenda items.
- All Speakers must fill out a request card prior to speaking.
- All Speakers must state first name, last name, and mailing address.
- Speakers will be called in the order the request cards were received.
- Request cards will only be received until the first five minutes of public comment have concluded.

5. **Board Reports**
6. **Council Member Comments**
7. **Legal Comments**
8. **Administration Comments**

Discussion

9. **Discussion - Right of Way Master Plan**
10. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **February 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**
11. **Appointments**

a. Broward League of Cities Board of Directors Appointment, Alternate, and Second Alternate

12. Adjournment

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**PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Florida's bright future depends on the healthy development of its children; and

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences, including the abuse and neglect of children, can cause severe and costly consequences for children, families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, every child has a right to a safe, healthy and happy childhood where they are educationally and developmentally on track; and

WHEREAS, research shows that parents and caregivers who have support systems and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that individuals, businesses, schools and community organizations make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, implements Pinwheels for Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Pinwheels for Prevention is a statewide coordinated campaign aimed to increase awareness of child abuse prevention efforts by encouraging healthy child development, positive parenting practices and community support; and

WHEREAS, the blue and silver pinwheel displays in this campaign symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an important opportunity to urge all Floridians to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities, and that provide the optimal environment for healthy child development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida do hereby proclaim April, 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2024

STEVE BREITKREUZ, MAYOR

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

February 08, 2024

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Vice Mayor David S. Kuczenski

Council Member Jim Allbritton

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Russell Muñiz, Town Administrator

Debra M. Ruesga, Town Clerk

Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

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 7:04 p.m. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 15 OUT OF ORDER TO BE HEARD AFTER ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS.

3. The Cioli Group - '24 SWR Country Fair Presentation

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of Town Administration.

4. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Sikh Youth Association, Joseph Ansbaugh, Eduardo Flores, Elliot Safdie, Lissa Charron, Marianne Allen, Paul R. Stearns, Newell Hollingsworth, Jim Laskey, Romy Tschuni, John Steven Garate, Mae Rivenbark, Hermann Stubbe, Catalina Stubbe, Valentina Baiz, Susan Mahmoud, Mary Michel, and Luis Leal.

5. Board Reports

Debbie Green spoke on behalf of the Schools and Education Advisory Board. She urged everyone to register for the Unity in Diversity 5k event on March 9th, which benefits the Town's Scholarship fund.

Debbie Green also spoke on behalf of the Zero-Waste Broward Task Force. She stated the next Task Force meeting will be on February 14th at Town Hall. She said the Task Force is currently working on developing a website, hoped to have it ready within a couple of weeks, and asked for volunteers to help develop it. She discussed the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Broward Solid Waste Authority and said it was encouraging because many of the members are looking into sustainable methods for disposing of solid waste.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about upcoming events within the Town such as Hazmat at the Barn on April 27th, the Unity in Diversity 5k on March 9th, the Barn Dance on March 16th, and the Open Play Chess event on March 30th. He also talked about the Fun Horse Show on February 24th and Water Matters Day on March 9th happening at Tree Tops Park. He discussed the twelve speed signs that would be placed around the Town within the upcoming year. He stated there would be three signs per district and they would be used to collect data on traffic, such as speeding and traffic counts.

Council Member Hartmann spoke about the dedication ceremony for Vince Falletta on February 24th at the southeast corner of Luray Road and Hancock Road. He discussed speaking to Town Attorney Poliakoff about having Broward County Commissioners Steve Geller and Nan Rich, attend the Town Council meetings to reiterate the Town's opposition to incineration. He asked the Town Council for their consensus on having Town Attorney Poliakoff and Town Administrator Muñiz contact them on the matter, to which the Town Council agreed.

Vice Mayor Kuczenski provided Council with the traffic citation statistics throughout the Town for the month of January. He stated that he has noticed an increase in traffic enforcement on the Town's interior roads and thanked the Town of Davie Police Department for doing an outstanding job. He also spoke about possibly using Town funds budgeted for police overtime, to be used to increase traffic enforcement on the interior roads. He thanked Town resident Tommy Crivello for donating \$2,500 to the Town Scholarship Fund. He talked about the TSDOR projects for Green Meadows and Sunshine Ranches. He said the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board is working on changing the dark skies ordinance. Lastly, he stated the Rural Public Arts and Design Board will be adding a Halloween home decorating contest this year.

