

MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
First Budget Hearing
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday, 6:00 PM

September 12, 2013

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Steve Breitkreuz

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Council Member Doug McKay

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Andy Berns, Town Administrator

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Erika Santamaria, Town Clerk

Martin Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

The Budget Hearing of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Town Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:10 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nelson announced that this was the first of two public hearings held as required by law for the millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Mayor Nelson explained that for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, there was a change in the percentage in millage over the rolled-back rate and therefore no tax increase necessary to fund the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget. He stated that the Town is adopting a millage rate of 3.9404 mills which is greater than the rollback rate of 3.8012 by 3.66%.

4. Administrator provided an introduction to the evening's procedures and any updates since the budget workshop.

5. Presentation - The Town Financial Administrator gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the millage rate and budget.

The Town Clerk read the following item by title.

6. RESOLUTION 2013-066 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COMPUTATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS; INCORPORATING THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT REPORT; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened the item for public comment. There were no speakers at this time. The following motion was made by Council Member McKay and second by Council Member Fisikelli:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FINAL FIRE ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION.

ROLL CALL: Council Member McKay, Yes; Council Member Fisikelli, Yes; Council Member Jablonski, Yes; Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, Yes; Mayor Nelson, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

The Town Clerk read the following item by title.

7. Resolution – 2013-067 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened the item for public comment. There were no speakers at this time. The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, second by Council Member McKay:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FINAL SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION.

ROLL CALL: Council Member McKay, Yes; Council Member Fisikelli, Yes; Council Member Jablonski, Yes; Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, Yes; Mayor Nelson, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

The Town Clerk read the following item by title.

8. Resolution – 2013-068 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened the item for public comment. Newell Hollingsworth addressed the Town Council. The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, second by Council Member McKay:

MOTION: TO LOWER THE MILLAGE RATE TO 3.900.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Jablonski, Yes; Mayor Nelson, Yes; Council Member Breitzkreuz, No; Council Member Fisikelli, No; Vice Mayor McKay, No; The motion failed 2-3.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, second by Council Member McKay:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CURRENT MILLAGE RATE AT 3.9404.

ROLL CALL: Council Member McKay, Yes; Council Member Fisikelli, Yes; Council Member Jablonski, Yes; Vice Mayor Breitkreuz, Yes; Mayor Nelson, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

The Town Clerk read the following item by title.

9. Ordinance – First Reading - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET BASIS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened the item for public comment. Bob Hartmann addressed the Town Council. The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitkreuz, second by Council Member McKay:

MOTION: TO AMEND THE LINE ITEM REFERRING TO CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM \$8,000 TO \$6,500 AND TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE FISCAL 2013-2014 BUDGET.

ROLL CALL: Council Member McKay, Yes; Council Member Fisikelli, Yes; Council Member Jablonski, Yes; Vice Mayor Breitkreuz, Yes; Mayor Nelson, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT - There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC, Town Clerk

*Adopted by the Town Council on
this 26th day of September, 2013.*

Jeff Nelson, Mayor

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