

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

July 25, 2019

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Council Member Denise Schroeder

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 7:00 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth, Mary Gay Chaples, and Jim Laskey.

4. Board Reports

George Morris, Chair of the Drainage & Infrastructure Advisory Board reported that the board did not meet last month, therefore, he offered no additional comments.

Debbie Green, Treasurer of the Schools & Education Advisory Board reminded everyone of next year's scholarship fundraising events such as the Mr. & Miss SWR Pageant scheduled for Friday, January 3, 2020, the Sikh Society 5K Run/Walk on February 29, 2020, and the Hawkes Bluff Food Truck Fundraiser on Friday, August 23, 2019.

Steve Breitkreuz, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Board announced that the board had a meeting this month, and is very hopeful that only one more meeting will be necessary in order to finalize the newly revised nursery ordinance for Council's consideration.

Mary Gay Chaples, Chair of the Parks Board informed that the Board is working on putting up a fence out West. Also, she announced that Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park on Dykes Road was cleaned up from debris such as old barbed wire fences, gates, and signs. She thanked the worker who volunteered his time and machinery in order to get the job done. The Mayor supervised the whole project which took about one week to finish. She reported that the park will drain once it is hooked up to Calusa Corners, but in the meantime it continues to be very wet. Lastly, she is hopeful that the fence at Country Estates Park will be put up in the near future.

5. Council Member Comments

Vice Mayor Jablonski advised of the Town's upcoming events such as the Rural Public Arts & Design Board's (RPADB) Photo Contest photos which are due August 15th, Senator Marco

Rubio's Outreach Service on August 8th, the Budget Workshop on August 20th, the Flow Mobile DMV Services on August 22nd, the Hawkes Bluff Food Truck Fundraiser on August 23rd, Bingo at the Barn on August 24th, and the Household Hazardous Waste on September 14th.

Council Member Schroeder announced that the Town of Southwest Ranches has partnered up with Broward County Animal Shelter to host a Pet Adoption Event on Saturday, October 5th at Town Hall. She informed that adoptable dogs and cats will be available for adoption. She invited everyone to come out and adopt a pet.

Council Member Hartmann informed that resident Bob Parker had major surgery recently, but due to complications, is still at the hospital and not out of the woods yet. He urged everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Council Member Fisikelli offered no comments.

Mayor McKay thanked everyone for coming.

6. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff informed that at the end of this year, driver's licenses will no longer be accepted as a form of identification, if it does not contain a yellow star affixed on the upper right-hand corner. He attended the Flow Mobile DMV this morning, and renewed his driver's license to include the yellow star. He praised the Flow Mobile DMV staff for being very courteous.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns asked Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk Muñiz to explain in more detail about the upcoming Senator Marco Rubio's office Outreach Service. Mr. Muñiz informed that the office of Marco Rubio contacted the Town in the hopes of extending their presence in Broward County. He informed that Gina Alonso and her staff will be at Town Hall on Thursday, August 8th, to provide federal services to residents on issues such as immigration, social security, and many other topics.

Town Attorney Poliakoff added that the Act of Congress Law is named "The Real ID Act" which modifies U.S. federal laws pertaining to security, authentication, and issuance procedures standards for state driver's licenses and other identity documents. He informed that the law will go into effect next year, 2020.

Resolutions

8. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$9,350.00) WITH DYKES CUSTOM BARNS AND FENCING TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE EXISTING FENCE AT THE COUNTRY ESTATES FISHING HOLE PARK; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO

THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTRY ESTATES PARK PERIMETER FENCING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE OPTION 3 AND REVISED BUDGET AMENDMENT

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND CURRENT ROLL BACK RATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020; AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF BROWARD COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; DIRECTING THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; 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 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

11. 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; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

12. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM FROM KEYLITE POWER AND LIGHTING CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS (\$83,024.17); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

Discussion

13. Request for Direction on US 27 Employment Center Permitted Uses – Mayor McKay

Town Administrator Berns informed Council that Staff is looking for direction regarding the Bergeron Group, who owns the property out on US 27 within the category of Land Use Employment Center, which the Town created. The Town never established a list of allowed and prohibited uses for that site. The Bergeron Group has submitted a lengthy wish list of potential uses for the site. Even though Town Administrator Berns has shared this information individually with Council, he asked if Council would like to discuss this item in a workshop setting, as an agenda item at a regular meeting, or to send the item to the Comprehensive Planning Board for further discussion.

Town Attorney Poliakoff further explained that a couple of months ago, Town Administrator Berns and Mayor McKay met with Mr. Bergeron to discuss waste issues, while he still had a contract with the Town. Mr. Bergeron mentioned that he wanted to start developing his US 27 properties. However, due to the Town's restrictions, he had decided not to go forward with

intentions to build. He was advised to come up with a wish list of potential uses for the site, for the Council's consideration.

Council Member Schroeder opined that she would like to have a workshop in an effort to discuss Mr. Bergeron's item.

Vice Mayor Jablonski opined that he would like to send the item back to the Comprehensive Planning Board with recommendations before presenting it to Council.

Mayor McKay agreed with Vice Mayor Jablonski with the condition that the discussion item be brought before Council within thirty days.

Council Member Hartmann suggested that sixty days would be more appropriate, since the Comprehensive Planning Board was currently working on the revisions to the nursery ordinance.

Steve Breitreuz, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning board hoped that the discussion of the nursery ordinance would not take an entire meeting to finalize, however, he opined that more than one meeting would be necessary in order for the Board to address Mr. Bergeron's request. He agreed that sixty days was sufficient time for the board to make a recommendation to the Town Council.

In conclusion, it was agreed upon that a workshop prior to the Council meeting will be scheduled for Council to discuss the item further before the meeting. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 6 p.m., followed by the regular Town Council meeting at 7 p.m.

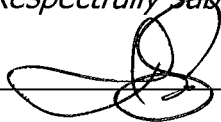
14. Approval of Minutes **a. April 25, 2019**

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

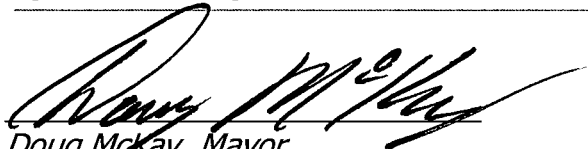
15. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:



Ivette Solera, Deputy Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this day of August 22, 2019.*



Doug McKay, Mayor

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE AFFECTED PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR ADMISSION OF OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE OR IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE, NOR DOES IT AUTHORIZE CHALLENGES OR APPEALS NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.