

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

April 10, 2014

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitzkreuz

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Russell Muñiz, Town Clerk

Martin 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.

3. Proclamation – Water Conservation Month – April 2014

Mayor Nelson read the proclamation into the record.

4. Presentation – Eagle Scout Project – Richard John Huse

Eagle Scout Richard John Huse presented his project to the Town Council. The project consisted of a horse corral that will be located in Fishing Hole Park.

5. Presentation – Update – Strategic Planning Process

Town Administrator Berns provided the Town Council with an update on the strategic planning process. He indicated that the next step would be formulating objectives from the goals that have been identified, and presented the Town Council with concept drafts of the vision statement.

6. Public Comment – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Vince Falletta, Jim Laskey, Mike Hanley, Eduard Gomez, Barry Neunzig, Mary Gay Chaples, and Newell Hollingsworth.

7. Board Reports –Mary Gay Chaples spoke about the renaming of Fishing Hole Park and gave an update on the construction of the park with an anticipated completion by September 2014.

8. Council Member Comments

Council Member McKay felt that the Town needed to be careful what grants the Town applied for and indicated that he did not support applying for a "Tiger" grant at this time.

Council Member Fisikelli spoke about the traffic issues and felt that 184th Avenue was the Town's only solution. He also stated we need to have a plan prior to moving forward. Further, he gave an update on the upcoming projects at Fishing Hole Park. He asked for support on a resolution

presented on behalf of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board to ensure that the Transportation Surface and Drainage Ongoing Rehabilitation (TSDOR) program provide for the resurfacing of the roadway system in its entirety over a finite period of time.

Vice Mayor Jablonski spoke about ideas he and the Town Administrator were working on regarding the scholarship program. He also agreed that the Town needed a plan in place for SW 184 Avenue before we move forward.

Council Member Breitzkreuz asked for a report on the activity occurring on Mr. Gomez's property. He agreed with Council Member McKay that a plan, and consensus needed to be acquired before any grants should be applied for regarding roadway improvements. Spoke about the upcoming Chili Cook-off event.

Mayor Nelson congratulated Bob Busch for his service on the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board. He spoke about the past issues with traffic on 199th Avenue and the gates that were installed, and also reflected on past Council discussions regarding 184th Avenue and believed that no consensus was reached at that time. Regarding the issues with Mr. Gomez's property he reassured him that the Town would look into it and get to the bottom of it.

9. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff gave a brief legislative update from the session he attended in Tallahassee. He also provided an update on litigation activity.

10. Administration Comments


The Town Administrator indicated that he would be attending a meeting in Sunrise for cities involved in litigation with the County regarding the Resource Recovery Board. He advised that if ballot language regarding TSDOR were to be considered for the November election he needed direction to bring forward a resolution.

Town Attorney Poliakoff recommended that an ordinance be brought forward in May. The Town Council indicated their support for an ordinance.

Town Administrator Berns asked the Town Council for feedback on a revised policy for the School Education Advisory Board scholarship. He further advised that staff will be looking into Mr. Gomez's concerns. He reminded Town Council about the Household Hazardous Waste and shredding event at Rolling Oaks Park on Saturday April 12th. He asked Vice-Mayor Jablonski to mention the Egg Hunt at Rolling Oaks Park on Sunday April 13th.

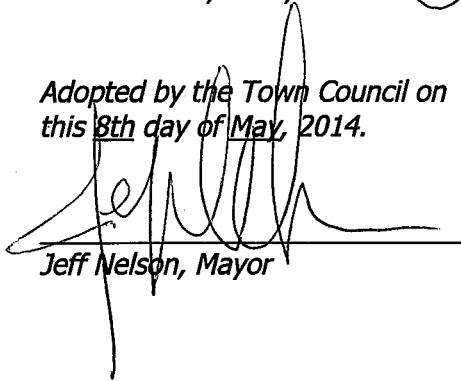
11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 8th day of May, 2014.*



Jeff Nelson, Mayor

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