



# Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

## Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 04, 2023

Immediately Following the Special Call Community

Redevelopment Agency Meeting

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

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<b>Roger Michaud</b>	—	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Kimberly Glas-Castro</b>	—	<b>Vice-Mayor</b>
<b>John Linden</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Mary Beth Taylor</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Judith Thomas</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>John D'Agostino</b>	—	<b>Town Manager</b>
<b>Thomas J. Baird, Esq.</b>	—	<b>Town Attorney</b>
<b>Vivian Mendez, MMC</b>	—	<b>Town Clerk</b>

***PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED, that if any interested person desires to appeal any decision of the Town Commission, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such interested person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in the meeting should contact the Town Clerk's office by calling 881-3311 at least 48 hours in advance to request accommodations.***

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### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:42 P.M.

### 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 conducted during the Special Call Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:**

1. Proclamation Declaring October 1-7, 2023, as Banned Books Week  
Mayor Michaud presented Library Director Judith Cooper with the proclamation. Library Director Cooper listed books that are being banned. She expressed her passion for reading and books in general. She thanked the Commission for the support of this proclamation.
2. Proclamation Declaring October 15-21, 2023, National Friends of Libraries Week  
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro presented members of the Friends of the Library with the proclamation. Friends of the Library representative Mrs. Batista thanked everyone for their support of the proclamation and encouraged everyone to become a member of the Friends of the Library.
3. Presentation on Recent, Ongoing, and Programmed Public and Private Infrastructure Improvement Projects in the Town of Lake Park.

Public Works Director Roberto Travieso and Project Manager John Wille presented to the Commission (see Exhibit "A"). Commissioner Linden asked about the light poles in the Town and what the cost would be. Public Works Director Travieso stated that this would only affect electrical distribution utility poles, not street lighting and the Town does not own any of those poles. Commissioner Linden also stated there was a discrepancy between the presentation provided to the Commission and the one that is up on the screen. Project Manager Wille stated the grant is for \$325,000, but requires a Town match for \$325,000. Project Manager Wille went on to say that the town is approaching its total required contribution and everything after that would be grant funded. He stated they would provide an updated presentation that would account for the discrepancy. Commissioner Linden asked about the CRA Streetscape Project and if it included any work on the roadway. Project Manager Wille stated there is no asphalt work being done, but it does include re-setting the pavers.

Commissioner Thomas also asked that the Town's documentation delineate the grant funds that are a part of this project prior to publishing to the Town website so that it coincides with the budget that was adopted. She also wanted to thank Grant Writer/Chief Public Information Officer Merrell Angstreich for making it possible to obtain the \$11 million grant. She also wants the residents to understand that staff is here for them as well.

Commissioner Taylor spoke positively of the upcoming projects in the Town such as the Monument sign and the Pocket Park.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro wanted to thank staff as well. Commissioner Thomas asked about the capital project signs and if this was a part of the budget. Project Manager Wille stated that they are a part of each project's budget. Commissioner Linden requested to have more frequent updates on Town projects such as every 2 months or every month. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro stated that she felt quarterly updates are adequate. Mayor Michaud agreed with quarterly updates. Commissioner Thomas agreed with quarterly updates as well. Commissioner Taylor stated that the Commissioners could provide their own updates as they see projects progressing throughout the Town.

**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.*

-Mrs. Iris Sullivan 348 Flagler Blvd. expressed concerns that the Publix shopping carts are all over the Town and no one is bringing them back to the store.

-Terence Davis thanked the Commission for the work that they do and expressed concern with communication issues with staff and wants to know the process for reporting issues and also for making commendations.

**TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Town Attorney Baird had no comments.

Town Manager D'Agostino presented his comments via Exhibit "B". The Commission and the Town Manager discussed the approval process for the Eagle Scouts project. The Eagle Scouts will be invited to make a presentation on November 1st. The Commission asked that the Private Public Partnership (P3) Meeting be scheduled for either November 1 or 15. Town Manager D'Agostino also provided an update on the Holiday Light Display project in the town and advised that there will be a Stakeholder Meeting on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Brewhouse Gallery at 8:30 am. Town Manager D'Agostino advised that there will need to be a discussion about possible road closures at night on the weekends to allow for foot traffic. He expects for this to be a significant display of lights and will represent multiple cultures.

Commissioner Thomas stated that she enjoyed the Centennial Celebration. She stated it might have been better attended if there weren't so many interior streets that were blocked off.

