

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

February 18, 2016

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Doug McKay

Council Member Steve Breitkreuz

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

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 Nelson at 7:08 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nelson asked for a moment of silence in honor of Davie Fire Chief Joe Montopoli who passed away on February 1st.

3. Public Comment – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth, Vince Falletta, Mary Gay Chaples, and Bob Hartmann.

4. Board Reports

Newell Hollingsworth, Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board, advised that the purchase order for the prototype barn architect had been signed and he was hopeful that renderings would be ready soon.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Fisikelli spoke about recent changes at the Broward MPO. The first change would allow the Town to have a vote at these meetings more often in the event of an absence by another member municipality. He also advised that at the Town's request, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was amended to remove SW 188th Avenue and the SW 184th Avenue project was modified from a four lane to a two lane road. Lastly, he spoke about a proposed plan being considered by the Broward MPO to place a 1 cent sales tax on the November ballot for transportation or infrastructure projects.

Council Member Breitkreuz felt that bulk trash continues to be a problem and needs to be addressed. He believed it is rare that bulk is picked up on its assigned day in the western portion of Town. Responding to a comment made during Public Comment he was opposed to having beer sales at the Chili Cook Off. He commended the efforts of Council Member Fisikelli and Town Administrator Berns in working with the Broward MPO to have SW 188th Avenue removed and SW 184th Avenue modified to a two lane road in the LRTP. He spoke of the latest Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board and increasing the timeline of the TSDOR project. The board would review his proposal and make a recommendation to the Town Council in the near future. Lastly

he spoke of discussions he has had with the Rural Public Arts Board regarding a road renaming project to rename the numbered roads with names of a rural nature. Vice Mayor McKay asked that we consider the cost to replace the old ones. Also he asked what would happen to those that already have a name. Council Member Breitkreuz advised that those names would remain. Mayor Nelson questioned how this would affect postal service, but he generally supported the idea. Council Member Jablonski estimated that 40-50% of the Town roads already had names, but he supported the idea.

Council Member Jablonski expressed his condolences to the family of Davie Fire Chief Joe Montopoli on his passing. He announced that the Neighborhood Garage Sale would take place on Saturday February 20th. He also announced the Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Rolling Oaks Park on March 20th. He spoke of the upcoming Chili Cook Off on March 5th at the Equestrian Park and agreed with Council Member Breitkreuz regarding maintaining the prohibition on beer sales at this event.

Mayor Nelson agreed with Council Member Breitkreuz and Council Member Jablonski regarding maintaining the prohibition on beer sales at the Chili Cook Off. He announced that long time Southwest Ranches employee Juanita Romance had retired and wished her well. He asked the Town Council if they wished to have the upcoming meeting on February 25th as there were no items scheduled. The consensus of the Town Council was to maintain the meeting date.

6. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff also wished Juanita Romance well in her retirement.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns thanked Juanita Romance for her service to the Town and wished her well in her retirement. He announced that the selection process for the Town Engineer position was coming to a close as there were now three candidates being considered after the first round of interviews. He intended to make a final decision in the near future. He also spoke of his request to the County for updated traffic counts on western Griffin Road before and after the opening of the Charter School being built by Pembroke Pines. The County has agreed to provide this data and will provide updated counts after the school has opened in the fall. Lastly, he provided an update on the issues encountered with bulk trash pickup from Southern Waste Systems (SWS) and Bergeron. He provided a summary of several meetings he has had with staff, SWS and Bergeron and advised the Town Council that he believed the best proposal to remedy the performance issues was to have Sun Bergeron perform the bulk trash pickup exclusively beginning March 1st. He was optimistic this would satisfactorily address the bulk trash pickup performance issues experienced by residents.

8. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO Q-STAR TECHNOLOGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,080 TO PURCHASE A FLASHCAM-880 SX SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2016 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,750,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN VACANT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ITS MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES; AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE NEGOTIATED SALE OF THE BOND TO TD BANK, N.A. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA AND TD BANK, N.A.; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID LOAN AGREEMENT; MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS ARE REQUIRED TO AFFORD THE BOND "BANK QUALIFIED" STATUS; PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BOND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA, A MARYLAND CORPORATION ("CCA"); APPROVING THE USE OF \$350,000.00 OF THE TOWN'S RESERVES AS A DOWN PAYMENT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE PRICE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2015-0007; APPROVING THE USE OF \$2,067,500 OF THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE RESERVES TO (1) RETIRE THE TOWN'S FLORIDA MUNICIPAL LOAN COUNCIL SERIES 2001 REVENUE BOND IN FULL; AND (2) TO PROVIDE FOR DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COSTS FOR A NEW 2016 BOND FINANCING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

12. Approval of Minutes

a. January 14, 2016 Special Meeting

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

13. Appointments

Town Administrator Berns explained that the Rural Public Arts Board wished to expand from five to seven members.

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

MOTION: TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS BOARD FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

14. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 28th day of April, 2016.*



Jeff Nelson, 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.