

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 6:00 PM

September 14, 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

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held virtually via the ZOOM Meeting platform. The hearing, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor McKay at 8:36 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, Steve Breitreuz, David Kuczenski and Fred Cox.

4. Board Reports

Debbie Green of the Schools and Education Advisory Board (SEAB) spoke about an issue that was discussed at the September 10, 2020 SEAB meeting. It regarded the student's difficulty in receiving the scholarship funds and the Schools and Education Advisory Board unanimously passed a motion that reads, "Scholarship monies will be awarded once enrollment in a university, college, vocational/technical school or community junior college has been confirmed." Debbie Green requested the Town Council to direct the Town staff to help make the distribution process simpler.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski attended the September 10, 2020 SEAB meeting and spoke about the issue with the scholarship check distribution requirements. He stated that the subject might be a policy decision amongst the Town Council. He agreed with the Schools and Education Advisory Board regarding distribution of scholarship funds once proof of admission has been provided. Town Attorney Poliakoff advised the Town Council can agree to allow the scholarship funds to be distributed upon proof of enrollment and direct administration as such.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski and seconded by Council Member Amundson and passed by a 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 provide the Schools and Education Advisory Board Scholarship money as a grant upon proof of enrollment.

Council Member Jablonski also reminded the public about the Candidate Forum being held September 15, 2020. He spoke about reviewing and reworking the Fire Assessment Study and

asked how the Town Council felt about it. Council Member Hartmann stated it would be at no cost per Chris Wallace, the Town's Fire Assessment Methodology Report Consultant.

Vice Mayor Schroeder thanked Council Member Jablonski for reminding her of the date for the Hazmat in the Park. She advised she had been calling the residents of the Town to let them know of the great job the Town Council had done in reducing their taxes. Last, Vice Mayor Schroeder stated she had been getting calls from the residents regarding the bulk pickup issues and she hopes they can be resolved soon.

Council Member Hartmann asked Town Attorney Poliakoff if he could make a motion to reconsider the CC Plat Approval that went before Council on August 27, 2020. He would like to make the approval contingent upon their agreement to plan the properties large enough to house a barn. Town Attorney Poliakoff advised in order to add that provision, Council Member Hartman would have to make a motion to reconsider both the plat and the site plan to come back before the Town Council. Council Member Hartman made a motion to reconsider the CC Homes plat and site plan to obtain their agreement to plan the properties large enough to house a barn. The motion died due to lack of a second. Council Member Hartmann then read from a prepared statement expressing his displeasure for the way the current Town Council members are representing the Town and endorsed the three new candidates running for Council seats.

6. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised the Town Council he had been diligently working with the submitter of the Public Private Partnership (P3) for the former CCA property. He was reviewing their proposal and was close to finalizing their offer to the Town. If they can come to a mutual agreement, the item will come back before the Town Council on October 8, 2020 for their consideration.

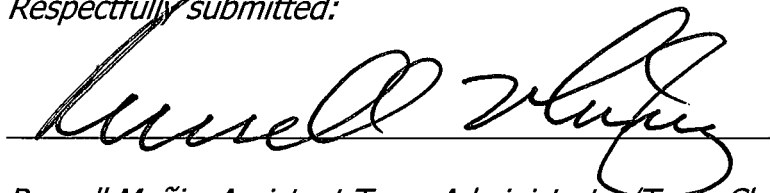
7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns provided an update on the household hazardous waste event on September 12, 2020. He also advised he sat on a panel to assist in selecting the new police chief for the Town of Davie. Lastly, Broward County entered phase two of the COVID-19 reopening plan, however the Town will closely monitor the results before reopening Town Hall to the public.

8. Adjournment

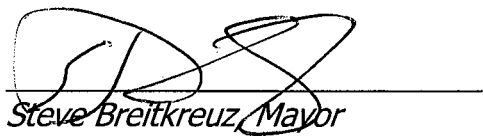
Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 19th day of November 2020.


Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

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