

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

October 8, 2020

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Dee 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 via the ZOOM meeting platform. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor McKay at 7:41 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Volunteer Recognitions – Pavitpaul Makkar and Madison Sullivan

Pavitpaul Makkar and Madison Sullivan were recognized by Proclamation for their volunteerism to the Town of Southwest Ranches.

4. Public Comment

The following members of the public addresses the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth, Sharon Glass, Jim Allbritton, George Cailis, Fred Cox, Steve Breitzkreuz, Terry Duke, Debbie Green and David Kuczenski.

5. Board Reports

Debbie Green spoke on behalf of the Schools and Education Advisory Board (SEAB) about a socially distanced fundraiser on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. All money raised will go towards the scholarship fund. Town Administrator Berns added most of the event will be held outside and social distancing protocols along with facial coverings will be required.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski mentioned the Town Council had tasked Town Administrator Berns to come up with some alternative solutions for the fire assessment fees the Town residents took issues with. That report will be discussed at the December 22nd, 2020 Town Council meeting. He congratulated both Madison Sullivan and Pavitpaul Makkar on their recognitions and mentioned the fundraising event at the barn for the scholarship fund. Lastly, Council Member Jablonski spoke on a resident's public comment. He sympathized with the resident and wished he could help, but the adjacent property owner has an agricultural classification on the property.

Council Member Amundson spoke about a resident's comment regarding campaign signs. She stated wherever she placed a sign, she had permission. She then reminded the public she was running for the District 3 Town Council seat. Lastly, Council Member Amundson congratulated Madison Sullivan and Pavitpaul Makkar on their recognition.

Vice Mayor Schroeder mirrored Council Member Jablonski's comments regarding a resident's public comment. She stated it's frustrating to have your hands tied when all you want to do is help. She also congratulated Madison Sullivan and Pavitpaul Makkar on their recognition. Lastly, the Vice Mayor reminded the residents she is running for District 4 Town Council seat.

Council Member Hartmann congratulated Madison Sullivan and Pavitpaul Makkar on their recognition.

Mayor McKay praised and thanked Madison Sullivan and Pavitpaul Makkar on their recognitions. He also thanked other residents of the Town for their support during the election as he runs for the Mayor's seat.

7. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff had no comments.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns responded to a couple of comments that were made by the public during the public comment portion of the meeting. He started with the campaign sign executive order that was signed in order to enhance social distancing. He stated initially the Town would accept the signed forms emailed to him instead of in person, however it was brought to his attention that some of the residents were health challenged or not particularly internet savvy, which is why the decision was made to allow the signs without the signed consent forms. Town Administrator Berns next spoke about the fire assessment fee issue that was raised by a resident during public comment. He advised that he was tasked with evaluating the information that resulted in the fees and he would have the report for the Town Council and residents on October 22nd, 2020. Next Town Administrator Berns clarified a Broward County Charter Amendment item on the November 2020 election ballot. Question Two asks to allow for surtax funded projects on County owned land to bypass municipal rules, which means if the County owns land and they want to move forward with a surtax funded project, they can. Even if the Municipality's Codes do not allow it or the Town Council rejects it. The County overrides the Municipality in these cases. Lastly, Town Administrator Berns was made aware of an issue with the Constant Contact notification system and it is being addressed.

Ordinance – 1st Reading

9. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PERTAINING TO THE US HIGHWAY 27 BUSINESS LAND USE CATEGORY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY; REQUESTING RECERTIFICATION BY THE BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (APPLICATION NO. PA-20-4)

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Schroeder, 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 APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

10. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ("ULDC") TO CREATE A NEW ZONING CLASSIFICATION ENTITLED, "US HIGHWAY 27 PLANNED BUSINESS DISTRICT;" PROVIDING FOR DISTRICT REGULATIONS AND RELATED AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Hartmann 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 APPROVE THE ORDINANCE WITH #49 MODIFIED TO SPECIAL EXCEPTION UNDER SECTION 051-020, PERMITTED, PROHIBITED AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES LETTER (F) SCHEDULE OF USES.**Resolutions**

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ENTERING INTO A LONG TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUPREME ORGANICS, LLC FOR THE TOWN'S VACANT 24.3622 +/- ACRE PROPERTY, GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF NW 196TH AVENUE BETWEEN STIRLING ROAD AND SHERIDAN STREET, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FORMER CCA PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE SITE TO BE UTILIZED FOR A SINGLE SOURCE ORGANIC PROCESSING FACILITY, WITH ANCILLARY USES INCLUDING THE SALE OF THE END PRODUCTS, VEHICULAR PARKING AND STORAGE, AND A PRIVATE FUELING FACILITY; FINDING THAT THE ENTERING INTO THIS LONG TERM LEASE AGREEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT AND TO MAKE ANY AND ALL CHANGES NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Schroeder, 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 APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: THE LEASE TERM IS 20 YEARS (1ST TERM) + 10 YEAR TERMS (RENEWALS) + 9 YEARS (LAST TERM) FOR A TOTAL OF 99 YEARS.

12. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE PROVISION OF CARES ACT FUNDING TO OFFSET UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN'S EFFORTS IN RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Schroeder, seconded by Council Member Jablonski 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 APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

13. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CENSURING COUNCIL MEMBER BOB HARTMANN FOR HIS CONDUCT AT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, COUNCIL MEETING; FINDING THAT COUNCIL MEMBER BOB HARTMANN'S CONDUCT WAS UNPROFESSIONAL AND INAPPROPRIATE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH THIS RESOLUTION ON A FULL PAGE IN THE TOWN'S NEXT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, AND IN THE NOTICE SECTION OF THE SUN SENTINEL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Schroeder 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 WITHDRAW THE RESOLUTION.

14. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-061, AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL RULES AND POLICIES FOR CIVILITY AND DECORUM DURING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS, TOWN BOARD MEETINGS, AND DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AT TOWN COUNCIL AND BOARD MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski and seconded by Council Member Hartmann and passes 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 APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

15. Adjournment

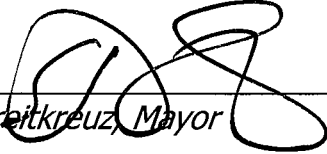
Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this day of February 11, 2021.



Steve Breitkreuz, 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.