

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

March 9, 2017

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Vice Mayor Steve Breitreuz

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Denise Schroeder

Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator

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.

3. Proclamation – Purple Heart City

Luis Colon and Sergeant First Class Julius Sallette (Retired) were on hand to receive the Proclamation.

4. Public Comment

The following member of the public addressed the Town Council: Mary Gay Chaples.

5. Board Reports

Newell Hollingsworth, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board, indicated that the Board will be discussing the five acres owned by the Town and making suggestions to change the Plan that would affect this property. In April, he would like the Board to discuss possible changes to the Plan for the Industrial Use category since the Town has now acquired the former CCA site.

Mary Gay Chaples, Chair of the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board, announced that her Board would also be discussing the 5 acre property owned by the Town.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Schroeder was thankful that Sara Fisikelli was feeling better. She congratulated Council Member Jablonski on his showing at the Chili Cook Off event. She felt that Town Council meetings should be cancelled if no items are scheduled for them. Mayor McKay agreed, and believed most residents don't come to meetings unless they have an issue. Prior to that they typically call their Council Members to voice their concerns. He felt that having the meetings even though nothing was scheduled was a waste of staff time.

Vice Mayor Breitreuz did not agree with cancelling meetings when nothing was scheduled. He felt that it was critical for scheduled meetings to be held as they provided residents an opportunity to address the Town Council with any of their concerns. He relayed an incident concerning a roof permit on his home. His contractor was very complimentary of CAP

Government, Inc., the Town's contracted building permit services provider. He also advised that in mid-April his family would be having a large family gathering. As part of the gathering he acquired a parking permit from the Town. He was surprised to find that the permit for parking was costlier than the roofing permit and felt that the Town should re-examine these fees.

Council Member Jablonski spoke about the Water Matters event that would be held on March 11th at Tree Tops Park and advised that PROS Coordinator December Lauretano-Haines and Board Member Chris Brownlow would be on hand representing the Town. He advised that the Rolling Oaks Civic Association would be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the park on April 1st. Lastly, he felt that scheduled meetings of the Town Council should be held even if nothing is scheduled for them.

Mayor McKay advised that he and Council Member Schroeder would be participating in the Cooper City Founder's Day Parade. He invited everyone to Water Matters Day. He also advised that he, Council Member Schroeder, and Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz would be in Tallahassee for Broward Days. Lastly, he was also happy to hear that Sara Fisikelli was feeling better.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised that the Town was successful in the Second Motion for Summary Judgement hearing in the Pembroke Pines/CCA case. This means that the Town is now going to trial. He wrote a letter to Pembroke Pines to schedule the trial. In that notice a provision exists to seek mediation. Pembroke Pines advised the court that they had already tried mediation and wished to forgo that and go straight to trial. He felt this was going to be a tough trial. A critical component of the Town's argument depended upon the admissibility of an affidavit from Former Executive Associate Director Mead, which proved that the reason that ICE backed out of coming to Southwest Ranches was because of opposition from the City of Pembroke Pines.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns spoke about a resident that took issue with the Town's fee of \$170 for a tree removal permit. Upon researching the issue, he advised that the fee was based on two inspections performed by the Town's landscape inspector at \$80 per inspection as well as a \$10 administrative fee. The resident was explained the methodology supporting the fees and was now satisfied with the explanation. He provided an update on the Solid Waste and Bulk Collection RFP, and stated that a pre-bid meeting was held March 2nd. He was hopeful that good proposals would be submitted. He thanked Town Attorney Poliakoff for including enforceable provisions in the contract that would compel satisfactory performance. Regarding the Town Council Meetings, he summarized that no clear consensus of Council was evident to provide direction and therefore he would continue with no changes to current policy. Mayor McKay asked that Town Administrator Berns allow staff to leave early on nights when nothing was scheduled. Town Administrator Berns advised that he often allows staff to leave after the Council Member Comments portion of the meeting as he was never sure when a resident issue would come up that would require staff attention. Council Member Schroeder didn't support having meetings with nothing on them. There was a cost to the Town. She believed we could redo the calendar to reflect that the meeting was cancelled.

9. Approval of Minutes

a. February 9, 2017 Regular Meeting

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 MINUTES AS AMENDED.

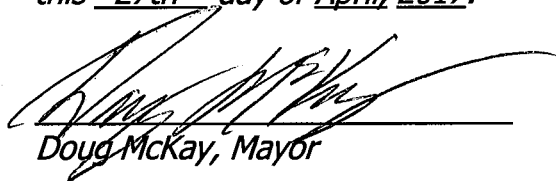
10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 27th day of April, 2017.



Doug McKay, Mayor

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