

**FIRST BUDGET HEARING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Southwest Ranches, Florida**

Monday 6:00 PM

September 15, 2014

13400 Griffin Road

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Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitreuz

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Russell Muñiz, Town Clerk

The First Budget Hearing 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 Nelson at 6:09 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Administrator Comments**

Town Administrator Berns explained that each item on the agenda would be covered in the Town Financial Administrator's presentation. After the meeting tonight, the final millage rate and the budget will be set at the second budget hearing scheduled for September 30, 2014.

**5. Presentation by Finance**

Town Financial Administrator Martin Sherwood illustrated the significant aspects of each agenda item via a PowerPoint presentation.

**6. Resolution** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COMPUTATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS; INCORPORATING THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT REPORT; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitreuz, seconded by Council Member McKay and was later amended below:

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

An amended motion was made by Council Member Breitkreuz, seconded by Vice Mayor Jablonski and passed by 4-1 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Fisikelli, Jablonski, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes with Council Member McKay dissenting.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO ADJUSTING THE RATE BASED ON THE REDUCED EXPENDITURES TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**7. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FOR FY 2014-2015 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitkreuz, seconded by Council Member McKay and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Fisikelli, McKay, Jablonski, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

#### **Millage Rate and Budget Hearing**

**8. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitkreuz, seconded by Council Member McKay and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Fisikelli, McKay, Jablonski, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO AMENDING THE MILLAGE RATE TO 4.2719.

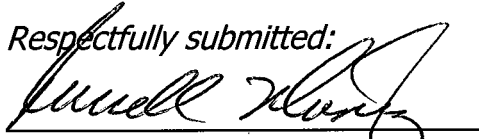
**9. Ordinance – First Reading** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET BASIS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitkreuz, seconded by Council Member McKay and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Fisikelli, McKay, Jablonski, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

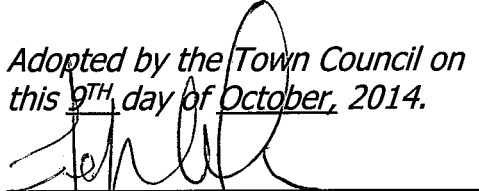
**10. Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Russell Muñiz, MMC, Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on  
this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2014.*



*Jeff Nelson, Mayor*

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