

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

July 9, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Steve Breitkreuz

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

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 7:04 PM. Mayor Nelson participated via telephone. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Claudia Cayne who passed away when her vehicle submerged in the C-11 canal.

3. Presentation – Legislative Update – Rep. Evan Jenne

Representative Evan Jenne provided an update on the recent legislative session in Tallahassee.

4. Presentation -Mission United - Stella Tokar

This item was rescheduled for August 27, 2015.

5. Presentation - #BrowardNext – Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director, Broward County Planning Council

Barbara Blake Boy and Henry Sniezek representing the Broward County Planning Council displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the County's effort to perform an update to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Gary Cayne, and Sloane Cayne - gave an impassioned plea asking for the Town to do whatever can be done to install guardrails or wires along Griffin Road to prevent another tragedy.

6. Public Comment – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Debbie Green, John Eastman, Mary Gay Chaples, Don Maines, Mike Hanley, and Vince Falletta.

7. Board Reports

Newell Hollingsworth, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board spoke about the progress that the Board has made regarding the prototype barn. He was critical of the Town Attorney's progress on drafting the requisite legal documents.

8. Council Member Comments

Council Member Breitreuz spoke about the impact Claudia Cayne had on the Town in general and on Country Estates specifically. He, and the rest of Council, asked that a resolution be created that formally urges the County to install guardrails along Griffin Road. He spoke of other efforts he was working on to mitigate the safety concerns, such as installing jersey barriers behind the safety reflectors. Council Member Jablonski asked that Administration earmark the proceeds from the Resource Recovery Board (RRB) liquidation towards these safety improvements on Griffin Road. Council Member Breitreuz also spoke of communication he has had with Luis Velez of Broward County Roads and Bridges department regarding the need for guardrails. In response to public comments, he felt that statistics needed to be garnered from Broward County concerning the number of traffic accidents that have occurred between I-75 and Dykes Road since the interstate westbound exit was reworked. He thanked Council Member McKay and Vice Mayor Fisikelli for their efforts on getting the I-75 Park and Ride project cancelled with the MPO. He also spoke about the speed bumps on 199th, 202nd and 205th Avenues and questioned whether they were still needed since the gates on those avenues eliminated excess traffic. He requested that a survey be conducted to solicit the input of the residents in those neighborhoods to ascertain whether or not the speed humps be removed prior to the repaving associated with the TSDOR project. He sought clarification on how the cost allocation (25/75) split between the Town and the HOA is determined for the Neighborhood Safety Grant. Council direction was Option A on his sheet which depicted a maximum \$40,000 grant, with a 25% match of the grant by the HOA.

Council Member McKay spoke about the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting which occurred earlier in the day. He indicated that the project was removed from the MPO's plan, and advised that Pembroke Pines had expressed interest in relocating the project to their city. He thanked Vice Mayor Fisikelli, Davie Councilmember Bryan Caletka, and the Town of Davie for their efforts.

Council Member Jablonski wished Town Administrator Berns a speedy recovery and thanked Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz for his efforts during Mr. Bern's absence. He expressed his condolences to the family of Claudia Cayne. He reiterated his suggestion about the proceeds from the RRB towards safety improvements along Griffin Road and asked that Town Council consider this suggestion. Council Member McKay wanted to clarify that the suggestion was for areas west of Bonaventura Boulevard. Council Member Jablonski indicated in the affirmative. Council Member Breitreuz clarified that his suggestion was to place guardrails or jersey barriers behind the reflectors at the end of each street. He also felt that the newsletter should be used several times a year to communicate information concerning the impact of fireworks on animals.

Mayor Nelson spoke of the need to address the safety concerns with Griffin Road. He indicated that there would be multiple agencies that would need to be included to find a resolution to this issue, including the South Florida Water Management District, FDOT, and the State Legislature. He felt that street lighting was also a concern, and felt that enhanced lighting along the western portions of Griffin Road was needed. He congratulated Council Member McKay and Vice Mayor Fisikelli on the success on cancelling the Park & Ride project. He asked Council to consider a plan to renovate the facilities used by Davie Fire and the Volunteer Fire Rescue Department.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli offered to hand deliver the approved resolution to the South Florida Water Management District.

9. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff spoke about a conversation he had with Representative Katie Edwards in the aftermath of the tragic accident that claimed the life of Claudia Cayne. He indicated that Representative Edwards offered to assist in trying to bring funding to the County so that guardrails could be placed along Griffin Road to avoid future tragedies.

10. Administration Comments

Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz advised that Town Administrator Berns extended his regrets that he could not be in attendance as he was still ill. Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz advised that he had been in contact with Mr. Cayne to extend the Town's deepest sympathies on his loss, and Mr. Cayne indicated his willingness to assist the Town in petitioning Broward County or any other agencies to secure the funding and authorization necessary to install the guardrails along Griffin Road to avoid any future tragedies. He advised that the Town was expecting to receive the Town's portion of proceeds from the liquidation of the Resource Recovery Board (RRB) assets in the next day or so. Responding to public comments regarding a lack of speed limit signs he offered to place the Town message boards in the western portion of Griffin Road to increase awareness. He thanked staff for their efforts while Town Administrator Berns was out of the office.

Council Member McKay asked Town Attorney Poliakoff if there was any way to kick start the request for guardrails and get this item on the County's agenda. Town Attorney Poliakoff believed that the best course of action was to pressure FDOT for funding as the County's biggest obstacle would be obtaining the funding required.

Council Member Breitzkreuz reminded everyone that the Household Hazardous Waste and Shred A Thon event was scheduled for this Saturday July 11th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Rolling Oaks Barn.

11. Resolution – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2001-3, AND THE ASSOCIATED CONTRACT, TO PROPERLY REFLECT THE TOWN'S SPECIAL MAGISTRATE'S LEGAL NAME AS EUGENE M. STEINFELD, P.A.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR 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.

- 12. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE CERTAIN SOUTHWEST RANCHES DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SPECIFICALLY OUTLINED IN IFB NO 15-003, RELATING TO SW 195TH TERRACE, SW 210TH TERRACE, SW 50TH PLACE, DYKES ROAD, HANCOCK ROAD, AND MUSTANG TRAIL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$286,269.90; 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 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.

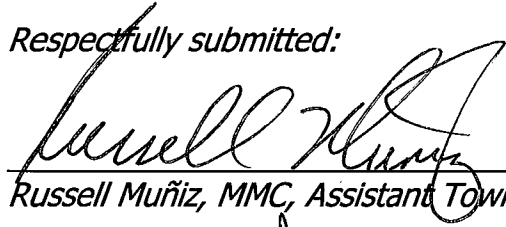
- 13. Approval of Minutes**
a. **June 11, 2015, Regular Town Council Meeting**

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 MINUTES.

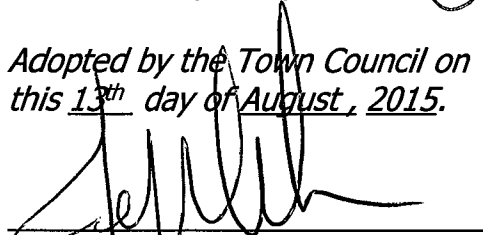
14. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 13th day of August, 2015.*



Jeff Nelson, Mayor

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