

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

Thursday 7:00 PM

October 26, 2017

13400 Griffin Road

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Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Vice Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Denise Schroeder

Town Administrator Andrew D. Berns

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

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 Mayor McKay at 7:01 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MOTION:** TO MOVE ITEM 8 TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

Resolutions

**8.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PROPERLY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION TO THE NOVEMBER 9, 2017 MEETING.

**3. Public Comment**

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth, Bob Hartmann, and David Kuczenski.

**4. Board Reports**

None were presented.

## **5. Council Member Comments**

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

**MOTION:** TO APPOINT BARBARA GONZALEZ TO THE RURAL PUBLIC ARTS DESIGN AND ADVISORY BOARD.

Council Member Jablonski advised the upcoming Town-wide Halloween event at the Rolling Oaks Park on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> would be held inside of the Barn due to the expected inclement weather. He asked people to attend or watch the November 9<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting as a ceremony honoring Veterans was planned. Other events mentioned included the Hawkes' Bluff Elementary Food Truck event in conjunction with the School Education Advisory Board, on November 17<sup>th</sup> and the Ride for the Ranches Car Show on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. Lastly, he reminded everyone to set their clocks back one hour on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz asked for clarification on future debris pickups. He spoke of the FEMA cost share for debris pickup and indicated that FEMA would reimburse up to 90% of the cost, while the State would reimburse 5%, therefore the Town would be responsible for the final 5%. Lastly, he spoke of his participation as a judge in the Mr. & Mrs. Southwest Ranches event that occurred October 21<sup>st</sup>. He was impressed by the level of talent of the contestants and their accounts of what it means to live in the Town.

Mayor McKay asked Council Member Schroeder if she would serve on the Broward County MPO. She accepted, but felt that this appointment should rotate.

## **6. Legal Comments**

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised Pembroke Pines City Attorney Sam Goren was deposed earlier in the day in relation to the Town's case against Pembroke Pines. He further advised unbeknownst to the Town, Pembroke Pines had attempted to spearhead an effort to de-annex their 46 acre parcel out west in conjunction with Bergeron Land Development and Weekley Asphalt Paving de-annexing their properties. In total the bill filed sought to de-annex 160 acres from the Town's municipal boundaries. The Town was not notified by the Broward Legislative Delegation that a bill had been filed. He believed this was improper. He advised that he, the Mayor, and the Town Administrator attended the Broward Legislative Delegation meeting and spoke in opposition to the proposed bill. He believed that had the Town contingent not attended and worked behind the scene to oppose the bill, the Legislative Delegation would have approved the proposed bill. He felt that this was another example of Pembroke Pines' attempt to harm the Town and would be battle that will continue into the future. In a related matter he opined that vendors of the Town that took a position adversarial to the Town should not earn the Town's business and recommended rebidding any contracts for Bergeron and Weekley. He concluded by thanking Senator Farmer for blocking the proposed bill at the Legislative Delegation meeting.

## 7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns confirmed Town Attorney Poliakoff's account of the Legislative Delegation meeting. As for the matter regarding rebidding Town contracts he believed this was a policy matter to be decided by the Town Council. He asked Town Engineer Rod Ley to provide an update on the debris removal operation. Town Engineer Ley explained that the Town was attempting to get as many vegetative debris passes as possible. He indicated that the Town's monitors would provide guidance on whether the Town could provide a third pass of vegetative debris. If not, the Town would begin collection of construction and demolition "C&D" debris which would contain a mix of all storm related debris. Subsequent to the C&D pass, a final pass would be scheduled which would remove the large tree stumps. Vice Mayor Breitkreuz questioned if the final pass was going to be the only opportunity to remove the large trunks and stumps. Town Engineer Ley indicated that the Town's preference would be to provide a pass for large trunks prior to final pass, and any remaining trunks and/or stumps could also be removed during the final pass. Town Administrator Berns advised that the Town activated its line of credit to ensure that the Town has sufficient cash flow to pay for all debris removal operations. He advised that an informational meeting had been scheduled by FDOT regarding the proposed I-75 interchange improvements on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. He further advised that a resolution urging FDOT to resolve the issues with westbound traffic on Griffin Road and Weston Road prior to making any modifications to the I-75 interchange. He asked Emily Aceti and December Lauretano-Haines to come forward. He presented them with flowers, plaques, and proclamations recognizing their more than ten years of service to the Town.

Council Member Jablonski asked that the issue concerning vendors taking a position adversarial to the Town be brought back to the Town Council at the next meeting as a discussion item. The remainder of the Town Council agreed that it would be prudent to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

### Resolutions

**9.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO AMENDING THE NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING DATE TO NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.

**10.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

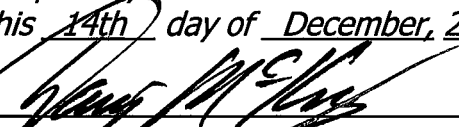
**11.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE USE OF TEMPORARY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITES AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PROPERLY EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**12. Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*  
  
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Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on*  
*this 14th day of December, 2017.*  
  
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Doug McKay, Mayor

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