

**FIRST BUDGET HEARING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida**

Tuesday 6:00 PM

September 15, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitkreuz

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Andy Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator

First Budget Hearing 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 Mayor Nelson at 6:05 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Presentation by Finance

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator, summarized the various aspects of the Town's budget via a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the Town's historic millage rate of 3.9404 remained from FY 2015 but with the addition of the millage associated with the Town's TSDOR program the overall millage rate was proposed to be 4.3354. The residential fire fee was proposed to be \$439.02. The solid waste assessment rates across the board reflected slight increases.

5. RESOLUTION – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015; 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 FINAL 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 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.

6. 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 FOR FY 2015-2016 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; 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.

Millage Rate and Budget Hearing

7. RESOLUTION – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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.

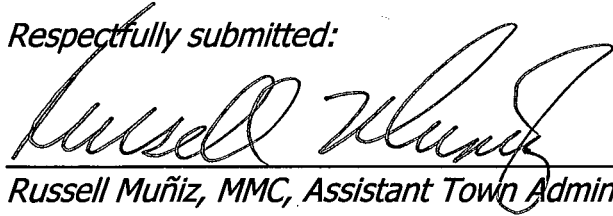
8. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET BASIS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

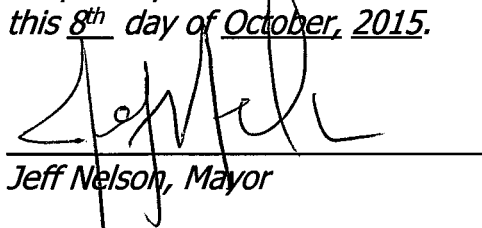
9. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 8th day of October, 2015.*



Jeff Nelson, Mayor

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