

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

Thursday 7:00 PM

October 12, 2017

13400 Griffin Road

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Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Vice Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz

Council Member Freddy Fisikelli

Council Member Gary Jablonski

Town Administrator Andrew D. Berns

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

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 McKay at 7:02 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, seconded by Council Member Fisikelli and passed by 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBER DENISE SCHROEDER.

**3. Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Karlene Chung**

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, seconded by Council Member Fisikelli and passed by 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

**4. Proclamation - Broward Reads City**

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, seconded by Council Member Fisikelli and passed by 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

**5. Presentation - Community Wildlife Habitat and Environmental Sustainability - Rose Bechard-Butman**

Mrs. Bechard-Butman spoke about the Certified Wildlife Habitat program and other sustainability issues affecting the Town of Southwest Ranches.

## **6. Public Comment**

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: John Eastman, David Kuczynski, and Newell Hollingsworth.

## **7. Board Reports**

Gay Chaples, representing the Recreation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Advisory Board advised that the gazebo was being installed at Founder's Park. Speaking on behalf of the Southwest Ranches Historical Society, she indicated that the Resident Business Directory was nearing completion. The Society was accepting applications at this time.

## **8. Council Member Comments**

Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, responding to comments made during the Public Comments portion of the meeting supported placing a resolution at an upcoming meeting opposing FDOT's plan to make modifications to the I-75 interchange. He believed communication for future debris pickups needed to be communicated to the residents.

Council Member Jablonski asked if the Household Hazardous Waste event was still scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. He advised that on October 21<sup>st</sup> the Country Roads Craft Show would be held at Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park, and the Mr. & Mrs. Southwest Ranches pageant was scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rolling Oaks Barn. He also spoke about the upcoming Town-wide Halloween event at the Rolling Oaks Park on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Other events mentioned included the Hawke's Bluff Elementary Food Truck event in conjunction with the School Education Advisory Board, on November 17<sup>th</sup> and the Ride for the Ranches Car Show on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. He advised that the FLOW program from the Department of Motor Vehicles had been suspended indefinitely. He asked Town Administrator Berns to look into the timing of the light at Dykes Road and Griffin Road as it seems different since it has been powered up after the storm. Lastly, he asked what the process was to fill the vacancy on the Rural Public Arts Board. Town Administrator Berns felt it prudent to wait until Council Member Schroeder was back to decide on the appointment, but he advised that an application had been received to fill the vacancy.

Mayor McKay thanked Council Member Fisikelli for his years of service on the Broward MPO. He suggested that the Town Council appoint Council Member Schroeder. Lighthearted discussion ensued about making a motion to appoint her while she was not present. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss this issue with her and gain her consent for appointment to the MPO.

## **9. Legal Comments**

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised that the trial for the lawsuit against Pembroke Pines had been postponed until December as another case was scheduled ahead of it by the Courts. As such he reached out to Pembroke Pines' attorneys to see if they would be amenable to a March court date. They objected, but he filed a motion to schedule the case for March 2018 earlier in the day. He further advised that Pembroke Pines submitted a local bill to de-annex all of the property they own in the Town as well as some property owned by Bergeron and Weekley and annex it into Pembroke Pines. He indicated that there was a "walk on" resolution on this agenda for Town

Council consideration tonight. He spoke about some of the legal maneuvers that Pembroke Pines has attempted over the years to annex property into Pembroke Pines. He suggested that Mayor McKay attend the upcoming Broward Legislative Delegation Meeting to voice the Town's opposition to this attempt by Pembroke Pines. He also advised that his law firm changed their name by merging with another firm, which caused the tax ID number to change. He was advised by Town Financial Administrator Sherwood that an acknowledgement by the Town Council of the name change needed to occur. Town Council acknowledged the merger and name change.

#### **10. Administration Comments**

Town Administrator Berns confirmed that the date of the Part 150 Aviation Study meeting was November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and would be held in Council Chambers. He advised Council that staff was still working on "fine tuning" the message as it related to debris pickup. He vowed to use all communication channels to get the message out. He was appreciative of the feedback received from the community regarding the debris pickup and felt it was useful.

#### Emergency Ordinance – Sole Reading

**11.** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHES, RELATING TO POST-HURRICANE IRMA DISASTER DEBRIS COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR DECLARATION OF FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF DISASTER DEBRIS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz and passed by 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

#### Resolutions

**12.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) TO RECEIVE THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$340,000) TO COMPLETE THE INTERCONNECT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, seconded by Council Member Fisikelli and passed by 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Breitzkreuz, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

**13.** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, IN STAUNCH OPPOSITION TO THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES LATEST ATTEMPT TO DE-ANNEX A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; REQUESTING THAT A COPY

OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE ENTIRE BROWARD DELEGATION, THE GOVERNOR, AND TO SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERSHIP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitkreuz, seconded by Council Member Jablonski and passed by 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Breitkreuz, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Discussion

**14. Emergency Operations Center Location Acquisition**

Vice Mayor Breitkreuz wished to provide an update to the community. He believed that the fire rescue response times in the western portions of the Town were unacceptable. He advised that he and Town Administrator Berns met with a private property owner that afternoon and would probably be meeting several other property owners in the near future about finding a more suitable location than the current station. He hoped that something could be found more centrally located such as in an area between 194<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the rest of the Council Members had any questions or comments regarding this concept. Mayor McKay and Town Attorney Poliakoff spoke about limitations on purchase price in relation to appraisals. Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, and Mayor McKay indicated their support of the concept of a centrally located station but stated that as a proposed purchase moved forward the details may need to be adjusted to garner their support.

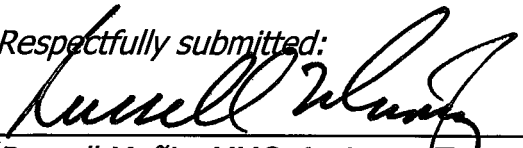
**15. Approval of Minutes**

- a. August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. August 22, 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting
- c. August 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Breitkreuz, seconded by Council Member Fisikelli and passed by 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Fisikelli, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Breitkreuz, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

**16. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:  


Russell Muñiz, MMC, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on  
this 9th day of November, 2017.

  
Doug McKay, Mayor

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