



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Regular Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 06, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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

Roger Michaud	—	Mayor
Kimberly Glas-Castro	—	Vice-Mayor
John Linden	—	Commissioner
Mary Beth Taylor	—	Commissioner
Judith Thomas	—	Commissioner
Bambi McKibbon-Turner	—	Asst. Town Manager/HR Director
Thomas J. Baird, Esq.	—	Town Attorney
Vivian Mendez, MMC	—	Town Clerk
Laura Weidgans	—	Deputy Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

7:17 PM

PRESENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro

Commissioner John Linden

Commissioner Mary-Beth Taylor

Commissioner Judith Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was read in the previous meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

1. Proclamation Recognizing Riunite C. Franks

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.

-Page Lewis 15371 67th Drive N Palm Beach Gardens spoke about having a great time at the Holiday Lights event and is grateful for all the events in town.

-Jan Norris from Attic Fanatics Vintage spoke about concerns with closing the street for the Holiday Lights Event, but feels their parking lot is being cut off due to the closure. She also stated there was not enough publicity for the event.

-Jason Ramos 748 Park Avenue spoke about improved communication with Town officials. He spoke about key factors for effective marketing and post marketing assessments. He asked the Commission about the road closure and how do we vote it out of this event. Mayor Michaud advised Mr. Ramos to direct questions to staff. Mr. Ramos also spoke about code compliance for food trucks.

-James Sullivan 348 Flagler Blvd. spoke about the wonderful job on the Holiday Lights. He also spoke about the great job fixing the potholes and the job was done right.

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney Baird distributed an article to the Commission about the Live Local Act.

Assistant Town Manager/HR Director McKibbin-Turner provided comments (Exhibit A). She asked for consensus on the road closures for the Holiday Display. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked if there had been Commission approval for the road closures to take place. Grant Writer/Chief Information Officer Merrell Angstreich stated that it was entirely a staff decision to close the roads. Consensus was reached by the Commission to discontinue the road closures effective immediately. The Commission had various reasons for not wanting to close the roads such as conflicts with The American's with Disability Act (ADA) requirements and the negative impact the closure was having on local businesses.

Commissioner Thomas stated for the record that she would like to see next year that Town Hall be decorated.

Commissioner Linden likes the idea of keeping roads open and reducing speed. He said closing the road would be a detriment to the businesses in the area. Mayor Michaud asked Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Captain Gendreau if reducing the speed limit can be done. Captain Gendreau stated that without a resolution, they would have no way of enforcing it.

Mayor Michaud asked about a visual monitor that would say “slow down”. Captain Gendreau indicated that yes this could be done using the speed board that the town owns. Commissioner Linden asked if we could request another board from PBSO so that there would be boards for both east and west bound traffic. Captain Gendreau stated he could request it. Commissioner Thomas recommended placement of one of the boards at 6th street for west bound traffic.

Commissioner Linden spoke about Santa being at Attic Fanatics every Friday and Saturday.

Assistant Town Manager/HR Director McKibbin-Turner spoke about doing a better job with preserving the new time capsule using professional preservation services. She also suggested the Town consider alternate means of preserving the time capsule moving forward.

Commissioner Linden suggested maybe not placing the time capsule in the ground. He also wanted to express gratitude towards Public Works and also to the Centennial Celebration Committee for doing a fantastic job. He went on to talk about Texas Roadhouse being built at lightning speed. Santa will be at Lake Park Elementary along with PBSO with horses and motorcycles.

Mayor Michaud gave a special thanks to Commissioner Linden for playing Santa.

Commissioner Thomas said she was at the Florida League of Cities last week and is honored that the Town allowed for that. She requested for there to be highlighters on the dais.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro had no comments.

Mayor Michaud shared that he attended the District 1 League of Cities lunch and it makes him appreciate this Commission and how we conduct business here.

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.

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

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

2. Resolution 93-12-23 of the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with J & J, Inc., DBA Eagle Painting, for Painting the Exterior of the Town Hall Building.
3. Resolution 94-12-23 of the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with LaPorta Contracting, LLC, for Work and Services Associated with Structural Repair Work to the Town Hall's Roof Truss Framing and Providing for an Effective Date.
4. Resolution 95-12-23 A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, amending the Town budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 as previously adopted by Resolution No. 67-09-22; Providing for severability; Providing for the repeal of laws in conflict; and providing for the effective date thereof.
5. November 15, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
6. Resolution 96-12-23 of the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute the Second Amendment to the Contract with Shenandoah General Construction, LLC, for the provision of stormwater infrastructure maintenance and repair services.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: NONE

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING (RESOLUTION): NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

7. Follow-up Discussion on Gravel Driveways in Residential Areas.
Community Development Director Nadia DiTommaso explained that staff is seeking direction as to whether gravel driveways would be allowed in the Town. She provided information from neighboring municipalities, the Town's consulting engineer and the Town Attorney. (Exhibit B)

and based on this information, recommends leaving the code in place and not allow gravel driveways. Mayor Michaud asked if other municipalities provide a time period for enforcement and if so, how much time is allowed. Community Development Director DiTommaso stated that the Commission would be able to set that timeframe for compliance.

Town Attorney Baird stated that there had been a similar situation in the past along Northlake Blvd. and that those properties were given an extensive time-frame to come into compliance.

Commissioner Taylor stated that she is aware of other municipalities that have gravel driveways. Commissioner Linden spoke about a resident reporting more than 60 homes with gravel driveways in their vicinity. He said that he does not think we should allow gravel driveways, but he would like to see changes made to the code to extend the amount of time they have to come into compliance. He would like the Commission to consider a matching grant to the homeowner in the next budget cycle. Mayor Michaud suggests allowing 1 year for residents to become compliant. Community Development Director DiTommaso advised that there is a grant that is available that can be utilized for updating driveways. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro stated that the grant will only help a little and recommends allowing 2 years for residents to become compliant. Commissioner Thomas asked how long the code has been in effect and what brought this all about. Community Development Director DiTommaso advised that the code had been in existence for decades. She said that this issue came up as the code officers were inspecting certain properties and finding gravel driveways, they realized there are several more properties where this needed to be addressed. Commissioner Thomas stated that she doesn't think the code needs to be changed, but wants to consider educating the community about what is required and believes we need to take an assessment of what is out there and allow time to come into compliance and to educate residents about the rising costs of materials over time. Mayor Michaud recommends a 2 year window with a year of inventory.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brandon Susich 729 Greenbriar Drive spoke about Florida Department of Transportation's successful use of gravel for shoulders and roadways and how it would be strong enough for a residential driveway and believes gravel driveways can work both structurally and esthetically.

8. Parks Master Plan Projects Prioritization - Follow-up Discussion.

Community Development Director DiTommaso provided a summary of the plan and a report of current progress (Exhibit C). She stated that it was collectively decided to prioritize the

entertainment area. Commissioner Taylor asked if the master plan called for the band shell near the Kelsey House quadrant. Community Development Director DiTommaso advised that this will be the first priority. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro provided a suggested prioritization of the splash pad, the waterfront, shade in seating area and the entertainment space, in that order.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

9:12 pm

Motion made to adjourn by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Commissioner Linden, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas.

Voting Abstaining: Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on December 20, 2023

Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk

Laura Weidgans, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2023