

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

March 12, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitreuz

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator

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 Nelson at 7:09 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nelson recognized that Vice Mayor Fisikelli wished to introduce Suganth Kannan, a student at American Heritage. Mr. Kannan spoke about his involvement with H.A.P.P.I. Farms in Southwest Ranches. He proceeded to show a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated the types of assistance that H.A.P.P.I. Farms provides to people with disabilities. He requested assistance in raising money so that a tent could be purchased to keep volunteers and those visiting the farm cool when working with the animals.

3. Public Comment – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Jo Ann Hollingsworth, Aster Knight, Debbie Green, Mary Gay Chaples, John Eastman, and Barry Neunzig.

4. Board Reports – Mary Gay Chaples, Chair of the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board asked for additional appointments to be made to this board so that it would be more representative of the entire Town. Town Council gave their support for additional appointments to be made.

Newell Hollingsworth, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board, spoke about the past effort of the Council to rewrite the farm ordinances for those that did not have Agricultural exempt properties because of the changes to State law. He advised that the Board has a budget, which it will utilize to pay for architectural plans for a prototypical barn, and the Town will own the plans. He asked that the Town authorize the expenditure of up to \$7,500 for the plans and any legal expenses that may be incurred. The consensus of Council was to approve this expenditure.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Breitreuz was hopeful that he would be able to have someone that would be willing to serve on the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board. He supported the idea of a Town Birthday Party and Parade as was mentioned during Public Comments. Also in

reference to Public Comments, he indicated that he had spoken to Davie Police about traffic concerns and was encouraged that enhanced enforcement would be occurring soon.

Council Member McKay spoke about past Town Birthday Parties and Parades and supported having it later in the year to take advantage of better weather.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli spoke of a recent Broward County MPO meeting he attended and spoke of three planned projects in the 2040 plan that concerned him. The first was the expansion of SW 188th Avenue from four to six lanes. The second was the future plans for SW 184th Avenue. Discussion among Council ensued about whether a previous resolution had been passed to oppose this expansion. The last item was the planned expansion of Griffin Road, east of I-75, from four lanes to six. Newell Hollingsworth read an excerpt of the EAR Based Comprehensive Plan Amendments Transportation Element (TE) Policy 1.2-g which stated that all existing and future Trafficway and local streets, except Griffin, Sheridan, Flamingo, and US 27 shall be two lanes.

6. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised that a Motion for Summary Judgement in the litigation against Pembroke Pines would be held on March 27th. He advised that he and Town Administrator Berns would be meeting with the property owners for the Downey Plat. Due to their planned development, the property owners will build a U-Turn between 184th and 185th Avenues and Griffin Road. The County is requesting a "Letter of No Objections" to allow the property owners to process their plan simultaneously with the Town which will save the property owners' time. He further advised that since SW 184th Avenue is no longer being disturbed for this project, the Army Corps of Engineers will be advised that the canal will not be affected. He further advised that at a future meeting he will present the list of residents who complained to the Office of the Inspector General about the Town. He also spoke of the increasing number of Code Enforcement Lien mitigation requests which was a result of increased real estate activity. Lastly, he spoke about discussions he and Town Administrator Berns had with Broward County about the requirement for residents to test their wells or hook up to a neighboring water supplier. The outcome was that Broward County has advised that they have no jurisdiction over this issue and they cannot enforce it. He advised that he and Town Administrator Berns would be meeting with Sunrise and the Broward County Health Department to finally resolve the issue.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns advised that Town Engineer Clete Saunier was on assignment attending a South Florida Water Management District meeting to go on record and advise them that the Town was interested in the parcel to the west of the Broadwing parcel. He announced that the Town's building permit contractor CAP Government, Inc. would have a representative located in Town Hall in the near future to provide a convenience for residents. He advised that the contract with Luke's Landscaping was drawing to a close and indicated that the new vendor, Prestige Property Maintenance, would begin next week. Lastly, he announced that Council Member Jablonski won the Aster Knight Parks Foundation Chili Cook-off competition, but in the unofficial head to head competition there was a tie between Council Member Breikreuz and Council Member Jablonski for the Council Cup.

8. Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2014-2015; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL 2014-2015 EXPENSE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 (FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) FOR PROMOTION OF SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS; APPROVING A FY 2014-2015 BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitreuz, and seconded by Mayor Nelson. No vote was taken.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH A REQUIREMENT FOR A 50% MATCH, AND THE PROGRAM TO BE FUNDED AT \$20,000.

The following motion was made by Council Member Breitreuz, seconded by Mayor Nelson and passed by 3-2 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Breitreuz, Vice Mayor Fisikelli, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes and Council Member Jablonski and Council Member McKay voting No.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION.

9. Resolution – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-002, THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015, BY RESCHEDULING THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 AND RESCHEDULING THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2015; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

10. Appointments –Broward League of Cities Board of Directors

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

MOTION: TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER MCKAY AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND VICE MAYOR FISIKELLI AS THE ALTERNATE.

11. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes requiring approval.

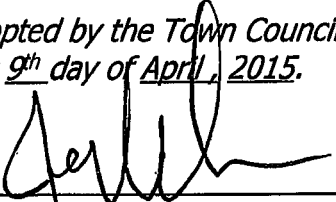
12. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 9th day of April, 2015.*



Jeff Nelson, Mayor

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