

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Southwest Ranches, Florida**

Thursday 7:00 PM

May 14, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

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**Present:**

Mayor Jeff Nelson

Vice Mayor Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Steve Breitzkreuz

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 7:16 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment** – The following member of the public addressed the Town Council: Bob Hartmann, Bob Busch, and Jim Laskey.

**4. Board Reports** – Bob Hartmann, Chair of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board spoke about the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) plans for SW 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He asked that Council pass a resolution to take 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue off of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He also spoke about surplus property being offered by the State at the northeast corner of US 27 and Griffin Road. He asked that the Town work with its lobbyists to acquire the property.

**5. Council Member Comments**

Council Member Breitzkreuz spoke of the TSDOR project and indicated that the first phase of the project would be SW 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the area between 208<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 210<sup>th</sup> Avenue and advised that community meetings were being scheduled for mid-May and early June. He also spoke about the possibility of creating a bike path out west and felt that the Town could support the efforts of the MPO in applying for a Tiger Grant to fund this project. Lastly, he addressed the issue of body cameras as raised by Bob Hartmann during Public Comment. He had spoken to Chief Lynn of Davie Police who advised that they were currently evaluating this equipment for their officers.

Council Member McKay spoke about the proposed fire station on the Broadwing site. He felt that if volunteers were used it could reduce costs. He also proposed the use of a travel trailer that could be brought on the site. He displayed photos of various trailers that were available for sale online. Town Attorney Poliakoff opined that by using a temporary structure such as a travel trailer the property would not have to be platted which could take as long as 18 months. Town Council expressed their interest in learning more about this option.

Vice Mayor Fisikelli spoke about the most recent MPO meeting. He indicated that Tiger Grants would be increased for safer streets and felt the bike path could receive funding. Councilmember McKay indicated that he also attended the meeting and both of them advised the MPO of the Town's opposition to the proposed Park and Ride. Vice Mayor Fisikelli urged the Town Council to stay vigilant on this issue. Vice Mayor Fisikelli reminded the Council that the Town contributed a great deal of money for the acquisition of Country Estates Park. He questioned whether the Town would be allowed to place a fire station on some portion of the park. Lastly, he asked about the status of the Town's resolution to oppose the proposed widening of SW 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Town Administrator Berns indicated it would appear at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

Council Member Jablonski reminded everyone about the School Education Advisory Board Annual Scholarship event which will be held on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park. He indicated he was intrigued by the idea of using a travel trailer at the Broadwing site for the Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue Department. He felt that further analysis should be done.

Mayor Nelson also indicated that the travel trailer idea was interesting and needed to be researched further. He felt there were options that could also be considered further including improving the existing facility, or renting a new modular for the volunteers.

## **6. Legal Comments**

Town Attorney Poliakoff thanked everyone for the birthday wishes. He advised the draft complaints regarding the barricades on SW 54<sup>th</sup> Place installed by Pembroke Pines were being finalized and would be filed in court soon. He confirmed that he is placing video of the Town Council meeting on his website. Lastly, he indicated he would contact the Town's Lobbyist Mitchell Caesar for assistance with having the County remove SW 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the LRTP.

## **7. Administration Comments**

Town Administrator Berns advised that he understood Council's concerns regarding the costs associated with developing the Broadwing site for the proposed fire station and would be working diligently to be cost effective. He advised that CAP Government has moved a staff person into Town Hall to assist residents and contractors with building department services. He announced that the opening date for Country Estates Park would be Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that he was working with staff on plans for the Town's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday later which would be held later in the year. He provided an update on staff's efforts regarding the South Florida Water Management (SFWMD) surplus property along Griffin Road and US 27 and stated that no response has yet been received from SFWMD. He also provided an update on discussion with Comcast concerning the derelict poles and has urged them to expedite their cable to the new FPL poles. Regarding Tiger Grants, he advised that he sent a letter at Council's request to the County seeking funding to place a bike path on the north side of Griffin Road from Bonaventure Boulevard to US 27. The County supported our request and forwarded the request to the MPO. The MPO has applied for the Tiger Grant and the Town's request is contained therein. Lastly, he spoke of the MPO meeting he attended. At the meeting the FDOT District Secretary indicated he was not willing to "kill" the Park and Ride project but wished to present it to the MPO in July. If the MPO does not support the project at the July meeting than the Park and Ride project will be officially "killed."

**8. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE SECOND MODIFICATION TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CLEANING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR TOWN HALL JANITORIAL SERVICES; APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO THE SECOND MODIFICATION TO THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION .

**9. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2015 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 Council Member McKay, seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Jablonski, McKay, Vice Mayor Fisikelli, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**10. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ANZCO, INC. TO COMPLETE THE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY ESTATES PARK; APPROVING A FY 2014-2015 BUDGETED APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS 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 McKay, seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Breitkreuz, Jablonski, McKay, Vice Mayor Fisikelli, and Mayor Nelson voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**11. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE LITIGATION STYLED CITY OF SUNRISE, ET. AL. VS. BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE SETTLING MUNICIPALITIES.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**12. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND DIRECTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO FILE AN ACTION AGAINST US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS ICE) SEEKING A COURT ORDER ALLOWING CONTACT WITH AND/OR DEPOSITION OR OTHER DISCOVERY FROM PRESENT OR FORMER ICE OFFICIALS WITH REFERENCE TO ICE'S DECISION TO FOREGO PLANS FOR A DETENTION FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**13. Approval of Minutes**

- a. **April 9, 2015, Regular Town Council Meeting**
- b. **April 16, 2015 Workshop Meeting**

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

**14. Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, APPROVING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ROSENBAUER/INTERNATIONAL FOR A COMMERCIAL CHASSIS PUMPER APPARATUS TO REPLACE EXISTING ENGINE 82; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**15. Discussion/Motion – Bank and Financing for Commercial Chassis Pumper to Replace Engine 82**

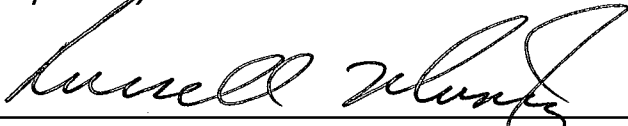
Town Financial Administrator Martin Sherwood explained that staff sought financing options other than from the seller. He advised that TD Bank offered the most advantageous financing terms.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE FINANCING OPTION OFFERED BY TD BANK OF 2.56% FOR 8 YEARS.

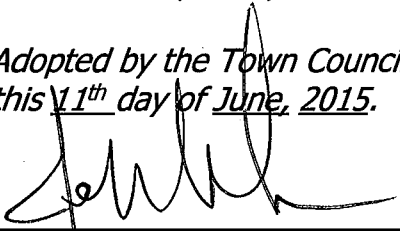
**16. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Council on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.*



*Jeff Nelson, Mayor*

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