



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Regular Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 01, 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
John D'Agostino	—	Town Manager
Thomas J. Baird, Esq.	—	Town Attorney
Vivian Mendez, MMC	—	Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:22 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro

Commissioner John Linden

Commissioner Mary-Beth Taylor

Commissioner Judith Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

During the P3 Workshop

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

1. Presentation by Engenuity on the Final Survey, Design and Construction Plans Associated with the Septic to Sewer Project. Town Manager D'Agostino introduced the item and Adam Swaney of Engenuity Group presented to the Commission (see Exhibit "A"). Commissioner Linden asked about funding and who would be paying what. Mr. Swaney replied that they do not have an answer at this point. Commissioner Thomas asked about the anticipated start time for construction. Mr. Swaney replied that they would just need to get through the permit process which could be three to six months. Commissioner Thomas asked if the Town had looked at any additional grant funding. Town Manager D'Agostino replied that the only funding the Town has is the legislative appropriation of \$750,000 but the Town will be looking for grant money. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked if Seacoast will be providing any of the financing. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that Seacoast does not normally finance projects.

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.

NONE

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney Baird had no comments.

Town Manager D'Agostino provided his comments via Exhibit B. The Town Commission reached consensus on behalf of constituent Ashley Bedford of Longwood Florida to send a letter to Senator Powell and Representative Evans, in support of Florida Senate Bill 172-Verification of Eligibility of Homestead Exemption.

Commissioner Taylor spoke about the conference in St Augustine and how it was very informational and inspiring.

Commissioner Linden spoke about Halloween being a successful time for the Free Little Library. He asked if any Commission Members plan on attending the Veteran's Day Parade on Sunday. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro and Mayor Michaud both confirmed they will be present alongside Commissioner Linden. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro enjoyed the conference last week.

Mayor Michaud spoke about the Halloween tradition of handing out candy in the Town and witnessed the Town coming together more and more. He also agreed that the conference was a good experience. The Mayor recognized the Vice-Mayor for receiving her Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) designation.

Commissioner Thomas spoke about a new business in Town, Dr. Joseph and Dr. Karina Taylor introduced themselves as owners, operators of Renewed Wellness, Chiropractic & Wellness Facility located at 330 Federal Highway which is their 2nd location. The grand opening will be on November 9th at noon. They are passionate about promoting health and affecting children's lives.

Commissioner Thomas spoke about Halloween and would like to see a costume contest in Town next year. She also spoke about the FRA conference and a couple who attended who had impacted her life. She stated that the conference was very informative. Commissioner Thomas wanted to state for the record that Mayor Michaud's daughter had spoken very highly of her father.

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 Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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

2. October 18, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
3. Resolution 86-11-23 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Library's Annual Plan of Service.
4. Resolution 89-11-23 Designating Funds Received by the Town from the Palm Beach County Discretionary Surtax Project Fund Budget for use as part of a Florida Commerce Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Associated with the Southern Outfall Stormwater Infrastructure Retrofit Project.
5. Resolution 88-11-23 Renaming Lake Shore Park Discussion

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:

6. Tree Board Membership Nomination

Mr. Brady Drew thanked the Commission and provided a summary of the Tree Board's accomplishments and voiced a desire for more projects.

Motion made to appoint Brady Drew to the Tree Board by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

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

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING (RESOLUTION):

7. Resolution 87-11-23 Empire Landscape Site Plan Application

Commissioner Linden had no Ex parte communication.

Commissioner Taylor had no Ex Parte communication.

Mayor Michaud had no Ex Parte communication.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro had no Ex Parte communication.

Commissioner Thomas had no Ex Parte communication.

Town Attorney Baird swore in all witnesses.

Town Planner Anders Viane provided a presentation (Exhibit C).

Mr. Dustin Leserra, Executive Director of Empire Landscape spoke briefly to the Commission about the site plan. Commissioner Thomas asked what type of vehicles would be stored at the facility. Mr. Laserra advised that it would be trucks and trailers.

Motion made to approve Resolution 87-11-23 by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:

8. Ordinance 10-2023 Parking Space Dimensional Amendments

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE V, SECTION 78-142, TO REDUCE THE PARKING DIMENSIONS FOR 90-DEGREE PARKING SPACES; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW PARKING CATEGORY FOR COMPACT PARKING SPACES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item. Town Planner Viane added additional information about the creation of a new compact car parking code.

Commissioner Linden asked if this design was for surface or parking garages. Town Planner Viane explained it would be for both. Commissioner Linden expressed concern regarding the additional weight of compact vehicles being a detriment to the parking building.

Commissioner Thomas asked about future site plan amendments to allow for these parking space changes. Town Planner Viane explained that this could possibly be done via building permit amendment. Commissioner Thomas is not totally comfortable with smaller parking spaces due to the current trend towards larger vehicles. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro agrees with this and is concerned with the amount of spaces proposed. Commissioner Thomas asked what other municipalities percentages were for allowance of compact vehicle parking spaces. Town Planner Viane stated that approximately 20% would be the average allowance. Mayor Michaud agrees that 25% is too much of an allowance. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that this item will be adjusted and brought back to the Commission at a later date.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:

9. Ordinance 09-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLES I, II, IV AND V OF CHAPTER 24, OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE DEFINITIONS, GENERAL TEXT, AND CERTAIN PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item which will result in usage and rate changes for smaller multi-unit properties in regards to solid waste. Mayor Michaud clarified that these properties would be able to reduce these costs by increasing recycling and/or reducing the size of the solid waste containers currently being used. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that this advisory information was sent to these property owners along with a letter and no responses were received. Commissioner Linden does not support this because it is a deterrent to the renter and he would like to see the item revised to consider the perspective of the resident. Public Works Director Roberto Travieso advised that this discussion has nothing to do with this Ordinance.

Commissioner Thomas is ok with the Ordinance but would like to go on record to say "Our community as a whole, we need to start advocating ways that we can conserve and how we are disposing our debris and trash".

Motion made to approve Ordinance 09-2023 by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Linden

Town Attorney Baird read the Ordinance by title only.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Resolution 90-11-23 Proposed Partnership With Palm Beach Shores To Execute Its Lake Worth Inlet/Singer Island Channel Dredging Project.

Town Manager D'Agostino introduced the Town of Palm Beach Shores Mayor Alan Fiers. Mayor Fiers presented to the Commission (see exhibit D).

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked what happens if the Governor doesn't come through. Mayor Fiers stated that the project dies at that point. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked if the project could be done in phases. Mayor Fiers stated that phased construction doesn't make sense for this project due to costs. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked how long the dredge material can be stored on Peanut Island. Mayor Fiers stated possibly 1 or 2 months. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that this project will benefit the Town because of future projects such as the

seawall that will need to be raised and the Town can utilize the fill material from this project for the seawall and low spots at the marina. Mayor Michaud asked about a separate area in the presentation (green area). Mayor Fiers explained that the fight to include the green area in the project would be too difficult due to various governmental entities involvement.

Motion to approve Resolution 90-11-23 made by Commissioner Taylor.

Seconded by Commissioner Linden

Voting Aye: All

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Town Manager D'Agostino advised that there will be a future agenda item for the use of the 800 Park Avenue building.

Commissioner Thomas asked about the status of the sidewalks. Public Works Director Travieso explained that this information had already been provided to the Town Manager.

Commissioner Thomas and Mayor Michaud wished Public Works Director Travieso future success.

Town Manager D'Agostino expressed gratitude for his contribution to the Town.

Mayor Michaud advised that tax bills came out today. He also recognized a co-worker of his who is now an official resident of the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on November 15, 2023

Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk

Laura Weidgans, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2023