Council Member Allbritton discussed the Broward League of Cities opposition to the State's bill to increase homestead exemption. He stated he had the privilege of attending the Davie Police and Fire Expo and said the Town of Davie has an exceptional public safety department. He talked about participating in a vehicle parade celebrating Town resident Bob Parker turning 90. He thanked everyone that participated, thanked the Town of Davie Police Department for their assistance, and thanked Town staff for their help as well. He discussed the upcoming Public Safety & Traffic Committee meeting happening on February 15th and asked residents to attend and speak upon the traffic issues. Lastly, he spoke about his re-election campaign and said that if anyone had any questions or concerns on any Town matters to contact him and he would discuss it with them.

Mayor Breitkreuz asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of Town residents Dennis Hugdahl and Don Vance. He discussed the South Florida Wildlife Center and the meeting he and Town Administrator Muñiz attended with the Broward County Public Schools Superintendent. He said the meeting about moving the Wildlife Center to the County owned property on Sheridan Street went very well and should be a great opportunity for all parties involved. He spoke about the Town's recreation programs for the Town's youth and seniors beginning in fall. He said as the

Town grows, it is important for the residents to come together more often to do things together and these programs will help the Town become a stronger community.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Keith Poliakoff addressed the concerns of a resident regarding the outdoor assembly ordinance and explained what is allowed under the ordinance.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Muñiz advised the Town Council on upcoming events being held by the Town of Davie, such as the catalytic converter etching program on February 17th and the Town of Davie's upcoming Citizen's Police Academy starting on March 5th. He announced there are vacancies on the Zero Waste Advisory Board and Public Safety and Traffic Committee and instructed any residents that are interested in serving on the boards to contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Discussion

15. Proactive Code Enforcement Categories

Council Member Jablonski thanked everyone for attending and said the reason for the discussion was to get input from the residents on the proactive code issue. He explained the reasons he is asking for more proactive enforcement and the difference between proactive and reactive enforcement. He recapped the five items that are now proactive under the current code; the dark skies, fill and grading without a permit, overgrown lots, bulk trash placed out in advance, and potholes on private roads. He suggested two new items to be added to the proactive list: vegetation planted in the right of ways and the horse trail, and the rental of properties for storage of commercial vehicles. He stated that none of these items would apply to agricultural property.

Mayor Breitreuz opened the floor to public comments on the item, with the majority of public speakers speaking against adding the additional proactive items.

Mayor Breitreuz expressed his gratitude for everyone attending the meeting and voicing their opinions, and said he appreciated how everyone communicated in a positive way. He said he received a lot of emails over the last few days and out of all of them he only received two that were for proactive enforcement. He stated that the residents have strongly expressed that they are against proactive enforcement and that as Mayor of the Town he was a representative of the residents, and he would not be willing to add any additional items to the proactive enforcement list. He spoke about the need for residents to speak to their neighbors regarding code issues before reporting them to code. He also talked about how code enforcement is sometimes used as a weapon by residents against their neighbors, and that this was becoming a very concerning issue. He said that he is working on some ideas that may alleviate the problem and asked the Town Council to think about ways to fix this dilemma so it can be worked on at a later meeting. He reiterated that the Town Council was not discussing changing any of the Town Code, the discussion was only regarding proactive or reactive enforcement. Lastly, he recognized there are some issues with the Town using reactive enforcement, however, he said there are also issues with proactive enforcement and he is fine staying with reactive enforcement.

Vice Mayor Kuczenski explained the difference between reactive enforcement and proactive enforcement. He stated that he has received numerous phone calls from residents that were against proactive enforcement. He said the Town was established with reactive enforcement and even though it is not a perfect system he believed changing to proactive enforcement would result in dire consequences. He spoke about his fear of the Town going further into proactive enforcement and asked the Town Council to think about amending the Town Charter to not allow any further items to become proactive. He said it was something that could be discussed at a future meeting.

