

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

Thursday 7:00 PM

July 25, 2013

13400 Griffin Road

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Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Doug McKay

Andy Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Erika Santamaria, Town Clerk

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Vice Mayor Steve Breitkreuz was absent.

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 7:10 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** – Council Member McKay made a motion to excuse Vice Mayor Breitkreuz from the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jablonski and the motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, McKay, Jablonski and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

**3. Presentation** – Update on HealthCare Reform by Representative Richard Stark

**4. Public Comment** – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth, Vince Falletta, Manny Hagen, Dee Schroeder, Mary Gay Chaples, Bob Hartmann and Kathy Cox.

**5. Board Reports** – Mary Gay Chaples provided a report on the Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board.

**6. Council Member Comments**

Council Member Jablonski requested a consensus from the Council that the Town place certain questions on the upcoming ballot in 2014. The topics included roadways, fire department, and ethics. He requested the Council consider this for further discussion.

Council Member Fisikelli addressed issues with Luke's Landscaping and Fishing Hole Park.

Council Member McKay recognized Town staff for their work on the 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue drainage project.

Mayor Nelson thanked the Council for their support during the summer while he was away with his family. He also requested that a survey be prepared for residents on rating the Town's services and provide comments for improvements. The Council was in favor of the survey.

## 7. Legal Comments

The Town Attorney provided an update on possible Resource Recovery lawsuit. There were no further comments.

## 8. Administration Comments

The Town Administrator also reported on the Resource Recovery matter. There were no issues on bulk pick-up. He provided an update on the IT/VOIP transition. He also reported that the website was in transition as well. He stated that he would work with the County of the school lights in front of Master's Academy. He updated the Council on Rapid Notify, the emergency notification system and its launch in the upcoming weeks.

**9. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND CURRENT ROLL BACK RATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF BROWARD COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; DIRECTING THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**10. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; 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 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**11. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**12. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes for July 11, 2013 – Regular Council Meeting

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

**13. Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC, Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.*

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*Jeff Nelson, Mayor*

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