

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

July 23, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitreuz

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator

Richard DeWitt, Assistant 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 7:02 PM. Mayor Nelson participated via telephone. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment – There were no speakers for public comment.

4. Board Reports

Newell Hollingsworth, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board still felt that progress was still at a standstill on the prototype barn. He asked that Council direct action take place.

Mary Gay Chaples, Chair of the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board indicated that the recent meeting had been canceled. She also indicated that the Southwest Ranches Historical Society was making progress and would be seeking approval on what materials should be displayed at Town Hall.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Breitreuz spoke about a petition received from the majority of the residents on 210TH Avenue south of 54th Place. The petition sought to have this private roadway repaved. Council Member Breitreuz indicated this information would be confirmed via certified mail so that those responding would recognize that the Town would not be funding the improvements, it would be funded by the property owners.

Council Member McKay indicated that the Drainage Infrastructure Advisory Board has requested the Board be increased from seven to nine members. Town Council supported the increase by voice.

Council Member Jablonski spoke about the "four lane zone" on Griffin Road between 199th Avenue and 205th Avenue. He felt that this stretch caused a lot of issues for motorists as it narrows down to two lanes and wondered if Broward County could be contacted and asked to have the extra space striped and rumble strips added. He also supported the idea suggested by Don Maines at

the last meeting to have the "Parks Board" consider naming the north side of the canal after Lucia Rodrigo. He also wanted them to consider equestrian signage along the trail that would stress equestrian safety and the Florida Statutes that pertain to equestrian activities. Town Council voiced their support for this idea.

Mayor Nelson wondered if there were other remedies that might be available which the Broward County Traffic Division should consider and might recommend regarding the concerns raised by Council Member Jablonski concerning the portion of Griffin Road that tapers from four lanes to two between 199th Avenue and 205th Avenue. He spoke about his initial discussions with a board member of the South Florida Water Management District regarding guardrails along Griffin Road.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli felt that once the resolution on the guardrails was approved, it should be presented to the South Florida Water Management District at their board meeting. He spoke about piles of fill, and the need to complete the improvements at Country Estates Park. Discussion ensued about what improvements needed to be complete. The consensus of the Town Council was to create a project list and pictures depicting the park's current status and an estimate as to what it would cost to complete the park.

6. Legal Comments

None provided at this time.

Mayor Nelson requested if there were any updates on the Motion for Summary Judgement in the case against Pembroke Pines. Assistant Town Attorney DeWitt indicated there were no updates at this time.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns indicated he was glad to be back. He provided an update on the Town Attorney's and staff's efforts on securing guardrails for Griffin Road.

8. Resolution – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE BROWARD COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INJUNCTION PROCESS; ENCOURAGING STAKEHOLDERS TO PARTICPATE IN IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE NECESSARY AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR 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.

Town Financial Administrator Martin Sherwood displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Town's current financial position and the need to approve the following resolutions.

- 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 2016; 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 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 APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WHICH SETS THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE OF 4.3354 (3.9404 – Millage) + (.3950 – TSDOR).

- 10. 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.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitkreuz, 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.

- 11. 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.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitzkreuz, seconded by Council Member Jablonski 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

12. Approval of Minutes

a. June 25, 2015, Regular Town Council Meeting

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

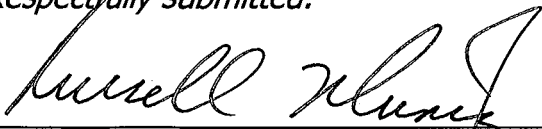
13. Appointments

a. Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board – Mayor Nelson

No appointment was made at this time.

14. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 27th day of August, 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.