

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

April 14, 2016

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Doug McKay

Council Member Steve Breitzkreuz

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

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 7:21 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation – SaferBy4 Initiative – Assistant Chief Julie Downey

Assistant Chief Julie Downey of Davie Fire Rescue spoke about this public awareness initiative to reduce the amount of child drownings and sudden infant deaths.

3. Public Comment – The following member of the public addressed the Town Council: Vince Falletta, Nicolas Stankov, Sarah Hanley, Mike Hanley, Newell Hollingsworth, Jim Laskey, and Bob Hartmann.

4. Board Reports

None.

5. Council Member Comments

Council Member Breitzkreuz also acknowledged the public comments concerning traffic enforcement needed along Stirling Road and Hancock Road. He was pleased to see the utilization of Country Estates Park. He spoke of the upcoming road renaming initiative. Lastly, he supported the public comments made concerning the conservation area east of US Highway 27 and asked that the Town lobby the South Florida Water Management District to preserve it.

Council Member Fisikelli wanted to see the Adopt A Street reestablished and asked Town Administrator Berns about it. Town Administrator Berns advised that the County changed the interlocal trash agreement which contained the Adopt A Street. As the Town did not participate in that agreement it made the Adopt a Street program cost prohibitive. He further advised that a recent newsletter article sought to solicit the interest of the community in creating our own version of an Adopt A Street program and it was met with little interest. However he indicated that he would seek the community's interest once again.

Vice Mayor McKay spoke about Resolution 2003-52 passed by the Town Council in 2003 which was a cooperative agreement with the South Florida Water Management District for the development of a mixed use recreational trail. He asked that the revised resolution being prepared in response to the comments made during Public Comment about the impoundment area and crossing over the C-11 canal contain the map of the trail. He also volunteered to bring the executed resolution to the municipalities joining in on this request.

Council Member Jablonski spoke about the Fish Fry event on April 30th, and the Food Truck event on May 14th which were fundraising event for the Schools Education Advisory Board Scholarship Fund. He advised that the Rural Public Arts Board has made recommendations for the Town Entranceway signs. He asked that this be placed on an upcoming agenda. Lastly, in response to public comments he asked everyone to reflect how quickly the County responded to the Town's request to install guardrails along Griffin Road west of Bonaventure Boulevard. He reminded everyone that last year a high priority and a great deal of urgency was placed on getting these guardrails. He believed it prudent to wait until the guardrail improvement project was completed before requesting any additional openings for equestrian access.

Mayor Nelson agreed with Council Member Jablonski regarding the County's prompt response on the guardrail project and felt it was important not to lose sight on why the project was needed and how quickly it moved along. He announced that the Town officially closed on the property formerly known as the CCA site. He indicated that the Town would explore opportunities for the development of this parcel. Lastly, he spoke of the Broward MPO meeting he attended earlier in the day and some of the hurdles that would be faced in placing the Transportation Surtax on the November ballot.

6. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff agreed with Mayor Nelson's sentiments regarding the public comments made regarding the guardrail project. He spoke of staff's efforts to meet with the County and other jurisdictions to get this project approved and funded. He advised that the Town was also funded in the recent legislative session to complete the Stirling Road guardrail project. He also spoke about the surtax initiative that is being considered by the County and was unsure if it would pass based on the lack of details. He felt there would be a great deal of opposition to this measure. He advised that Broward County Commissioner Furr is seeking to bring all of the Broward municipalities together to develop a consortium that would manage waste management in the County. He indicated that the depositions of Mayor Ortis and Commissioner Castillo of Pembroke Pines has been postponed for later in the month as there was an enormous amount of documentation to review in preparation of the deposition. Lastly, he advised that the attorney representing New Testament Baptist Church wished to discuss a settlement proposal in which the Church would sell half of their parcel for residential development. He advised that he would inform the Council when further details are discussed. Council Member Breitzkreuz asked what the status of the Fire contract with Davie. Town Attorney Poliakoff indicated that administration was reviewing the contract and as it progressed further he would review the contract proposals.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns informed the Town Council that staff was indeed reviewing the Fire contract with Davie. He advised that once staff concluded its review he would solicit input from the Fire Advisory Board before any meeting with Davie. He announced the presence of our new Town Engineer Rod Ley and welcomed him to his first meeting. He advised that Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk Muñiz was compiling information regarding the Town's building permit fees in relation to other municipalities in the area. He invited Council Members to see the boardwalk along the natural areas near his home in western Palm Beach County to envision what the conservation area proposed during public comment could look like. He also spoke of the planned ballfields in Country Estates Park. He informed that the Town had received a \$50,000 grant for this project and the Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation has pledged support as well.

Ordinance - 1st Reading

8. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 13.3 ACRES, OWNED BY THE SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT, FROM RURAL RANCH DISTRICT TO COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICT; GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF DYKES ROAD BETWEEN SW 61ST COURT AND SW 66TH STREET; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. APPLICATION NUMBER RZ-20-16. {Second Reading - April 28, 2016}

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

Resolutions

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2016 AMENDMENTS TO THE THREE (3) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH BROWARD COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX, THE BROWARD COUNTY FIFTH-CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX, AND THE ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

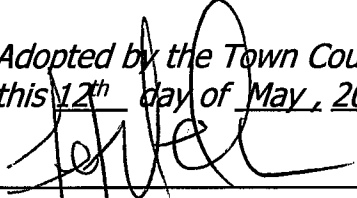
10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 12th day of May, 2016.*



Jeff Nelson, Mayor

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