Council Member Hartmann spoke about dealing with new residents that have issues when trying to adjust to the Town's rural lifestyle. He stated he ran twice for Town Council on the platform to keep the Town rural and he would continue to do that.

Council Member Allbritton spoke about receiving phone calls from residents regarding code complaints and how he engages with the individuals that have complaints against them. He discussed a resident that is dealing with a neighbor using his property as a rental storage lot for boats and vehicles and how that is becoming more of a problem around the Town. He spoke about how proactive enforcement is sometimes needed for certain issues and used fill permits as an example. He said the issues of work without permits and unauthorized use of property are most of the code issues at the magistrate hearings. He talked about how the Town will stay with reactive enforcement but felt that something needs to be changed to handle the ongoing code matters. He stated that before these items become widespread, everyone in the Town needs to think of ways to address these code enforcement issues, while at the same time remaining neighborly.

Mayor Breitzkreuz thanked Council Member Jablonski for bringing the topic before the Town Council for discussion. He said it was a great opportunity for the Town Council to hear from the residents and for everyone to have their voices heard.

Council Member Jablonski explained how some residents have a fear of retaliation when there is a code issue and that some people are not approachable. He stated that it may become more common to see code complaints filed by Council Members and staff members to protect a resident. He stated it was obvious that no one wants more proactive enforcement issues based on the discussion and that no proactive items have been added to the Code for years. He spoke about the issues becoming more prevalent in the Town and that more people are moving into the Town that don't respect their neighbors and they are harder to deal with on code issues. Lastly, he discussed the issues that he and other Council members have dealt with in the past such as vandalism of their homes, in retaliation for decisions they have made as Council Members.

Mayor Breitzkreuz agreed with Council Member Jablonski and said that sometimes there are people who cannot be dealt with in a reasonable manner and that is when code should be contacted. He stated that Code Enforcement is designed for compliance and that is the goal for everyone

involved. He said that at the end of the day people in the Town want to just live in the “peaceful enjoyment” of their property and everyone should treat their neighbors with respect.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR FILM PERMITTING, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER TOWN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, REPEALING RESOLUTION 2024-012 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW PURCHASE ORDER BY PIGGYBACKING OFF OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT # FSA23-VEL31.0, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO GARBER FORD, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS \$55,000.00 TO PURCHASE A NEW MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PIGGYBACK OF GSA CONTRACT (US # GSA-GS-35F-0592S) FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$30,750.00) TO LENOVO (UNITED STATES) INC. FOR LENOVO LAPTOPS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

12. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE CITY OF SUNRISE PROVIDING WATER SERVICE TO 14251 MUSTANG TRAIL, 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 Vice Mayor Kuczenski, seconded by Council Member Jablonski, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Kuczenski, and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

13. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE CITY OF SUNRISE PROVIDING WATER SERVICE TO 13201 LURAY 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 Vice Mayor Kuczenski, seconded by Council Member Jablonski, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Kuczenski, and Mayor Breitkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**Discussion****14. Settlement Agreement: Vidal/Luigi's**

Town Administrator Muñiz advised the Town Council the item being discussed was a settlement agreement in response to a code case involving commercial vehicles on the property. He said the issue went before the Special Magistrate, was appealed to a certified mediator, and the result was the settlement agreement brought before Council for approval. Council Member Jablonski discussed the issue as an example of proactive and reactive code enforcement and described the lengths needed for the Code Department and the Town Attorney's Office to resolve the matter. The Town Council discussed the issue, and a consensus was reached to approve the settlement agreement.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

16. Approval of Minutes

- a. October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. October 26, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. November 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. December 12, 2023 Ethics Training Meeting Minutes
- e. December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 26, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 12, 2023 ETHICS TRAINING MEETING MINUTES, AND DECEMBER 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, PROVIDED CORRECTIONS ARE MADE.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra M. Ruesga, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 14th day of March, 2024.

Steve Breitzkreuz, Mayor

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

February 22, 2024

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Russell Muñiz, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor David S. Kuczenski

Debra M. Ruesga, Town Clerk

Council Member Jim Allbritton

Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Richard Dewitt, Assistant Town Attorney

Council Member Gary Jablonski

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.

