

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

August 8, 2013

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Doug McKay

Andy Berns, Town Administrator

Michelle Klymko, Assistant Town Attorney

Erika Santamaria, Town Clerk

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Jeff Katims, Assistant Town Planner

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 7:05 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk read the quasi-judicial procedures. The Town Clerk swore-in the Petitioners and members in the audience giving testimony on the following matters. Members of the Town Council disclosed any *ex parte* communication with the petitioners. There were no disclosures at this time.

3. Waiver of Plat - Consideration of waiver of plat application WP-002-13, DFL of Appaloosa Trail, LLC., owner, Pulice Land Surveyors, Inc., petitioner, to create 2 lots of 2.5 net acres each. Property generally located on SW 127th Avenue (Appaloosa Trail), approximately 300 feet north of Luray Road, legally described as a portion of Tracts 26, 27 and 28 of the Everglades Sugar and Land Co. Subdivision of Section 2, Township 51 South, Range 40 East, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 39, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, comprising 5 acres within the Rural Ranches Zoning District, which allows one dwelling unit per 2 net acres.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.

4. Public Comment – The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth, Bob MacFarlane, and Mary Gay Chaples.

5. Board Reports – There were none at this time.

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski thanked Town Administrator and Trail Riders for completing the horse corral at Town Hall. He recognized December Haines for a wonderful job with the garden at Town Hall.

Council Member Fisikelli addressed issues brought up by the public's comments. He thanked the Trail Riders for all of their time and dedication with Fishing Hole Park.

Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz recognized Willie Nabong, Town Engineer, on his recent success with the floodplain manager exam. He thanked Hawkes Bluff Elementary for their recent Food Truck event.

Mayor Nelson thanked Hawkes Bluff for their Food Truck event. He also discussed that the recent horse neglect case is still under investigation and that the Council will look into enforcing animal cruelty legislation locally.

7. Legal Comments

The Assistant Town Attorney provided a report on the New Testament lawsuit. There were no further comments.

8. Administration Comments

The Town Administrator reported that the new website is up and running. He reminded the Council and public that the budget workshop will be August 20th. He also addressed the issue with the traffic lights on the overpass on Griffin Road and I-75.

9. Resolution – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA EXTENDING THE TOWN'S AGREEMENT WITH LUKES SAWGRASS LANDSCAPE, A/K/A LUKES LANDSCAPING, INC. TO PROVIDE TOWN WIDE PARK AND RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO INITIATE THE EXTENSION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

10. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes for July 25, 2013 – Regular Council Meeting

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

13. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC, Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 22nd day of August, 2013.*

Jeff Nelson, Mayor

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