

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

June 13, 2024

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Steve Breitreuz
Vice Mayor David S. Kuczenski
Council Member Bob Hartmann
Council Member Gary Jablonski

Russell Muñiz, Town Administrator
Dan Stewart, Deputy Town Clerk
Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

A 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 Breitreuz at 7:01 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuczenski, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Kuczenski, and Mayor Breitreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER ALLBRITTON'S ABSENCE.

3. Presentation – Representative Bartleman – Introduction of New District Aide Bryanna Velez

Representative Robin Bartleman introduced her new District Aide Bryanna Velez and provided a brief legislative update.

4. Presentation – Former Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief

Former Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief discussed her platform for running for election for the District 35 State Senate Seat.

5. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Newell Hollingsworth, John Steven Garate, Marianne Allen, Mary Michel, Wafa Mheisen, Bebi Ballee, Jim Laskey, Harold Gubnitsky, Debbie Green, and Richard Ramcharithar.

6. Board Reports

There were no Board Reports.

7. Council Member Comments

Council Member Jablonski announced that the Farmer's Market scheduled for June 15th was cancelled. He stated the Open Chess Play event was still occurring on June 15th at Town Hall. He spoke about the sign at the Shell Station on Griffin Road and clarified the Hazmat Event it was advertising was for the Town of Davie, and that the Town's Hazmat at the Barn event will be July 27th. He spoke about the upcoming Calendar Photo Contest and talked about the Recycling Decals

sent out to residents and that if anyone needed additional decals, they were available at Town Hall.

Council Member Hartmann thanked Town Resident Marianne Allen for the idea on the Town developing an Agricultural Department and discussed that the Town was exploring the idea and spoke about the actions and steps needed to move forward on it.

Vice Mayor Kuczenski thanked Council Member Hartmann for his comments and agreed that it would be a good idea for the Town to have an Agricultural Department. He spoke about the recent rains and was happy to announce that he had not heard of a single home in the Town that was flooded. He provided Council with the traffic citation statistics throughout the Town for the month of May and thanked the Town of Davie Police Department for their efforts to reduce speeds in the Town. He thanked the members of the Town Council and residents for their efforts against the incinerator and for their efforts regarding zero waste. He stated that he will be writing an article regarding the Zero Waste Advisory Board meeting for August 6th and that the Board will be working on a community planning checklist and service analysis spreadsheet to help the Town move towards zero waste.

Mayor Breitzkreuz discussed the upcoming meeting with the Solid Waste Authority Meeting occurring on June 21st and stressed the importance of the meeting and asked everyone to attend. He spoke about the SuperTots program and the registration event that happened on June 8th. He talked about an item on the upcoming Broward County Meeting on June 18th regarding increasing the height of the landfills in the County. Lastly, he discussed the rainfall that has occurred over the last week and stated he was pleased with the amount of drainage that he has seen around the Town.

He asked Public Works Director/Town Engineer Rod Ley to provide the Town Council with a brief update on the drainage situation in the Town.

Public Works Director/Town Engineer Ley presented an update on the current drainage projects in the Town and the amount of rain that has occurred over the last week and the projected amount of rain forecasted over the next few days. He advised everyone that there were some dangers of flash flooding and asked that residents be careful while driving through flooded areas.

8. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff had no legal comments.

9. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Muñiz advised the Town Council that there were several complaints regarding the undergrounding projects of FPL and Comcast, and that he and Public Works Director/Town Engineer Ley were working with both companies to address the issues. He spoke about the grant award for the SW 163 Avenue drainage project being stricken from the State Budget and that the Town is working with consultants to complete the vulnerability assessment, which will help

strengthen future grant submissions. He stated that the Open Chess Play Event would still be occurring on June 15th at Town Hall. He spoke about two firewells that needed to be replaced in the Town and that currently the Town had only received two quotes to purchase new wells and were working on obtaining a third as per the Town's procurement policy. He said that he considered it to be an emergency that the Town purchase the wells for the safety of the residents. He asked the Town Council to approve making the emergency purchase and for authorization to use \$19,000 of unassigned funds to make the purchase.

The following motion was made by Council Member Jablonski, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuczenski passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Allbritton, Hartmann, Jablonski, Vice Mayor Kuczenski, and Mayor Breitzkreuz voting yes.

MOTION: TO ENACT EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO PROCEED WITH ONLY THE TWO RECEIVED QUOTES AND TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$19,000 FROM UNASSIGNED FUNDS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE THE FIREWELLS.

Ordinances – Second Reading

10. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S CHARTER; PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT: TO AMEND ARTICLE I "CORPORATE EXISTENCE" SECTION 1.01 TO CLARIFY THAT THE TOWN ALSO SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE AGRICULTURAL AND EQUESTRIAN CHARACTER OF THE TOWN AND TO ADD THIS LANGUAGE TO ARTICLE VI "ELECTIONS" SECTION 6.01 (H) "OATH"; TO AMEND ARTICLE V "QUASI-JUDICIAL" TO ADD SECTION 5.01 (b) ENTITLED "PROACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT"; TO AMEND ARTICLE VI "ELECTIONS" SECTION 6.01 (G) TO CLARIFY THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THE ELECTION RESULTS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED; TO AMEND ARTICLE VII "CHARTER AMENDMENTS" SECTION 7.02(C) TO CLARIFY THAT CHARTER AMENDMENTS REQUIRE "AT LEAST" SIXTY (60) PERCENT APPROVAL FROM THE VOTERS; TO AMEND ARTICLE IX "TRANSITION" TO RENAME ARTICLE IX "ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION" AND TO REMOVE ALL OF THE OUTDATED CORPORATE FORMATION LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 9.02 THROUGH 9.07; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PROVIDE FOR A NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA ELECTION CODE; SUBMITTING THE REFERENDUM TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING THAT SUCH REFERENDUM, IF ADOPTED, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **{Approved on First Reading May 23, 2024}**

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING WITH CHANGES TO THE LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE "CURRENTLY THE TOWN REQUIRES EXACTLY 60% OF THE VOTE AND IS CLARIFYING THE LANGUAGE TO SAY AT LEAST 60%".

11. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT AND ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2028 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. {Approved on First Reading May 23, 2024} {Staff requesting a tabling of the item}

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

MOTION: TO TABLE THE ITEM.

Resolutions

12. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER WITH METRIC ENGINEERING INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$45,509.87) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING SERVICES FOR THE SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK WETLANDS AND CANAL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

13. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK AS THE CYBERSECURITY STANDARD, FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

14. Approval of Minutes

a. April 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Adjournment


Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Debra M. Ruesga, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 11th day of July, 2024.



Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE AFFECTED PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR ADMISSION OF OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE OR IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE, NOR DOES IT AUTHORIZE CHALLENGES OR APPEALS NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.