3. Proclamation - George Morris Day

The Town presented a proclamation that recognized February 29th as George Morris Day.

4. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Sikh Youth Association, Newell Hollingsworth, Kathy Cox, John Garate, Jim Laskey, Hisham Mohammad, Mary Michel, Alexis Dager, Debbie Green, and Lori Parrish.

5. Board Reports

Debbie Green addressed the Town Council on behalf of the Schools and Education Advisory Board. She spoke about the Sikh Unity in Diversity 5k event happening on March 9th, and encouraged everyone to register for the event because all the proceeds benefit the Town scholarship fund.

George Morris spoke on behalf of the Aster Knight Parks Foundation and discussed the possibility of having the Country Fair Carnival and the Car Show at the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary. He stated the Board was concerned the upcoming projects of stabilization and restroom facilities would not be completed in time and encouraged the Town Council not to delay completing the project.

Debbie Green spoke on behalf of the Zero Waste Broward Task Force. She stated that public input is having a positive impact on the Solid Waste Authority Executive Committee regarding moving towards zero waste instead of incineration. She discussed that one of the members of the task force is attending an educational conference in California, and that the information will be brought back to the Solid Waste Authority for their edification. She advised that the next Zero-Waste Broward Task Force meeting would be held at Town Hall, Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:00 PM. She asked everyone to reach out to their friends in surrounding cities to encourage them to attend the meeting.

Mayor Breitkreuz thanked Debbie Green, Richard Ramcharitar, and Jim Laskey for their efforts with the zero-waste initiative. He stated he was proud of the Town's residents on how they have stepped up to deal with the issue.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski thanked everyone for attending the meeting and watching it on YouTube. He spoke about upcoming events within the Town such as Hazmat at the Barn on April 27th, the canal dedication for Vince Falletta on February 24th, the Fun Horse Show on February 24th, and the DMV FLOW event on February 28th. He also spoke about the Unity in Diversity 5k on March 9th, Water Matters Day on March 9th, the Barn Dance on March 16th, and the Open Chess Play event on March 30th.

Council Member Hartmann discussed the canal dedication ceremony for Vince Falletta occurring on February 24th at the southeast corner of Luray Road and Hancock Road. He spoke about the Clusia plant and the dangers it presents to animals. He said he would include some information on it in his next article in the Town Newsletter. He also discussed the dangers of using the pesticide Round Up around pets and encouraged everyone to speak to their veterinarians about the issue. He encouraged residents to research and find natural methods for weed control. Lastly, he discussed the Open Chess Play event happening on March 30th and invited everyone to attend.

Vice Mayor Kuczenski discussed the incinerator issue and gave a brief description of the Zero-Waste Broward Task Force and the Town's Zero Waste Advisory Board. He stated that board members are needed for the Town's Zero Waste Advisory Board, and thanked Debbie Green, Richard Ramcharitar, Jim Laskey for their efforts on the issue. He spoke about the Rural Public Arts and Design Board and their plans to have both a Halloween home decorating contest and the December Holiday Lights contest this year. He talked about the traffic speed signs being placed around Town and the location of their placements in Sunshine Ranches. He stated the signs were going to be placed on Mustang Trail facing west, Luray Road facing west, and Hancock Road facing south. He said his number one complaint from residents is speeding in Town and hoped these signs would help slow down traffic.

Council Member Allbritton spoke about the Zero Waste Advisory Board. He thanked the Town for creating it and Debbie Green for requesting its creation. He stated the Board would be the example that Broward County would follow to "reuse, recycle, and refurbish". He discussed the Broward County Water Board and the issues the County faces with groundwater intrusion. He talked about the South Florida Regional Planning Council Board and the issues they address such as transportation and low-income housing. He stated that he attends approximately sixteen meetings a month because he likes the Town and is dedicated to the best interests of the Town. He thanked the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board for the items they are currently working on to keep the Town rural, and looked forward to what would be brought before the Town Council within the next few months. He discussed the Town ordinance on fireworks and the low decibel fireworks that will be used in the Town. He talked about the reconvening of the Public Safety and Traffic Committee and their recent meeting. He said the Town of Davie Police Department gave a presentation about the functions of the Motor Division, such as how, where, and why they set up certain locations to reduce speeding. He spoke about the twelve speed signs being placed around Town and the impact they should have on speeding. He stated the Town plans on purchasing more signs next fiscal year.

