

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

February 8, 2018

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Town Administrator Andrew D. Berns

Council Member Steve Breitzkreuz

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Gary Jablonski

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 Vice Mayor Fisikelli at 7:04 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitzkreuz, seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by 3-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitzkreuz, Jablonski, and Vice Mayor Fisikelli voting Yes.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF MAYOR McKAY and COUNCIL MEMBER SCHROEDER.

3. Presentation – 2018 Mr. & Miss Southwest Ranches Pageant Winners

4. Public Comment

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

5. Board Reports

Bob Hartmann, Chair of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board (DIAB), reported back regarding the discussion held at the recent meeting concerning the proposed concrete pads for bulk waste collection. The Board felt that the pads could negatively affect drainage and therefore revised their recommendation to only propose them for new home construction with canal frontage. Regarding waste collection he remarked that the service appeared to have improved greatly since their representative appeared at the January 25, 2018 meeting.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Breitzkreuz, responding to comments made during the Public Comments section of the meeting pertaining to false burglar alarms, indicated that Town Administrator Berns was already working on language to address this issue. He also addressed a question raised concerning a request for speed humps. He indicated the will of the community would need to be determined before any action could be taken. Lastly, he also noticed the marked improvement in the waste collection service. He concluded with discussion on the solid waste commercial rates in Broward County and believed that the Town's rates were competitive.

Council Member Jablonski also addressed the burglar alarm issue and reminded everyone that the current ordinance did provide for escalated charges to the property owner. Council Member Breitkreuz felt that the penalties needed to be higher. He also noticed the improvement to the waste collection service. He reminded everyone that the Garage Sale in the Park would be held on February 17th at the Equestrian Park, and the Chili Cook-Off would also be held there on February 24th. Lastly, he announced that Water Matters Day would take place on Saturday March 10th at Tree Tops Park.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff confirmed the Town was looking into a revision of the burglar alarm ordinance. He commented on the January 25, 2018 regular meeting and suggested that the Town Council make a determination regarding political campaigning. Some municipalities allowed it and some did not. He reminded Council that if political campaigning would be allowed during Town Council meetings, all candidates would have to be provided equal access. He also cautioned the Town Council on responding directly to residents during Public Comments as these responses could be detrimental should they be admitted in a legal proceeding against the Town. He advised that he was preparing for trial in the CCA case and was awaiting the Supreme Court's decision on Pembroke Pines' appeal. He was preparing a history of this issue for oral arguments and suggested placing this on the Town website at the conclusion of the trial. He advised that he recently was provided a file which contained the first lawsuit filed against the Town. The file was important because it included the feasibility which was the basis for the Town's incorporation. The study illustrated how important the CCA property was to the economic viability of the Town.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns offered no comments.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS (\$35,482.55) TO PURCHASE A NEW UTILITY VEHICLE; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 BUDGET FOR A UTILITY VEHICLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. {Tabled from January 25, 2018}

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitkreuz, seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by 3-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Jablonski, and Vice Mayor Fisikelli voting Yes.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION TO FEBRUARY 22, 2018.

Discussion

10. Town Administrator/Town Financial Administrator Annual Review {Tabled from January 25, 2018}

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitzkreuz, seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by 3-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitzkreuz, Jablonski, and Vice Mayor Fisikelli voting Yes.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION TO FEBRUARY 22, 2018.

- 11.** Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 25, 2018 - Regular Meeting

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Breitzkreuz and passed by 3-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitzkreuz, Jablonski, and Vice Mayor Fisikelli voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

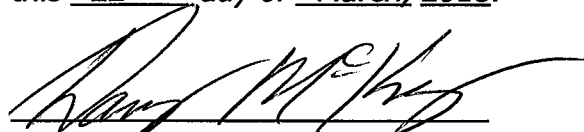
- 12. Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



 Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 22nd day of March, 2018.



 Doug McKay, Mayor

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