

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

April 10, 2025

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Vice Mayor Bob Hartmann

Council Member Jim Allbritton

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Russell Muñiz, Town Administrator

Debra Ruesga, Town Clerk

Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

A 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 Breitzkreuz at 7:03 PM. 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 Council Member Kuczenski, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Jablonski, Kuczenski, and Vice Mayor Hartmann voting yes.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MAYOR BREITKREUZ'S ABSENCE.

Presentations

3. Presentation - 2024 Southwest Ranches Officer of the Year - Officer Jose Nunez

The Town presented a proclamation and an Outback Steakhouse gift card that recognized Officer Jose Nunez as Officer of the Year for 2024 for the Town of Southwest Ranches and recognized April 10th, 2025 as Officer Jose Nunez Day.

4. Public Comment

The were no Public Comments.

5. Board Reports

Harold Gubnitsky spoke on behalf of the Zero Waste Advisory Board. He advised Town Council that the Board has scheduled a tour of the WM Reuter Recycling Center on April 30th at 10:00 a.m. He said to contact the Town Clerk's office to sign up. He discussed the Board having a booth/table at the Town's 25th Anniversary event to provide education on recycling and the zero waste initiative. He stated the Board is also looking for different ways they are trying to encourage people to listen to the education and sign up for additional tours of the Recycling Center. He talked about the Board working with Town Administration and Procurement on reviewing the scope of work on the Zero Waste Consultant RFP. He discussed starting relationships with other municipalities that have zero waste initiatives and sustainability strategies such as the City of Deerfield Beach.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski spoke about the following Town events:

- Hazmat at the Barn on May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The ROCA Egg Hunt at the Barn on April 12th starting at 11:00 a.m.
- The scheduled visits of the Broward County Property Appraiser to the Town on the first Tuesday of each month
- The Town's 25th Anniversary event on June 7th starting at 10:00 a.m.

He talked about the Town Scholarship Fund and reminded students in the Town the deadline to submit their applications was approaching. He discussed the Unity in Diversity 5k and said that it was a great success and that it raised \$7,000 towards the Town Scholarship Fund. He spoke about the permanent blood donation location in the Countryside Shops and said that you can walk in at any time to donate blood.

Council Member Kuczenski discussed the data from the speed radar signs in Sunshine Ranches; however, he stated that he was not able to review it before the meeting but highlighted that there were some vehicles speeding up to 90 mph in the neighborhood. He appointed Jessica Hartmann to the Zero Waste Advisory Board and wished her luck on the appointment.

Council Member Allbritton congratulated Officer Jose Nunez for receiving the Officer of the Year Award and said that he had the privilege to present him with the plaque at the Town of Davie Police Awards Ceremony. He discussed the Unity in Diversity 5k and commented that it was a great event and thanked everyone involved with the event. He talked about the Aden Perry life rings that were mistakenly removed by the South Florida Water Management District and said that the life rings would be replaced soon. He spoke about the bus stop at SW 53rd Court and Dykes Road. He said the process to purchase and install the guardrail has been started and that it will be installed soon. He discussed the Public Safety and Traffic Committee initiative on reducing the commercial trucks that are overloaded and driving through the Town. He said that the Florida Highway Patrol has brought in scales and has been patrolling the Town to help reduce the occurrences. He stated the Town is researching installing a turn lane along Dykes Road for drivers to make safe U-turns along Dykes Road south of Griffin Road. Lastly, he spoke about the Town Council considering the Aster Knight Foundation request to have a food truck event once a month at the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary.

Vice Mayor Hartmann discussed the issue of overweight commercial vehicles using the roads in the Town and the damage the vehicles have on roads. He stated that the Town is not against commercial vehicles but against vehicles that are not loaded in compliance with the law.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff had no legal comments.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Muñiz spoke about the Town's strategic plan and the new development process that has been implemented. He stated that one of the main components of the strategic

plan is a resident survey that would assist in identifying issues that are most important to residents. He said that there are funds available in the Town budget that were not used when working with another consultant and stated that he would like to reallocate \$10,000 of those unused funds to hire a consultant to help develop and create the resident survey.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Kuczenski, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Jablonski, Kuczenski, and Vice Mayor Hartmann voting yes.

MOTION: TO REALLOCATE \$10,000 FROM UNUSED FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SAGE CONSULTING TO BE USED TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA OPPOSING SB 1822 AND HB 565 THAT WOULD DEFINE THE TERM " AUXILIARY CONTAINERS" AND PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING THEM WHICH IS A DIRECT INTRUSION INTO THE CONSTITUTIONALLY ESTABLISHED HOME RULE POWERS OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

10. Approval of Minutes

a. February 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

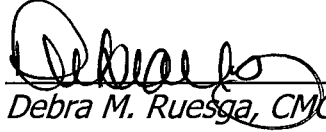
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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Debra M. Ruesga, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 26TH day of June, 2025.



Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

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