

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

August 13, 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 – 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment Proclamation

Assistant Town Administrator Muñiz introduced Weston City Commissioner Mary Molina-Macfie to the Town Council and Kamala Anandam and then read the Proclamation into the record. Weston City Commissioner Molina-Macfie accepted the Proclamation virtually.

4. Public Comment

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

5. Board Reports

There were no board reports.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski reminded the residents about "Hazmat at the Park" on September 12, 2020, the deadline of September 7, 2020 for the Southwest Ranches photo contest and the September 15, 2020 "Candidate Night". Council Member Jablonski thanked the Fire Assessment Review Committee as well. He then spoke about a letter George Cailis sent to him regarding the Magistrate's ruling on the Agricultural Designation of his neighbor's property and the debris that could become a hazard, especially during hurricane season. Next, Council Member Jablonski advised the residents that census workers were now going door to door to get the census completed. He stated in order to avoid someone knocking on their door, complete the census online and he urged residents to do so. He went on to speak about the Davie Police Department and what a stellar job they do. The reason he brought them up had to do with the special traffic detail that had been implemented in Southwest Ranches. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the detail had been scaled back, however the Davie Police Department is resuming enforcement activity. Council Member Jablonski spoke about the snipe sign law, which states any private citizen can remove a sign that is within a public right-of-way, which is what Code Compliance has been doing. Lastly, Council Member Jablonski advised the Town Council he had an applicant for consideration to join the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board as an "At Large" member. Sage Cimetta submitted his application and if accepted, would bring the board member count to

eight (8). Mayor McKay asked Town Clerk Muñiz if there were any other applications for that board to which he answered no. Mayor McKay then asked Town Attorney Poliakoff what the next step would be. Town Attorney Poliakoff stated since this is an "At Large" member, a motion would need to be made.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski and seconded by Council Member Hartmann 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 appoint Sage Cimetta to the Rural Public Arts and Design Advisory Board.

Council Member Hartman echoed Council Member Jablonski's comments regarding the Davie Fire Police Department and that he has gotten a lot of phone calls regarding the speeding issues in Southwest Ranches and he hopes the increased police presence will at least deter the speeders. He then mentioned he has gotten a lot of phone calls from residents regarding the problems they are having with the trash pickup. He explained that is there was an issue in the past he would advise the resident to contact the waste contractor directly and their response was very quick. Resident's are now telling Council Member Hartmann the waste contractor isn't even answering the phone. Council Member Hartmann also mentioned a lot of the sanitation employees are out sick with the COVID-19 virus and it's pushing the service back. He asked the residents have a little patience and everything should go back to normal soon.

Council Member Amundson stated she has been getting quite a number of phone calls regarding misinformation going around about her. She then took her opportunity to clear things up and talk about her history and background leading up to running for Town Council. She then advised the residents to not believe what they read on social media, if someone has a question, call her and she will answer it.

Vice Mayor Schroeder then stated she misses all of them sitting in the same room during the Council Meetings. Next she said spoke about George Cailis' problems with his neighbor and while she empathizes with him, the Magistrate ruled already, and she just wishes his neighbor would be a better neighbor to Mr. Cailis. Next she spoke about the informational meeting that was held by the Toll Brothers for the residents regarding a proposed housing development. She listened to the meeting but couldn't speak on it since it wasn't brought before the Town Council yet. Vice Mayor Schroeder then spoke on the speeding issues throughout the Town. She said it is absolutely appalling, however if speed bumps were to be installed, that wouldn't be good for the trailers and animals either. She said now that Davie Police Department was ramping up presence in the Town again, hopefully that would help with the speeding. She then wished everybody to stay safe and she looks forward to the time when the Town Council meetings will be in person again.

Mayor McKay spoke last. He expressed his disappointment regarding the fire study and what transpired. He had no idea the fire study would cause an assessment increase. He stated he is working diligently with the staff and administration to find a solution.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff spoke about an item that will be coming up at the next meeting. C.C. Homes application will be a Quasi-Judicial item on the August 27, 2020 Town Council Meeting. The notices have been mailed to the residents and Town Council can only rule on the facts of the item.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns thanked Mayor McKay and Council Member Jablonski for speaking about the census and how important it is. He then gave an explanation as to why the census is important for the Town of Southwest Ranches. Next, Town Administrator Berns reminded the Town Council and residents that Tuesday, August 18, 2020 will be the Budget Workshop. He acknowledged all the comments from the Mayor and the Town Council regarding the budget and he should have some answers by the Workshop. He advised the Town about the Southbound Dykes Road closure that will occur on August 20, 2020 at 8:00 am. Florida Department of Transportation is replacing the mast arms and the construction will probably take the whole day. Town Administrator Berns then advised prior to the Budget Workshop, the Council Chambers will be a polling place for the August elections, however the poll workers will be restricted to the Council Chambers and Council Chambers will then be scrubbed clean. He then thanked Town Attorney Poliakoff for mentioning the C.C. Homes Quasi-Judicial item that will be heard on August 20, 2020. Lastly, Town Administrator Berns provided a Southwest Ranches COVID-19 count which was 166.

Ordinance – 2nd Reading

9. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ("ULDC"), SECTION 005-120, "CERTIFICATES REQUIRED" TO CLARIFY WHEN A CERTIFICATE OF USE IS REQUIRED; AMENDING SECTION 10-30, "TERMS DEFINED" AS IT PERTAINS TO AGRICULTURAL DEFINITION; AMENDING ARTICLE 45, "AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DISTRICTS", SECTION 045-030, "GENERAL PROVISIONS" TO REVISE REGULATIONS GOVERNING REGISTRATION, PARKING AND STORING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, TO PERMIT THE SALE AND DISPLAY OF COTTAGE FOODS, TO REGULATE NURSERY LOCATIONS AND PROVIDE FOR NONCONFORMING USES, AND TO PROHIBIT CONVERSION OF DWELLINGS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USE; AMENDING SECTION 045-050, "PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES" TO PROHIBIT LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS; MAKING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS OF A HOUSEKEEPING NATURE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **{ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN}**

Resolutions

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, TRANSFERRING THE TOWN'S PLANNING, ZONING AND LAND USE SERVICES TO SEPI ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION AS A RESULT OF ITS ACQUISITION OF THE MELLGREN PLANNING GROUP, INC.; EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEAR TERM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SEPI ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Hartmann 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 AND EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

11. Approval of Minutes

a. July 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Vice Mayor Schroeder 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 JULY 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this day of September 24, 2020.


Doug McKay, Mayor

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