

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

March 26, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson (via phone)

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitkreuz

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town 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 Vice Mayor Fisikelli at 7:10 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation – 2014 CAFR - Beila Sherman, CPA –Marcum, LLP.

Martin Sherwood gave an overview of the purpose of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and introduced Beila Sherman, CPA of the accounting firm Marcum, LLP which serves as our external auditor.

Beila Sherman confirmed that the Marcum, LLP firm had an "unmodified opinion" of the Town's CAFR.

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

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE CAFR (2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report).

4. Public Comment – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Vince Falletta, and Bob Hartmann.

5. Board Reports – Mary Gay Chaples, Chair of the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board spoke about the additional appointments to the Board which were on the agenda, and the usage policy for the Rolling Oaks Barn. She also mentioned the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt at Rolling Oaks Park.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Breitkreuz brought to Council's attention the 2040 MPO Report that proposed a through street on SW 188th Avenue. He felt that a resolution should be passed objecting to this proposal.

Council Member McKay spoke about his experiences at Broward Days during the legislative session in Tallahassee.

Council Member Jablonski spoke of the Rolling Oaks Civic Association Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday April 11th. He also spoke of the Household Hazardous Waste collection and paper shredding event. He also reminded everyone about the School Education Advisory Board Annual Scholarship event which will be held on Saturday May 30th at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park. He mentioned that there would be an extensive amount of tree trimming along the east side of Hancock Road from Griffin Road to Stirling Road by FPL's contractors. Lastly, he indicated that he had many questions about the Neighborhood Safety Grant approved at the March 12th meeting. He enumerated his questions and hoped to get answers before proceeding.

Mayor Nelson acknowledged that Council Member Jablonski raised some good questions. He thanked Council Member McKay for attending Broward Days. Lastly, he thanked the Town Council for understanding his physical absence from the meeting.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli indicated that he too, had questions concerning the Neighborhood Safety Grant.

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 Breitzkreuz, Jablonski, McKay, Vice Mayor Fisikelli, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

MOTION: TO RECONSIDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY GRANT RESOLUTION AND ADD IT TO THE END OF THE AGENDA.

Council Member McKay wished to add to his Council Member Comments that while he was in Tallahassee he met with representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the proposed Park and Ride. He advised that the Town is sending copies of resolutions previously approved by the Town, and the Town of Davie, which opposed that project. He also indicated that opposition to the proposed traffic light on the east side of I-75 was also communicated to FDOT.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli thanked December Lauretano-Haines for the improved appearance of Griffin Road.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised that Cross Motions for Summary Judgement in the litigation between the Town and Pembroke Pines would be held on March 27th. He asked all interested parties to attend. He believed that the Judge would deny both motions and the case would be heard by a jury. He explained the nature of both parties Motions for Summary Judgement. He provided a status update for TSDOR and advised that projects through 2017 on the project list could proceed with no problem. He further advised research on 2018 would be started next week. He advised the Town Council about a new farm bill and felt it would be detrimental to Southwest Ranches. The new bill, which is intended to affect special districts, would preclude the

Town from collecting assessments against farms. This would negatively impact the Town as we currently collect assessments for fire and solid waste services. He advised that his firm is working with the Legislature to educate them on how collection of assessments by special districts was different than collection of assessments by municipalities. As proposed, this bill would place an undue burden on property owners that were not farms.

He addressed another issue brought up by the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board related to farm structures. He clarified that the Town has no liability unless it knows of a violation. He felt the policy decision would need to be set by the Town Council as it relates to how much risk the Town wants to assume.

Council Member Breitzkreuz felt that this was a complex issue. He felt that a workshop was needed to discuss the different alternatives, because this was critical to our Town. Council Member McKay felt that the liability issue was a big problem. He supported having a workshop to develop alternatives. He thought a waiver of some sort might be a viable option. Town Attorney Poliakoff spoke of some of the challenges with a waiver or hold harmless agreement but wished to discuss these issues further at the workshop. Council direction was to set a workshop in conjunction with the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board for April 16th at 7 p.m. on this issue.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns provided an update on reimbursement received from the Parks for People Grant program for Country Estates Park. He advised that the RFP for demucking and constructing trails for the park had recently been let out and the majority of that work would be grant funded. He addressed a question regarding the assault rifles purchased by BSO, he assured the Town Council that the weapons were operational and in Town custody. Lastly, he thanked Martin Sherwood for his leadership in the creation of the CAFR.

9. Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING USAGE POLICIES FOR THE ROLLING OAKS PARK; GOVERNING RENTAL USE OF THE MEETING AND COMMUNITY ROOM; ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member McKay and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitzkreuz, Jablonski, McKay, Vice Mayor Fisikelli, 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 WORK PROPOSALS WITH CRAIG A. SMITH AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CRAVEN THOMPSON FOR SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE STIRLING ROAD GUARDRAIL IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

12. Appointments – Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board

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

MOTION: TO APPOINT LANA EICHEL, ROSE ALBRITTON, DEBBIE MANTEL, AND NANCY HARTMANN.

13. Approval of Minutes - February 26, 2015, Regular Town Council Meeting

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS AMENDED.

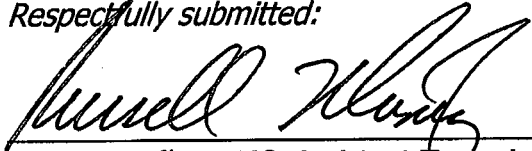
14. Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2014-2015; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL 2014-2015 EXPENSE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 (FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) FOR PROMOTION OF SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS; APPROVING A FY 2014-2015 BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **{Reconsidered Item}**

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

MOTION: TO TABLE THE ITEM TO APRIL 23, 2015.

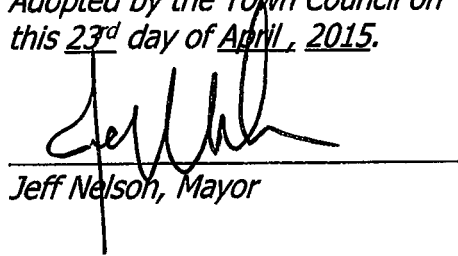
15. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 23^d day of April, 2015.*



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.