



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Roger Michaud	-Mayor
Kimberly Glas Castro	-Vice Mayor
Michael Hensley	-Commissioner
Mary Beth Taylor	-Commissioner
Judith Thomas	-Commissioner
John D'Agostino	-Town Manager
Brett Lashley	-Town Attorney
Laura Weidgans	-Deputy Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:31 pm

PRESENT;

Mayor Michaud

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro

Commissioner Hensley

Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Senator Bobby Powell.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

1. Legislative Update by Senator Powell

Senator Powell presented a Legislative update (Exhibit A) and notified the Commission that he will be stepping down from his position Effective November 2024.

Mayor Michaud thanked the Senator for everything that he does. Vice Mayor Glas-Castro thanked the Senator for his time in the House and Senate and for supporting the Town. Commissioner Hensley thanked the Senator for everything he does for the Town. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that the Senator has been a champion for Lake Park and thanked him for all of his efforts over the years. Senator Powell thanked the Commission for their assistance with getting things done over the years.

2. Proclamation Declaring May 19, 2024, through May 25, 2024, as National Public Works Week in the Town of Lake Park, Florida

Public Works Director Jaime Morales and Public Works staff received the proclamation. Public Works Director Morales credited his team and stated they deserve all of the credit.

3. Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as National Cities, Towns and Villages Month

Town Manager D'Agostino stated that the Director of the National League of Cities will be in town Tuesday to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time is provided for addressing items that do not appear on the Agenda. Please complete a comment card and provide it to the Town Clerk so speakers may be announced. Please remember comments are limited to a TOTAL of three minutes.

-Susan Ray, 301 Lake Shore Drive spoke about supporting Ordinance 06-2024 pertaining to the seawall. She also spoke about the town being in discussions with developers and feels the residents should be involved in that process.

-Kelly Steele, 301 Lake Shore Drive spoke about developers and a communication she had with the Town Manager.

-John Leary, 501 Lake Shore Drive spoke about the seawall Ordinance. He proposes the Commission withdraw the Ordinance and pause the re-introduction of it to some point in the future.

-Ralph Moscoso, 429 Greenbriar Drive spoke about performance and accountability of the Town Manager and requests he be put on administrative leave. He also spoke on the progress of sidewalk repairs in town. Mr. Moscoso provided comments via Exhibit B.

-Chris Steel, 301 Lake Shore Drive spoke about interactions with the Town Manager and suggests he be placed on administrative leave.

-Evelyn Harris Clark, 254 Greenbriar Drive spoke about the vendor agreements under consent.

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney Lashley spoke about a suit against the Town and their office is reviewing for appropriate action and a memo to the Commission will be forthcoming.

Town Manager D'Agostino provided comments via Exhibit C. He spoke about the Sunset Celebration and how it is funded via transfers in the budget. This was in response to a public comment questioning the funding of this item. Town Manager D'Agostino spoke about the Town receiving a block grant totaling \$400,916.00 to potentially design a community center and an aquatic center at Bert Bostrom Park.

Commissioner Taylor asked what date the workshop on the seawall Ordinance would be and she would like clarification if the item will be paused as was requested by a resident. Town Manager D'Agostino stated it would not be brought back until the Commission requested it. August 10th was discussed as a possible date for the seawall Ordinance discussion. The Commission deferred on selecting a date at this time. For density discussions, June 12th was discussed. Commissioner Taylor stated that it's important for letters to be issued to residents since all residents are affected by density. She advised the Commission that Joe Brockman from the Brew House has 3 bike racks to donate to the Town. She also stated that we need to name the new pocket park.

Commissioner Hensley wanted clarification on discussion dates. Town Manager D'Agostino stated there will only be a density discussion with the Commission on June 12th and there needs

to be a new date selected for seawall workshop. He went on to say that this date should be on a Saturday and that each resident will receive sufficient notification.

Commissioner Thomas thanked the Steele Family for the cleanup project in town.

Commissioner Thomas spoke about the importance of integrity and stated that she has not met with anyone regarding density, redevelopment or anything of the like on Lake Shore drive.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro stated that the Commission has not discussed zoning changes on the East side of Lake Shore Drive. She hopes that when the Commission does discuss this, it would be during a time that is not rushed because of a busy agenda on a Wednesday evening. She stated that it might be better to discuss the seawall Ordinance in the fall after residents return to the area. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro spoke about the block grant and would like to have a Commission discussion for how to apply those funds.

Mayor Michaud stated he is concerned about the resident's distrust and clarified the Commission's role in the Town and asked the residents to please reach out to the Commission or to staff to ask questions or provide information.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under this item are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner or person so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Any person wishing to speak on an agenda item is asked to complete a public comment card located on either side of the Chambers and given to the Town Clerk. Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed.

