

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

Thursday 7:00 PM

June 11, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

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**Present:**

Mayor Nelson

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitreuz

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

James Brady, 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 7:03 PM. Mayor Nelson participated by telephone. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment** – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Barry Neunzig, Mike Hanley, and John Eastman.

**4. Board Reports**

None provided.

**5. Council Member Comments**

Council Member Breitreuz asked that John Eastman provide him some detail on what he observed and what might still be missing from the work performed by FPL in the Country Estates area. He asked that residents remain patient with the cost proposals that are still being evaluated by the Town for the proposed Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue station. Responding to comments from the public he indicated that there was nothing new in the works regarding the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) site that he was aware of but CCA was still the property owner and what may occur in the future remains to be seen.

Council Member McKay also talked about the costs for the proposed fire station and expressed that the Town was exploring other options. The Town would need to plat the site regardless of what might be done with the site in the future. In regards to CCA, he indicated that he was not aware of anything new occurring.

Council Member Jablonski also reminded everyone about the Grand Opening of the Country Estates Park on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. He also indicated that he was working on some analysis with Town Administrator Berns on the costs for the Volunteer Fire Department.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli spoke on about the possible widening of Griffin Road discussed at the MPO meeting he attended earlier in the day. He indicated that Commissioner Lois Wexler asked if the Town had passed a resolution regarding this. Town Administrator Berns indicated that the Town had not passed such a resolution.

## **6. Legal Comments**

Assistant Town Attorney James Brady announced that the Town has filed two suits asking for the Court's assistance with the barriers along 54<sup>th</sup> place. An answer was due by June 16<sup>th</sup> on one suit and five days later on the second suit. He expected Pembroke Pines to file a Motion to Dismiss on both suits.

## **7. Administration Comments**

Town Administrator Berns advised the discussion regarding CCA may be due to CCA seeking to extend their Plat through Broward County and the South Florida Regional Planning Council, but there has been no new activity with the Town. He advised that staff was working diligently on the details for the Grand Opening of Country Estates Park. He also advised that the MPO has submitted their TIGER Grant application which included the Town's requested project for the bike lane on the north side of Griffin Road west of Bonaventure Boulevard. Lastly, he thanked Sandy Luongo for her efforts in readying the Town in the area of emergency preparedness.

**8. Resolution – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH THE “#SAFERBY4” INITIATIVE TO REDUCE PREVENTABLE CHILD DEATHS DUE TO DROWNING AND SLEEP HABITS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**9. Resolution – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING AGENCY TO AMEND THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE AMENDMENT OF THE TRAFFICWAYS MAP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**MOTION:** TO AMEND 63<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE TO 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET WITHIN THE RESOLUTION.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION.

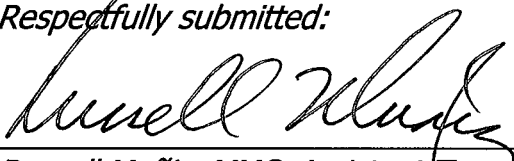
**10. Approval of Minutes**  
**a. May 14, 2015, Regular Town Council Meeting**

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, 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 MINUTES.

**11. Adjournment –** Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.*



*Jeff Nelson, Mayor*

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