Commissioner Linden enjoyed the Centennial Art & Music Festival. He asked that the public parking signs be improved. He stated that the Lake Park Elementary School Centennial Celebration was great. He explained that there was an incident during the Arts & Music Festival in which an individual called him and he did not know how to get assistance from either staff or law enforcements after hours. Public Works Director Travieso explained that with the 2024 budget they have included an after- hours answering service but the service has not yet been rolled out. Commissioner Linden spoke about homeless relocation from another municipality and what we could do for and about them. He asked about utilizing surveillance cameras and a Sheriff's Office presence before the homeless situation gets too far. Mayor Michaud spoke about a Palm Beach Sheriff's Office division that offers assistance to the homeless and that the Town should be relying on the expertise of this division in regards to the homeless in the Town. Mayor Michaud also wanted to commend the Friends of the Lake Park Public Library. Commissioner Linden spoke about an email received about the Little Free Library. Town Manager D'Agostino spoke about residents producing some brochures advertising the Little Free Library, but that any changes to this program would need to be discussed by the Commission. He stated that Commissioner Linden had requested that flyers be printed and distributed. He felt that there were no restrictions about distributing flyers for this program. Grant Writer/Chief Public Information Officer Merrell Angstreich explained that any flyers should be directed through her office as long as the Commission votes that they want these to go out. A discussion ensued regarding the publication of their addresses on flyers. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked when the next stand will be going up. Library Director Judith Cooper stated that they have had two residents that have inquired about having one installed on their property. Commissioner Thomas asked who would pay the cost for production and distribution. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that the Town would bear the cost. Commissioner Linden stated that they are not requesting the Town handle distribution. The Commission discussed. Public Works Director Travieso suggested using a Geographic Information System (GIS) where parties could search for locations and the link could be placed on the library's webpage. The Commission came to consensus to having the Town handle the advertising of the Little Free Libraries.

Commissioner Taylor had no comments.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro had no comments.

**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 Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro.

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

4. September 20, 2023 Final Public Budget Hearing Minutes
5. September 20, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
6. Resolution 81-10-23 Joining Other Southeast Florida Local and Tribal Governments, Endorsing the Southeast Florida Climate Action Pledge; Agreeing to Jointly Advance Strategic Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Planning, Programs, Policies, and Projects; and Advancing the Implementation of the Regional Climate Action Plan as Appropriate for Each Government.
7. Resolution 82-10-23 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with 1st Fire and Security, Inc., to Furnish, Install, Maintain, and Monitor the Town Hall Fire Alarm System.
8. Resolution 83-10-23 Recognizing Florida City Government Week as October 16-22, 2023
9. Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign an Agreement with My Three Sons Fireworks Company to Produce the Centennial Celebration Festival Fireworks Display.

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:**

NONE

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING (RESOLUTION):**

NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:**

Town Planner Anders Viane explained the proposed Ordinance. Commissioner Linden asked if Nautilus 220 had agreed with these trees. Town Planner Viane explained that it was staff's intention to have these changes. He stated that yes, they were in agreement with the modification. Commissioner Linden asked if this modification would apply to all new buildings. Town Planner Viane replied that any project that would trigger the Greenway planning requirement would have to abide by this. Mayor Michaud asked if previous applicants would have to abide by the new standards. Town Attorney Baird clarified that yes, they would have to meet the new standards.

Motion made to approve Ordinance 08-2023 by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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

10. Ordinance 08-2023 Mixed Use Streetscape Landscaping Text Amendments.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF *LAKE PARK*, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 78-83 OF CHAPTER 78 OF THE TOWN CODE PERTAINING TO LANDSCAPING AND PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE GREENWAY TREE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Baird read the Ordinance by title only.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

11. Resolution 84-10-23 Declaring Zoning In Progress Pertaining to the Development Regulations for Affordable or Workforce Housing to Implement the Live Local Act.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the purpose of the Resolution. Community Development Director Nadia DiTommaso provided a summary of the Resolution (Exhibit C).

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro commented about the Town's ability to handle certain aspects of the plan. Town Attorney Baird stated that he will be working with staff to develop a workforce housing program. Commissioner Linden stated he would like to see a dollar amount mentioned. Town Manager D'Agostino stated it would depend on economic conditions and housing costs. Commissioner Linden asked if the 1 year deadline is realistic. Community Development Director DiTommaso stated she felt that a maximum of 1 year is reasonable.

Public Comment:

Mr. Glen Spiritis of Riviera Beach has been working with Town staff on a mixed use project for over a year and based on Town staff comments, they have been working on revised plans that meet the comments of the Town. He is requesting that the Commission quickly adopt this resolution but exclude the Kelsey on the Park project from the review stipulations.

Mr. Terrance Davis expressed disappointment with the progress of their project and stated they were treated like "dogs" and have been nothing but respectful, loving and honest. He stated that staff members have been inconsistent with what they are telling the Commission.

Commission Discussion:

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro expressed concerns with the Town having to monitor projects for housing affordability.

Commissioner Thomas asked for clarification.

Town Attorney Baird responded to stated that this resolution has to deal with having time for adopting regulations for affordable housing under the Live Local Act.

Commissioner Linden asked in a developer could go through affordable housing without going through the Live Local Act. Town Attorney Baird stated that yes, they are able to do that.

Motion made to approve Resolution 84-10-23 by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro.

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

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner Linden suggested allowing dogs in our parks.

Town Manager D'Agostino requested requiring a level of decorum in Commission meetings.

Mayor Michaud would like to talk about a salary increase for the Town Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

9:17 P.M.

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

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

**FUTURE MEETING DATE:** Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on October 18, 2023.

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Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

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Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk

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Laura Weidgans, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023