

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

November 13, 2014

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski
Council Member Steve Breitzkreuz
Council Member Freddy Fisikelli
Council Member Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator
Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator
Russell Muñiz, Town Clerk
Jim Brady, Assistant Town Attorney

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 Vice Mayor Jablonski at 7:03 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by United States Military Veterans.

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

MOTION: TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF MAYOR NELSON

3. Presentation – Rural Public Arts Advisory Board Photo Contest Winners

Susan Kutz, Staff Liaison and Ken Cimetta, Chair of the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board presented the winners of the 2nd Annual Amateur Photo Contest to the Town Council.

4. Presentation – Agricultural Exemption Update – William Barringer and Abbey Roberson, Broward County Property Appraiser

William Barringer and Abbey Roberson of the Broward County Property Appraiser explained the process to acquire and maintain the agricultural exemption from ad valorem taxes on real property.

5. Public Comment – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Vince Falletta, Jo Ann Hollingsworth, Jim Laskey, Mary Gay Chaples, Bob Hartmann, Rosina Marrapodi-Bove, Mike Hanley, and Tony Coulson.

6. Board Reports – Aster Knight reported that the Aster Knight Parks Foundation Hoe Down event in October raised more than \$8,000. He looked forward to have the Chilli Cookoff event in March and expressed his hope to have the event at the Rolling Oaks Barn.

7. Council Member Comments

Council Member Breitzkreuz expressed his support for the upcoming horse show in December and encouraged everyone to attend. He expressed his gratitude at being re-elected for an additional term and urged residents to contact him with any concerns.

Council Member Fisikelli provided an update on the MPO meeting he attended earlier that day. He spoke about the "Complete Street" program and how it would impact the Town's desire to place a bike lane on the North side of Griffin Road which is owned by Broward County. He also provided an update on the construction of Fishing Hole Park.

Council Member McKay spoke about recent discussions to have an updated fire study and announced that the estimate to complete a new study was approximately \$40,000 which he felt was unwarranted because it was just recently completed. He spoke of a past attempt to assess the fee based on square footage. He felt that the current way it is being applied to those who run a business out of their residence and assessed as commercial was inequitable.

Council Member Breitzkreuz understood from the Property Appraiser's presentation that there are properties in the Town that were constructed as residential but are in effect running a commercial entity. Therefore he felt the Town should be bringing those into compliance. Council Member McKay reiterated his desire not to charge a commercial fire fee in a residential neighborhood.

Vice Mayor Jablonski suggested that a sole purpose meeting be scheduled in the future to discuss this issue further. He spoke of his support for the horse show. He thanked Susan Kutz, Sandra Luongo, and December Laurentano – Haines for their hard work in making the Town Wide Garage Sale a success. He also asked that 184th Avenue be taken off the Broward County Trafficways Plan. He asked that a resolution be drafted removing it as a four lane road.

8. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney Jim Brady thanked the Town Council for their hospitality.

9. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns addressed comments made during the Public Comments section regarding the removal of "The Waggle" newsletter from Town Hall. He also addressed other public comments concerning fundraising efforts for the Horse Show and the School Education Advisory Board. He allowed Sandra Luongo and Susan Kutz to present a PowerPoint presentation of the activities associated with the Town Wide Garage Sale.

10. Ordinance – 2nd Reading - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, REPEALING ARTICLE 155 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE FARM CLAIM DETERMINATIONS", OF THE TOWN'S UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ARTICLE 155 ENTITLED "NON-COMMERCIAL FARM SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS"; AMENDING ARTICLE 10 "DEFINITION OF TERMS", SECTION 010-030 TO CREATE A NEW DEFINITION FOR "FARM" AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR A "NON-COMMERCIAL FARM"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. {Approved on First Reading – October 23, 2014}

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitzkreuz, and seconded by Council Member McKay for discussion. No vote was taken.

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

MOTION: TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE TO DECEMBER 11, 2014.

11. Ordinance – 2nd Reading - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FARMS AND NONCOMMERCIAL FARMS AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **{Approved on First Reading – October 23, 2014}**

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

MOTION: TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE TO DECEMBER 11, 2014.

12. Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA ACCEPTING THE SELECTION AND NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION AND AWARING A CONTINUING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO CRAIG A. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, INC., ERDMAN ANTHONY OF FLORIDA INC., AND KEITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

13. Resolution - Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER FISIKELLI AS THE NEW VICE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER FISIKELLI AS THE NEW VICE MAYOR.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

14. Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A YEAR END BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

15. Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN CLERK THROUGH THIS RESOLUTION AUTHENTICATE THE ELECTORATE'S APPROVAL OF THREE CHARTER AMENDMENTS; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO INCORPORATE THE APPROVED CHARTER AMENDMENTS INTO THE TOWN'S CHARTER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

16. Approval of Minutes

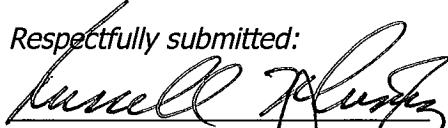
a. Minutes for October 9, 2014 – Regular Council Meeting

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES SUBJECT TO REFLECT COUNCIL MEMBER FISIKELLI'S ABSENCE.

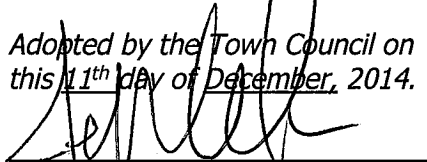
17. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 11th day of December, 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.