Commissioner Taylor asked for clarification on items 7 through 13. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that these contracts allow the Town to select a firm based on qualifications and there is no cost until the firm does the job and once they perform a job there is a set price. Public Works Director Jaime Morales explained these contracts will be awarded based on the estimated cost of the contract as needed.

Motion made to accept the consent agenda made by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hensley.

4. May 1, 2024 Public, Private Partnership (P3) Workshop Minutes
5. May 1, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
6. Resolution 26-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Construction Services Agreement Between the Town of Lake Park and Mangonia Construction Group, LLC for the W. Ilex Park Phase 2 Park Improvements.
7. Resolution 27-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Between the Town of Lake Park and Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for the Provision of Continuing Professional Services on an As-needed Basis.
8. Resolution 28-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Lake Park and Calvin Giordano & Associates, Inc. for the Provision of Continuing Professional Services on an As-needed Basis.
9. Resolution 29-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Lake Park and The Engenuity Group for the provision of Continuing Professional Services on an As-needed Basis.
10. Resolution 30-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Between the Town of Lake Park and Florida Technical Consultants, LLC for the Provision of Continuing Professional Services on an As-needed Basis.
11. Resolution 31-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Between the Town of Lake Park and J Morton Planners for the provision of Continuing Professional Services on an As-needed Basis.
12. Resolution 32-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Between the Town of Lake Park and Keshavarz & Associates, Inc. for the Provision of Continuing Professional Services on an As-needed Basis.
13. Resolution 33-05-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Between the Town of Lake Park and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Provision of Continuing Professional Services on an As-needed Basis.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING (RESOLUTION): NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:

14. Ordinance 05-2024 Amending Chapter 54, Article I, Section 54-8 of the Town Code Pertaining to the Town's Local Amendments to Chapter One of the Florida Building Code.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE I, SECTION 54-8 OF THE TOWN CODE PERTAINING TO THE TOWN'S LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER ONE OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT ; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made to approve Ordinance 05-2024 on second reading by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hensley.

Town Attorney Lashley read the Ordinance by title only.

NEW BUSINESS:

15. Resolution 22-04-24 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Ground Lease between the Town of Lake Park and FD P3 LP Boat Storage, LLC for the Boat Storage Component of the P3 Project for the Enhancement of the Lake Park Harbor Marina.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-04-24 made by Commissioner Hensley, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hensley

16. Resolution 34-05-24 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Ground Lease between the Town of Lake Park and FD P3 LP Marina, LLC for the Public Marina Component of the P3 Project for the Enhancement of the Lake Park Harbor Marina.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item.

Motion to approve Resolution 34-05-24 made by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hensley

17. Resolution 35-05-24 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Ground Lease between the Town of Lake Park and FD P3 LP Restaurant, LLC for the Marina Restaurant Component of the P3 Project for the Enhancement of the Lake Park Harbor Marina.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item.

Motion to approve Resolution 35-05-24 made by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hensley.

18. Red, White & Blue Sunset Celebration Event Discussion

Town Manager D'Agostino explained that this event will take place on Friday, June 28th from 6-9pm at Kelsey Park. Discussion ensued about the expenses and components of the event such as how many bathrooms would be needed, how many bounce houses would be sufficient and what type of snacks to provide. Special Events Director Riunite Franks agreed to look into some snack options for the kids. Commissioner Thomas suggested to invite "Let's Move PBC" to the event. Mayor Michaud noted that during the event, there will be a Commissioner race on the obstacle course bounce house.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Michaud stated that residents should be able to name the new pocket park through some sort of contest. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that there is an Ordinance that states the park would not be able to be named after any living person and to name the park after a deceased person would require a referendum. The Commission agreed to allow residents to submit name ideas with the stipulation that it cannot be named after any person.

Vice Mayor Glas-Castro requested a future agenda item for the recruitment process to replace the Town Manager. Commissioner Thomas suggested creating a special email address for the purpose of receiving suggestions for park names from the residents or to create a section on the Town website to submit names for the park.

Commissioner Hensley suggested a future agenda item to discuss a committee for enhancing the future water park and the Town athletic department.

The Commission discussed dates for workshops on density and the seawall. The Commission agreed to schedule both of these items in the fall.

Commissioner Taylor asked about the 2nd Street closure and that residents have been waiting to attend a meeting to discuss this topic. Town Manager D'Agostino stated he will look into this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn by Commissioner Hensley, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hensley.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 pm

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on June 5, 2024.

Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC

Deputy Town Clerk, Laura Weidgans

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2024