Mayor Breitzkreuz addressed the Clusia plant issue that was brought up during public comments and said he would include some information on it in his article in the Newsletter. He discussed the right-of-ways along Stirling Road that the Town is requiring residents to give up in order to extend Stirling Road west of 166th Avenue. He stated the Town has no plans to extend Stirling Road further west and that he would be against any action to extend Stirling Road in the future. He said the Town should be returning those right-of-ways to the homeowners to try and make it more difficult in the future for anyone to extend Stirling Road. He asked the Town Council for a consensus to direct staff to return the right-of-ways to the property owners and not require residents to give the Town any right-of-ways along Stirling Road. He also asked the issue to be brought up for discussion at an upcoming Town Council Meeting. Town Council agreed it was a good idea and Council Member Jablonski stated he would like to review a map of the area showing the right-of ways. Mayor Breitzkreuz clarified that the right-of-ways were only along the north side of Stirling Road and not the south side which has a right-of-way for the horse trail. He stated that after addressing this issue, he would like to have the Drainage and Infrastructure Board review any right-of-ways that the Town may be acquiring from residents, to ensure it matches what the Town plans on doing with the roadways. He spoke about the creation of the Town Resident Academy and how it could help the new residents become familiar with the Town. Lastly, he talked about the Open Chess Play event being held March 30th and said it should be a lot of fun for everyone.

7. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney Richard Dewitt had no legal comments.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Muñiz advised Town Council that the Town of Davie's Civilian Police Academy starting in March was canceled due to lack of participation, and that there would be an academy scheduled in the fall for any interested residents. He discussed item number 9 on the agenda and informed the Town Council there was an arithmetical error in the amount of the purchase order and the correct amount was \$36,499.74. He spoke about the building services agreement with Cap Government and stated the company would like to renew for a two-year term as stipulated in the contract. He informed Council that he had spoken to the Town Attorney on the matter and there were no changes to the terms or conditions of the contract so the Town would be approving the renewal.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$36,499.74) WITH HUURR HOMES, LLC FOR THE ROLLING OAKS PARK DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE PURCHASE ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH THE CORRECTED AMOUNT OF \$36,499.74.

Discussion

10. FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Calendar

Town Finance Administrator Lopez discussed the proposed budget calendar for fiscal year 2024-2025. He stated the calendar was essentially a guide to facilitate the budget process and to keep the public informed of the progression. He asked the Town Council for a consensus to approve the calendar. Town Council briefly discussed the item and approved the calendar.

11. Prohibition of Additional Proactive Code Enforcement Items - Council Member Kuczenski

Vice Mayor Kuczenski stated that he brought the discussion item to Council because of the reaction from residents that were opposed to proactive code enforcement. He said that in his discussion with residents on the issue, the topic of amending the Town Charter to prevent adding proactive items was brought up. He said would like to have input from the residents and the Town Council on the matter.

Mayor Breitzkreuz opened the floor to public comments with many of the public speaking against proactive code enforcement.

Vice Mayor Kuczenski stated that he initially wanted to amend the Town Charter to prevent adding additional proactive code enforcement items, but after speaking with residents and hearing the discussion he was no longer open to that idea. He explained that a majority vote of 3-2 was all that it took to add a proactive item and he did not agree with that. He said that he would like to make it more complicated to add proactive items to the Code and suggested the Town could set parameters that must be met to qualify an item as proactive, conduct a study before adding an item to the proactive list, or increase the required number of votes to pass the item. He said that adding more proactive issues would lead to a more aggressive code enforcement, a bloated bureaucracy, and more government intrusion on the residents' lives.

