

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

Thursday 7:00 PM

June 12, 2014

13400 Griffin Road

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**Present:**

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Council Member Doug McKay

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Russell Muñiz, Town Clerk

Council Member Steve Breitzkreuz

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.

Aster Knight presented a check in the amount of \$22,000 to the Town on behalf of the Aster Knight Foundation for improvements to the Rolling Oaks Barn.

**3. Presentation – Legislative Update – Nelson Diaz, Southern Strategy Group**

Nelson Diaz of Southern Strategy Group presented the Town Council with an update of the most recent legislative session.

**4. Public Comment** – The following member of the public addressed the Town Council: Vince Falletta.

**5. Board Reports**

Mary Gay Chaples reflected on the history of the Town. She felt that the Southwest Ranches Historical Society was working hard on sorting through all of the historical documents and advised Council on recent developments.

Dee Schroder representing the Southwest Ranches Historical Society updated the Council on their efforts and advised that money had been donated from Sunshine Ranches to assist with the preservation efforts.

Mary Gay Chaples spoke on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and advised that rules for rental of the Rolling Oaks Barn were being developed. She advised that a wedding was being planned for December.

**6. Council Member Comments**

Council Member McKay spoke of a meeting he attended at the Central Broward Water Control District and advised that they were allocating \$34,000 in drainage improvements for Thoroughbred Lane.

Council Member Fisikelli spoke about tree trimming that South Broward Drainage District would be doing along the canal bank at Fishing Hole Park and a residence on 166<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He gave an update on improvements at Fishing Hole Park.

Vice Mayor Jablonski thanked staff and the Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts with the grand opening and building dedication. He thanked Council Member Breitzkreuz for comments he wrote in his article regarding the Chili Cookoff.

Council Member Breitzkreuz thanked Council Member McKay and all of those involved with the acquisition and remodel of the Town Hall site. He spoke about the TSDOR project and was excited that it was now starting up. He also spoke about some of the road improvements between 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue including road striping and traffic calming.

Mayor Nelson lamented the passing of Bob Harbin and expressed his condolences to his family. He gave an update on the lawsuit with Pembroke Pines and spoke of his frustration with the city.

## **7. Legal Comments**

Town Attorney Poliakoff announced an executive session for June 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 6p.m. to discuss the lawsuit against Pembroke Pines. He spoke of Pembroke Pines reluctance to provide information as requested. He spoke of the Legal Department's efforts which has resulted in \$1.7 million in revenue for the Town. He also spoke of the County prison site which was recently acquired by the City of Pembroke Pines. He advised Council that an ordinance concerning roof eaves would be coming forward at the next Council meeting.

## **8. Administration Comments**

Town Administrator Berns thanked Council Member Fisikelli, the Volunteer Fire Department and staff who worked on the building dedication ceremony and grand opening. He advised that future grand openings and ribbon cuttings were being scheduled for the restroom and pavilion at Fishing Hole Park, and the Rolling Oaks Barn. He advised that the BSO surplus vehicles have been sent out for auction. He spoke about of the community meeting scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm regarding traffic issues on Stirling Road. Lastly, he informed Council that the Town received a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the Calusa Corners property which required no Town match.

Later in the meeting Town Administrator Berns informed Council that the Comprehensive Planning Board expressed interest in including in the comprehensive plan a prohibition of cellular phone tower repeaters on telephone poles in residential neighborhoods. He asked Council for their permission to assign the task of reviewing this issue to the Comprehensive Planning Board. The Council agreed unanimously.

**9. Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "TOWN COUNCIL; MAYOR", AND IN PARTICULAR SECTION 2.07 ENTITLED "COMPENSATION; REIMBIRSEMENT FOR EXPENSES" BY CREATING SECTION 2.07(c) TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARE PART-TIME POSITIONS AND AS SUCH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN OUTSIDE/CONCURRENT EMPLOYMENT CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 112, F.S.; AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, "ENTITLED GENERAL PROVISIONS" BY CREATING SECTION 8.08 ENTITLED "BOARDS AND COMMITTEES" TO ESTABLISH BOARDS AND COMMITTES AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT MEMBERS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN OUTSIDE/CONCURRENT EMPLOYMENT CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 112, F.S; PROVIDING THAT ANY DISCLOSURES ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH OUTSIDE/CONCURRENT EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH AND LIMITED TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 112, F.S., AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, "ENTITLED GENERAL PROVISIONS" BY CREATING SECTION 8.09 ENTITLED "LOBBY OR LOBBYIST" TO CLARIFY THAT THESE TERMS DO NOT INCLUDE UNCOMPENSATED RESIDENTS WHO ARE ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES OR FOR OTHER TOWN RESIDENTS; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PROVIDE FOR A NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA ELECTION CODE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AT THE NEXT ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014; PROVIDING THAT SUCH REFERENDUM, IF ADOPTED, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

**10. Approval of Minutes**

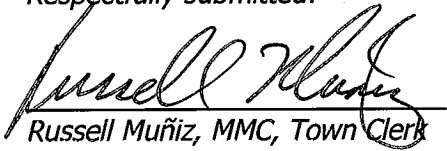
- a. Minutes for May 8, 2014 – Regular Council Meeting

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

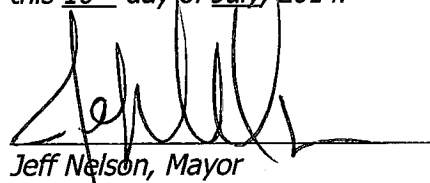
**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

**11. Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

  
Russell Muñiz, MMC, Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on  
this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2014.

  
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.