

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida**

Wednesday 7:00 PM

February 13, 2019

13400 Griffin Road

Present:	Andrew Berns, Town Administrator
Mayor Doug McKay	Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk
Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski	Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator
Council Member Bob Hartmann	Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney
Council Member Fisikelli	

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 McKay at 7:03 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION: TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBER DENISE SCHROEDER.

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

MOTION: TO APPOINT FRANCESCA CASE TO THE SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD.

3. Rolling Oaks Park Corral – Eagle Scout Candidate Anthony Beckman

4. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: George Cailis, Barbara Cailis, David Kuczenski, Newell Hollingsworth, and Mary Gay Chaples.

5. Board Reports

Debbie Green, Treasurer for the Schools and Education Advisory Board informed that the SEAB is selling a Town Commemorative Coin for \$15.00 and all proceeds will benefit the Town's College Scholarship Fund. She also invited everyone to attend the Town of Southwest Ranches Barn Dance at the Rolling Oaks Barn on Saturday, March 9th at 7 p.m. In addition, she mentioned that the Sikh Temple is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 30th and all proceeds will benefit the Town's College Scholarship Fund.

Mary Gay Chaples, Chair of the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board informed that her board is currently working on coming up with a plan to clean out the two

ponds in Rolling Oaks and to get rid of the exotic trees, which are choking the Oak trees and other native trees on a property located in Country Estates. She would like to come back with a plan for Town Council's consideration.

6. Council Member Comments

Vice Mayor Jablonski advised of upcoming events such as the Town Wide Garage Sale on February 16th, DMV Flow Mobile on February 28th, the Barn Dance on March 9th, the Sikh Temple 5K Walk/Run on March 30th, the Easter Egg Hunt (TBD), and the Bingo at the Barn on May 4th.

Vice Mayor Jablonski also announced that the Schools and Education Advisory Board is selling a Town Commemorative Coin for \$15.00 created and donated by Louis Gregory. All the proceeds will benefit the Town's College Scholarship. Lastly, he wished Council Member Schroeder a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

Council Member Hartmann announced that the Country Estates Homeowners Association will be having their 4th Annual Barbecue after the Sikh Society's 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 30th. He addressed some of the issues that were mentioned during Public Comment. Regarding the exotic trees, he agreed that the exotic trees will be outgrowing and choking up the good native trees. Secondly, he asked Town Attorney Poliakoff to provide an update in reference to the Code Enforcement issue with Mr. & Mrs. Cailis, and asked him if other municipalities provide any type of insurance to any of their advisory boards. Council Member Hartmann reminded everyone to say something if you see something in an effort to protect themselves from becoming a victim of a crime. He asked that the gaps in between the guardrails on the intersections between Weston Road and Bonaventure Boulevard be filled in to avoid cars veering into the canal. Lastly, he sent his best wishes and a speedy recovery to Council Member Schroeder and Aster Knight both whom have had recent surgery.

Council Member Fisikelli thanked everyone who supported he and his family during the recent passing of his wife, Sarah. He also mentioned that he and his daughter visited Council Member Schroeder and urged everyone to visit her as well.

Mayor McKay informed that Aster Knight due to complications from a previous surgery, had to recently go back for minor surgery. He indicated his intent to participate in the Sikh Society 5K Run/Walk, and invited the other Council Members to join him and have some fun.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff mentioned that he had spoken to Council Member Schroeder recently, and she assured him that she would be present for the next Council Meeting.

In regards to the case against the nursery that Council Member Hartmann brought up earlier, Town Attorney Poliakoff explained that the case involves a new nursery that opened in a residential area. Mr. Poliakoff stated that he was not present at the Code Hearing, however, he reviewed the file with Community Development Director Robert Solera and the photos show that there was a lot of manure on the property. However, the Special Magistrate, after visiting

the site, made the determination that the manure on the property met reasonable farming practices for farming of land, and there was no smell of manure emanating from the property. The Special Magistrate ruled that the nursery had to plant a continuous head of arecas and banana plants on the South property line to visually shield the look of the property.

In conclusion, the Special Magistrate made a decision in which the Town needs to abide by, however the residents have their private options to sue. If the manure does smell again in the future, Town Attorney Poliakoff advised the resident to contact the Code Enforcement Department to document the smell, in an effort to bring this issue back again as a repeat violation.

In response to Council Member Hartmann's inquiries, Town Attorney Poliakoff replied that no other municipality provides insurance to protect members of their advisory boards. Lastly, he reported that he has reached out to Mr. Richard Tornese of Broward County, and will have an update about the guardrails for the next Council Meeting.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns advised that he, along with Town Staff, look forward to having Council Member Schroeder back. He also reported that he has received some acknowledgements from the State on FEMA commitments. He explained that even though checks on those expenses have not been received yet, the paperwork is being processed. Lastly, Mr. Berns explained that in order to be compliant with the (CRS) Community Rating System process which pays dividends for our residents flood insurance discounts, FEMA audits are required as part of the process, and it was discovered that there are some residents who have made home improvements to their home in recent years, but do not have an elevation certificate in their file. In order to be in compliance, the Town has reached out to these residents looking for an elevation certificate in order to complete and close out their files. He is hopeful that it won't be too much of an inconvenience for the residents, but it will benefit the Town and all of its residents.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER PIGGYBACKING ONTO US COMMUNITIES CONTRACT NUMBER 4400008468 WITH SAFEWARE, INC. FOR FIRE STATION SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$155,838.08); APPROVING A FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A SELECTION & NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE ("SC") IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TOWN'S PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES; ENACTING A CONE OF SILENCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Discussion

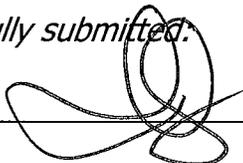
11. Affirmation of Advisory Board Policy

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

MOTION: TO RE-AFFIRM THE ADVISORY BOARD POLICY THAT THE WAIVER OF LIABILITY MUST BE SIGNED AS CONDITION FOR SERVICE ON THE BOARD.

12. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted.



Ivette Solera, Deputy Town Clerk, CMC

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 14th day of March, 2019.*



Doug McKay, Mayor

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