Council Member Hartmann spoke about how he is one hundred percent behind keeping the Town rural but explained that putting the proactive items in the Town Charter would be a challenge and essentially tie the Town's hands. He discussed how the State and County are forcing municipalities to stop using wells and septic tanks. He said this was an example of how the State or County can mandate the Town on an issue they don't agree with, and this example would be an issue where the Town would need proactive code enforcement to enforce the change. He said that if people refused to change over from septic to sewer and the Town had to wait for a Charter Amendment to make it a proactive item, the Town could face lawsuits from the State. He said that he liked Vice Mayor Kuczenski's idea of having a study to ensure an item should be proactive. He also agreed with Vice Mayor Kuczenski that the 3-2 vote should be changed and suggested that it should be at least a 4-1 vote to add a proactive item. He discussed how the Town Council

represents the residents of the Town and if they did not like how the Council Members were voting on issues then they should vote them out.

Council Member Allbritton addressed the resident's issue directed towards him during the public comment portion of the item. He discussed that when the Town was founded there were no proactive code enforcement items but now there are five items. He said these items were changed because they became a widespread nuisance to the Town and the only way to stop them was to make them proactive. He said it would be a huge mistake to prevent the Town Council from designating items as proactive because no one knows what the future holds for the Town and what issues may need to be changed to proactive. He spoke about RVs and mobile homes being parked on properties in Town and that people paying rent to stay there and said this is not in alignment with the rural lifestyle. He stated people should not be concerned with Code Enforcement if they have nothing wrong with their property. Lastly, he spoke about working with Code Enforcement on educating residents on violations and how to correct them and how that would improve the relationship of the residents with Code Enforcement.

Council Member Jablonski stated that no one can predict the future needs of the Town and that the five items that are proactive now came about because they became necessary for the Town. He spoke about how rarely proactive items are added to the Code and said the last item was added seven years ago. He agreed that the Town could use the option of changing the votes required to pass proactive items to at least 4-1, but stated putting into the Charter would be equivalent to handcuffing the Council. He used the Town's fill permit policy as an example of why proactive items are needed and stated that without that policy many residents' properties would be flooded. He commended the Code Enforcement department for the work they do and explained that they work with the resident to reach compliance before it goes any further. He described a program that Code Enforcement has for residents to conduct a courtesy inspection on the property and if any violations are found they will help the resident fix them. He said the program is open for everyone and that he uses it almost every other year to prevent small items, such as a broken fence, from becoming major issues later.

Mayor Breitzkreuz thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He discussed an incident in the past involving illegal fill affecting his home. He said this type of situation was the reason illegal fill was put on the proactive enforcement list, because it destroyed the lifestyle of the neighbors around them when not done properly. He stated this was an example of why proactive items are needed for the Town but felt no additional proactive items needed to be added at this time. He said he would support a change in the number of votes required to pass the item to at least a 4-1 vote and would be happy with a 5-0 vote. He discussed the plan of having Code Enforcement systematically check the entire Town for compliance with the "Dark Skies" ordinance. He stated he was no longer comfortable with the plan and said it was not right for the Town to go forward with it. He said it could be an issue discussed by Council at another meeting. He commended the Code Enforcement department for the work that they do and reiterated that their main goal is compliance, and that they are always willing to work with residents to get them into compliance. He discussed the issue of Code Enforcement being weaponized with residents using it to harass their neighbors. He said he has thought of some ideas of having monetary penalties for repeated false reports but wanted feedback from the residents before presenting the idea further.

Council discussed the options of changing the Town Charter or number of required votes as a solution to the proactive enforcement issue and agreed changing the Town Charter was not the right choice for the Town. The Town Council decided to change the required number of votes to add a proactive item to 4-1 or 5-0 vote was the best option. Town Council directed Town Administration to create an ordinance to change the number of required votes to pass a proactive item and to bring the ordinance before Town Council at an upcoming meeting.

12. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 11, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- b. January 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 11, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra M. Ruesga, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 14th day of March, 2024.

