



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Regular Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Immediately following the P3 Comprehensive Agreement Workshop

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
John D'Agostino	—	Town Manager
Thomas J. Baird, Esq.	—	Town Attorney
Vivian Mendez, MMC	—	Town Clerk

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.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Call to order 7:12 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro

Commissioner John Linden

Commissioner Mary-Beth Taylor

Commissioner Judith Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Town Manager D'Agostino

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

1. Palm Beach County Ethics Commission Annual Overview

Presentation on The Palm Beach County Ethics Commission Annual Overview made by Ms. Gina Levesque, Compliance Manager, from the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics. Ms. Levesque went over the function of the Commission, the code of ethics, advisory opinions and the annual audit.

2. Follow-Up Presentation Associated with the Findings and Recommendations Rising from the 2023 Solid Waste (Sanitation) Utility Rate Analysis.

Follow-up presentation made by Public Works Director Roberto Travieso (Exhibit A). Mr. Shawn Ocasio Manager from Raftelis explained some details on the results of the analysis. (Exhibit A)

Mr. Murray Hamilton Vice President from Raftelis explained the conclusions and recommendations of the analysis.

Public Works Director Travieso went over the next proposed steps and time-line for implementation.

Commissioner Taylor asked what the alternative would be if we do not have a rate increase. Public Works Director Travieso stated that there were alternatives that were considered, but they all resulted in a higher rate than the proposed plan. Mr. Hamilton spoke further about the need for the rate adjustment. Commissioner Taylor asked if the solid waste fund was a stand-alone fund. Public Works Director Travieso stated that yes, it is a stand-alone fund that is self-funded.

Commissioner Thomas spoke about sanitation being an essential service and that a rate adjustment is necessary. Public Works Director Travieso re-stated the need for additional staff and vehicles.

Commissioner Linden asked why there was a down-time period with our sanitation vehicles. Public Works Director Travieso explained that it is a combination of personnel and/or equipment issues. Commissioner Linden asked about the two sanitation positions that were previously approved and budgeted for. Finance Director Jeffrey Duvall stated that the unused funds from those positions were used for specialty services that the Town had to hire to fill in the gaps in order to maintain services. Commissioner Linden agreed that we do need to maintain a surplus of funds. He asked if there were any ways to cut back on some of the financial need of this plan. He asked about previous container

purchases. Public Works Director Travieso explained the life span of the containers in relation to the budget. Commissioner Linden asked about the costs associated with vehicle maintenance and repair. Public Works Director Travieso explained that during the study period through 2028, we would see a significant reduction in cost over that period of time. Commissioner Linden asked about the 4% early payment discount for residents and how it affects the Town. Mr. Hamilton stated that the revenue would be reduced by 4%.

Commissioner Linden stated he is in favor of raising the rate but would like to see another proposal that is more affordable. Public Works Director Travieso explained the impact of adopting a lower rate and he does not recommend the Commission consider a lower rate because it would result in a reduction of services.

Commissioner Linden asked about the tax bill and the rate that the county charges for solid waste. He asked if this rate would go up. Public Works Director Travieso explained that the county rate is an independent rate. Town Manager D'Agostino added that the county rate is separate and is set on the county level.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked if there was an expectation for the solid waste utility to re-pay the general fund. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that he did not believe there was a disbursement from the general fund that would need to be re-paid. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro expressed a desire to move forward with a plan and to make it financially whole and she hopes that the Commission can come to an agreement on the rate. Mayor Michaud stated that we need to do something at this point otherwise services will have to be cut.

Commissioner Linden asked about a gap in our annual assessment as presented. Public Works Director Travieso explained that there was no update to the rate in 2022 because the increase in 2021 covered both years.

Public Comment:

Marty Davenport -232 Evergreen Drive spoke about his dissatisfaction with the rate increases that are being proposed.

Public Comment:

Ralph Moscoso -429 Greenbriar Drive spoke about funds being held for open sanitation positions and his general dissatisfaction with the rate increase.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Amanda Avery 737 Greenbriar Drive spoke about code enforcement issues she was experiencing.

Brandon Susich 729 Greenbriar spoke about code enforcement issues and sanitation rate increases.

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 consent agenda items by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

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

3. June 7, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
4. June 8, 2023 Follow-Up Meeting Associated with the 2023 Solid Waste (Sanitation) Utility Rate Analysis Meeting Minutes
5. Resolution 41-06-23 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Hinterland Group, Inc., for the Provision of Stormwater Collection System Rehabilitation and Related Services.
6. Resolution 42-06-23 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Bicon Inc., DBA S&S National Waste, for the Provision of Roll-Off Collection Services.
7. Resolution 43-06-23 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Coastal Waste and Recycling of Palm Beach, LLC, for the Provision of Roll-Off Collection Services.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Summer Bash Fundraiser Sponsorship Requests

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the request (Exhibit B).

Commissioner Linden asked about costs of advertising. Special Events Director Riunite Franks explained that the cost is only associated with marketing for the event.

Commissioner Taylor feels that this is a worthy cause.

Motion made to approve the request made by the event organizer of the Summer Bash Fundraiser by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

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

9. Selection of the 97th Annual Florida League of Cities Conference Voting Delegate

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item (Exhibit C)

Commissioner Linden nominated Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro to be the voting delegate.

Motion made to appoint Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro as the voting delegate by

Commissioner Linden, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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

10. Town Manager Evaluation

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item (Exhibit D)

Commissioner Taylor spoke highly of the Town Manager.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro expressed a concern about additional holidays that were issued to staff last year that were not approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Thomas reserved comments until next year.

Mayor Michaud acknowledged the Town Manager and all that he has done for the town.

Public Comment:

Michael O'Rourke 233.5 Park Avenue spoke about remarks that were made in public regarding the Town Manager and thanked the Town Manager for the job he does.

Discussion ensued regarding a pay increase for the Town Manager.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked what increase staff received this year. Town Manager D'Agostino stated staff receive 3.5% each year on average. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that he felt the evaluations were fair and he spoke about the Town's accomplishments (Exhibit E).

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro made a motion to discuss giving the Town Manager a 6% adjustment. Commissioner Thomas seconded for discussion.

The Town Manager asked to defer the salary adjustment until the salary survey has been completed for all staff members.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro withdrew her motion to discuss the adjustment.

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Michael O'Rourke 233.5 Park Avenue cautioned the Commission about sponsoring events with CRA funds. He also spoke about the Town Hall sign, the quality of the meeting videos, dog walks, park naming and anonymous staff questionnaire for Town Manager Evaluations

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town attorney Baird had no comments.

Town Manager D'Agostino provided comments (Exhibit F).

Commissioner Linden spoke about a new business that opened on Park Avenue and a new pizza place on US 1.

Commissioner Taylor spoke about the resident who received a code violation for her gravel driveway. She proposes a revision of the codes for these types of driveways.

Commissioner Thomas had no comments.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro had no comments.

Mayor Michaud spoke about a business owner who wants to come into the town of Lake Park.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Linden requested a future agenda item to discuss current codes and the code enforcement process to ensure fairness to residents and to potentially update the code that pertains to gravel driveways. Commission discussed and agreed to allow more time for residents who have violations until it could be discussed further.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas

Voting Aye: All

Adjourned 9:49pm

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on July 5, 2023.

Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk

Laura Weidgans, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2023