

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

June 9, 2022

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Council Member Jim Allbritton

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Council Member David S. Kuczenski

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town

Emil C. Lopez, Town Financial Administrator

Richard Dewitt, Assistant Town Attorney

Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Vice Mayor Jablonski at 7:00 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Kuczenski attended the meeting telephonically.

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

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MAYOR BREITKREUZ'S ABSENCE.

3. Presentation – Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser

Broward County Property Appraiser Kiar spoke about the functions of the Property Appraiser's Office and how they can assist the residents of Broward County. He spoke about the "Owner Alert" program which is designed to protect the residents from title fraud and provided an explanation as to how property taxes are calculated. He provided his contact information and advised the public to contact him and his office with any questions.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Board Reports

There were no Board Reports

6. Council Member Comments

Council Member Allbritton thanked the residents for attending the meeting and watching live on YouTube. He spoke about the problems regarding speeding, cut through traffic and increased crime and referenced a resolution passed earlier in the year creating the Public Safety and Traffic Committee and provided a timeline. The committee started in February and began addressing issues throughout the Town and by the fourth, meeting the Town Administrator gave them a task to pick their top five (5) issues to bring forward for consideration. By the fifth meeting, the committee had identified their top five (5) recommendations to which Council Member Allbritton presented to the Town Council. They are as follows:

- Purchase two (2) additional hand-held laser speed guns.
- Purchase two (2) speed trailers.
- Purchase thirty (30) "Eagle Eye on Crime" signs.
- Purchase signs advising the use of radar speed guns.
- Requesting two (2) officers, three (3) hours per day, four (4) days per month for twelve (12) months to be placed in speeding hot spots throughout the Town.

The requests would cost fifty-three thousand dollars (\$53,000.00) and Council Member Allbritton asked the Town Council to fund these projects in the upcoming fiscal year. Lastly, he thanked the members of the Public Safety and Traffic Committee for their recommendations, he thanked Town Administrator Berns for all his support to the committee, and he thanked the Town Council.

Council Member Kuczenski advised the public why he wasn't at the council meeting. He spoke about all the rain that fell the past weekend and Broward County would be upping their mosquito control enforcement. He also stated mosquitos cannot transmit COVID-19 but can spread other illnesses such as Yellow Fever and Zika Fever. He urged the public to help control mosquito outbreaks by dumping out standing water on their properties. Lastly, Council Member Kuczenski stated a lot of people had spoken with him about the New Testament property and the Rural Ranches Plus discussion. He advised he had not decided, and his goal is to preserve less dense housing to make sure there is enough space for barns on the properties and horse trails.

Council Member Hartmann spoke about the Davie Police Department attending the Public Safety and Traffic Committee meeting to discuss issues such as corralling loose livestock that may have wandered away from home. Davie Police advised they had limited halters and lead lines to assist with rounding up loose animals such as horses. Council Member Hartmann any used halters and lead lines donations to keep in the police cars would be greatly appreciated. Council Member Hartmann stated his support for the purchase of the handheld laser speed guns. He clarified the difference between radar speed guns and laser speed guns. He also clarified with Council Member Allbritton the additional police support requested is on top of the existing police presence. The Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting (MPO) was held earlier in the day which Council Member Hartmann attended as the Town's representative. He advised Broward County population has expanded 10-15% since the COVID Pandemic which contributed to the increased traffic. The (MPO) is looking into alternatives to automobiles such as trains and busses, to decrease the amount of traffic.

Vice Mayor Jablonski advised the June DMV Mini-Flow event had been cancelled and the Town is unsure of the next event date. He then announced upcoming events such as the Broward County Property Appraiser Outreach (BCPA) event on June 16th, the Birdie Knight Tree Planting Ceremony on June 10th, "Bingo at the Barn" on June 11th and "HazMat at the Barn" on July 9th. He commended Council Member Kuczenski on his article on the Quasi-Judicial process in DRW magazine. He advised election qualifying for the District 1 and District 2 council seats will begin the next week. He then stated he is willing to meet with the 40-acre plot property owner to discuss their views along with his when he gets back to town in July. Lastly, he gave the gavel to Council Member Hartmann so he can make a motion. Vice Mayor Jablonski then discussed the Public Safety and Traffic Committee's wish list that Council Member Allbritton outlined and

provided an alternative. Instead of waiting until the new budget year to start in October, he suggested utilizing the lien funds which amounts to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00). He then made a motion the Town pay for the items recommended by the Public Safety and Traffic Committee from the from the lien funds account and cap the amount at sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00). Whatever funds aren't used, return to the lien account.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE UTILIZING THE LIEN FUND TO PAY FOR THE ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE WITH A CAP OF \$60,000.00.

Council Member Hartmann advised he had another comment he neglected to make during his time. He spoke about the seven (7) years of TSDOR projects and the challenges that have come up during them. A resident proposed having workshops so the residents can provide suggestions and feedback before sending a project out to bid and Town Attorney Poliakoff is drafting a resolution. Vice Mayor Jablonski clarified the Town would hold a Charette on each TSDOR project.

7. Legal Comments

Assistant Town Attorney Dewitt had no comments.

8. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns had no comments.

Ordinance – 2nd Reading

9. 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 1, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT: TO AMEND ARTICLE II "TOWN COUNCIL" SECTION 2.04 (a) TO AMEND THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE TOWN'S MAYOR; TO AMEND ARTICLE II "TOWN COUNCIL" SECTION 2.06 (c) TO CLARIFY HOW TOWN COUNCIL VACANCIES ARE FILLED; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE VII "CHARTER AMENDMENTS" SECTION 7.03 TO APPOINT A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE EVERY TEN (10) YEARS FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE CENSUS; 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 2022 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 26, 2022}

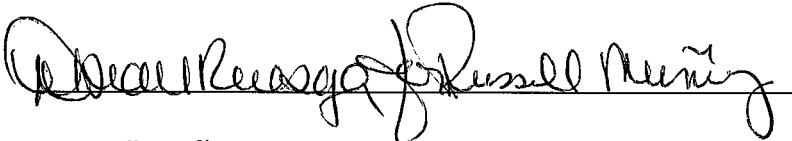
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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS: THE TOWN COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A QUALIFIED ELECTOR WITHIN (120) ONE HUNDRED-TWENTY DAYS BY MAJORITY VOTE. IF A DECISION CANNOT BE MADE, A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AS SOON AS CAN BE EFFECTUATED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 12th day of September, 2022



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.