Steve Breitreuz, Mayor

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MEMORANDUM

To: City Clerks
From: Mary Lou Tighe, Executive Director
Date: February 29, 2024
Re: 2024-25 Board of Director Appointments

2023-2024 OFFICERS

President Todd Drosky
Commissioner, Deerfield Beach
1st Vice President Felicia Brunson
Mayor, West Park
2nd Vice President Denise Horland
Councilmember, Plantation
Secretary Joyce Davis
Commissioner, Dania Beach
Treasurer Traci Callari
Commissioner, Hollywood

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Councilmember, Southwest Ranches
Barbara Baldasarre
Vice Mayor, Hillsboro Beach
Pamela Beasley-Pittman
Vice Mayor, Fort Lauderdale
Marlon Bolton
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Samson Borgelin
Mayor, North Lauderdale
Anthony Caggiano
Commissioner, Margate
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Commissioner, Pompano Beach
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Lawrence "Jabbow" Martin
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Commissioner, Lauderdale Lakes
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Commissioner, Weston
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Mayor, Pembroke Park
Patty Petrone
Commissioner, Lighthouse Point
Paul Rolli
Commissioner, Wilton Manors
Mitch Rosenwald
Mayor, Oakland Park
Joshua Rydell
Mayor, Coconut Creek
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Vice Mayor, Pembroke Pines
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Councilmember, Sea Ranch Lakes

Samuel S. Goren, Esquire
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Legal Counsel

Mary Lou Tighe
Executive Director
Sely Cochran
Deputy Executive Director

According to the League By-Laws:

- Each city shall appoint a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to attend and vote at any Board of Directors or General Membership meeting held where he/she represents his/her municipality.
- It is the responsibility of each Director to communicate with his/her respective municipal officials, employees, and constituents concerning actions taken or to be taken by the Board of Directors or the general membership. Directors are responsible for bringing issues of collective importance to the attention of the Board of Directors.
- Each member of the Board of Directors shall notify his or her Alternate to attend Board of Director Meetings when that voting member will not attend. The Alternate shall have the right to participate and vote. In the event the Alternate cannot attend, the Alternate shall notify his or her Second Alternate to attend Board of Director meetings when the Alternate cannot attend. The Second Alternate shall have the right to participate and vote.

Please agenda the selection of your Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate for an upcoming commission meeting. See the attached attendance record for the last year. **The deadline for board appointments is April 11, 2024.** The term will begin on May 4, 2024, where members will be sworn in at the 67th Annual Gala at Margaritaville. The term will end in May of 2025.

Please forward the information below to scochrane@browardleague.org.

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Municipality: _____

Commissioner/Council Appointments: _____

Director: _____

Alternate: _____

Second Alternate: _____

2023-2024 Board Meeting Attendance

	9/7/2023	10/5/2023	11/2/2023	12/7/2023	1/11/2024	3/7/24	4/4/24	5/2/24
Todd Drosky	X	X	(exc.)	X	X			
Felicia Brunson	X	X	X	X	X			
Traci Callari	X	(exc.)	X	(exc.)	X			
Bob Mayersohn	(alt.)	X	X	X	(alt.)			
Greg Ross	X	X	X	X	(exc.)			
Susan Starkey	X	X	X	X	X			
Joy Cooper								
Frank Ortis		(exc.)		(exc.)				
Jim Allbritton	X	(exc.)	X	X	X			
Barbara Baldasarre	X	X	X	X	X			
Pamela Beasley-Pittman	X	X	X	(exc.)	X			
Marlon Bolton	X	X	(exc.)	X	X			
Samson Borgelin	X	X		X	X			
Anthony Caggiano	X	X	X	X	X			
Joy Carter	X	X	X	X	(alt.)			
Joyce Davis	X	X	X	X	X			
Mark Douglas	X	X	(exc.)	X				
Rhonda Eaton	X	X	X	X	X			
Beam Furr		X		(exc.)	(alt.)			
Denise Horland	X	(exc.)	X	X	X			
Jeremy Katzman	X	X	(exc.)	X	X			
Edmund Malkoon	(exc.)		X	(exc.)	(exc.)			
Ashira Mohammed		X	X	X	X			
Lawrence Martin	X	X	X	(exc.)	(exc.)			
Karlene Maxwell-Williams	X	(alt.)	X	X	X			
Henry Mead	(alt.)	X	X	X	X			
Wayne Messam			X					
Patty Petrone	X	(alt.)	(exc.)	X	X			
Paul Rolli	X	X	X	X	X			
Mitch Rosenwald	X	(exc.)	X	X	X			
Joshua Rydell								
Iris Siple		X						
Chad Volkert								