

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE REMOVAL OF ROADS FROM THE TRAFFIC WAYS PROGRAM FOR DYKES ROAD (160 AVENUE) AND 172 AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE SAID APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in order to support our Town slogan, "Preserving Our Rural Lifestyle," the Town must take bold action that is very different from the actions and plans embraced by the communities next to our borders and most communities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a rural lifestyle that has a different pace from the other communities. A pace that is the foundation for the creation of the Town; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2001, the Town Council approved Resolution 2001-21, which turned down \$8.9 million in County funding that would be used to widen Dykes Road from two lanes to four lanes plus a turn lane; and

WHEREAS, as a new Town, it was a difficult decision to turn down the \$8.9 million in funding. The Town's commitment to the community was safety and welfare and "Preserving Our Rural Lifestyle;" and

WHEREAS, there are existing roadway plans and programs that will take away and impact our rural lifestyle dramatically. We can already see the impact of the high volume and speed of traffic on Dykes Road. We can already see the impact of truck traffic, new County bus routes (not requested by Town), increased traffic volume and traffic speed on 172 Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the impact of all of these roadways, which is being experienced now on existing roads or is planned for the future, is due to the desire and actions of the communities that surround our Town; and

WHEREAS, the communities that impact the Town have viable existing options through the use of I-75 and US 27 and, in the near future, through the widening of Griffin Road from two to four lanes; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town to create a roadway system in the Town that is safe, has reduced traffic volume, reduced traffic speed, and ensures the welfare of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:


Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The Town Administrator shall be authorized to submit applications and other required information to the appropriate authorities for removal of roads from the traffic ways program, vacation of roadways and/or reduction of traffic capacity on Dykes Road (160 Avenue) and 172 Avenue.

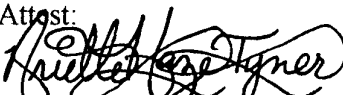
- a) Provide for the Town Administrator to prepare a monthly report to the Town Council on the progress and status of this authorization.
- b) Provide for the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Attorney to submit requested information and applications as may be necessary.

Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 14th day of June 2001.



Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:


Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Gary A. Poliakoff, J. D., Town Attorney