

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

Thursday 7:00 PM

July 9, 2020

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Denise Schroeder

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Delsa Amundson

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held virtually via the ZOOM Meeting Platform. 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. Presentation – GIS Update**

Public Works Director/Town Engineer Rod Ley and Assistant Town Administrator Russell Muñiz presented a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the Town GIS program.

**4. Public Comment**

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: David Kuczenski, George Cailis, Jim Allbritton and Steve Breitkruz.

**5. Board Reports**

There were no board reports.

**6. Council Member Comments**

Vice Mayor Schroeder wanted to thank everyone for joining the meeting. She spoke about phone calls she received from the residents of Sunshine Ranches regarding a founders' plaque to be created and hung in two different locations in the community. She mentioned she wasn't too pleased because only a few names were going to be on the plaque and not all the individuals involved. She stated either all the names go on the founders' plaque or none at all. Vice Mayor Schroeder then made a motion and Council Member Amundson seconded. A discussion ensued with Council Member Jablonski going first. He agreed with the Vice Mayor. Council Member Hartmann spoke next and wondered why the Town Council was even involved. Town Attorney Poliakoff stated the plaques were going to be placed on Town Property to which Council Member Hartmann stated he then understood. Council Member Hartmann then asked how it will be decided whose names will be placed on the plaques because he was sure someone would be left off. Vice Mayor Schroeder then offered a suggestion to not put anybody's names on the plaques, to just recognize the founders of the community.

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

**MOTION: TO ONLY ALLOW THE SUNSHINE RANCHES PLAQUE ON TOWN PROPERTY IF THEY USE THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE RPA (RURAL PUBLIC ARTS) BOARD AND THERE CANNOT BE ANY NAMES ON THE PLAQUE.**

Council Member Jablonski thanked those attending for joining the virtual Town Council Meeting. He announced the Household Hazardous Waste event in Rolling Oaks Park which will be held July 11, 2020 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and included document shredding from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. He then thanked and commended Public Works Director/Town Engineer Rod Ley and Assistant Town Administrator Russell Muñiz for the GIS presentation. Lastly Council Member Jablonski spoke on the Virtual Zoom meeting held by Toll Brothers and their legal representative Hope Calhoun. He said it was very interesting.

Council Member Amundson spoke next. She also commended Public Works Director/Town Engineer Rod Ley and Assistant Town Administrator Russell Muñiz for the GIS presentation. Council Member Amundson spoke about a resident complaining about the condition of his neighbor's property and the how the property is being used. She requested the complaint be investigated. She also asked what is allowed when a property is zoned with an Agricultural exemption.

Council Member Hartmann agreed with Council Member Amundson's request to investigate a resident's complaint about the condition and use of his neighbor's property. He then spoke about the Toll Brothers virtual meeting as well. He said it was a very passionate meeting and it seemed the residents left the developer with a distinct impression of what they want. Council Member Hartmann is concerned with the residents' point of view. He brought up a conversation with a resident regarding Archbishop McCarthy and the traffic study that wasn't addressed at the last meeting. He asked Vice Mayor Schroeder, who is on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Town Administrator Berns and Town Attorney Poliakoff to look into the failing intersection at Flamingo Road and Griffin Road and see if it is something that can be brought before the MPO. Town Administrator Berns stated he will reach out to the City Managers of Davie and Cooper City to have a conversation. Council Member Hartmann then thanked the public for joining the meeting virtually.

Mayor McKay spoke about the Toll Brothers virtual meeting the night before. He advised he didn't attend as he would have had a hard time not speaking. He stated he will support the residents and their decision, however he urged them to listen to both sides before making that decision. Vice Mayor Schroeder and Council Member Amundson agreed with Mayor McKay and his reasons for not attending. Mayor McKay then thanked and commended Public Works Director/Town Engineer Rod Ley and Assistant Town Administrator Russell Muñiz for the GIS presentation.

## **7. Legal Comments**

Town Attorney Poliakoff spoke about attending the funeral of longtime Southwest Ranches resident Ian Perl. He also spoke about a veterinary clinic out west that doesn't comply with the Town's Code. He and the Town are actively dealing with the situation to bring them into compliance.

## **8. Administration Comments**

Town Administrator Berns spoke about the Toll Brothers virtual meeting and he wanted to make it very clear that it wasn't a Town Meeting. Next, a resident contacted Town Administrator Berns regarding a post on a Facebook page, not affiliated with the Town that had the resident questioning the validity of the post. Town Administrator Berns advised, there are many social media pages that are not affiliated with the Town and if any resident sees or hears something that may be concerning to them, to please contact him and he will advise whether something is accurate or not. Lastly, he spoke on the second meeting in July, which would normally be on the July 23, 2020, however, when the budget calendar was created, the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was actually moved to July 30, 2020 to set the maximum millage rates, fire assessment and solid waste assessment fees to allow the Finance department an extra week to work on those items. He asked the Council for their input and to acknowledge the meeting being moved from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>. He asked for a motion to be brought forward.

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

**MOTION: TO MOVE THE JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020.**

### Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**9.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY CREATING CHAPTER 9 ENTITLES "NOISE" TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE ACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF NOISE AND TO PREVENT NUISANCES THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE QUIET ENJOYMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE EXPECTED BY TOWN RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. {Approved on First Reading on June 25, 2020}

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING.**

### Resolutions

**10.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINDINGS, DATA, METHODOLOGY AND PROPOSED FY 2020-21 FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT RATES INCORPORATED IN THE "TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES ASSESSMENT REPORT, JULY 9, 2020"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**

**11. Approval of Minutes**

- a. May 14, 2020 Regular Meeting**
- b. June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting**

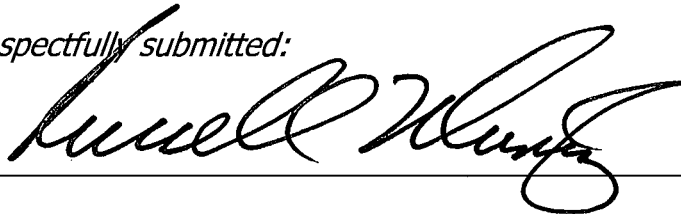
The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Schroeder, seconded by Council Member Amundson and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Amundson, Hartmann, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Schroeder and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 14, 2020 AND THE JUNE 11, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

**12. Adjournment**

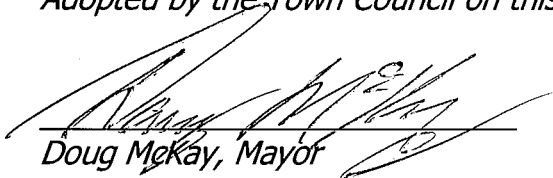
Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on this 13th day of August, 2020.*



*Doug McKay, Mayor*

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