

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Town Commission Meeting
April 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Town Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balias, Commissioners Longtin, Otterson and Garretson, Town Manager Jason R. Nunemaker, Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird and Town Clerk Carol Simpkins.

Vice Mayor G. Chuck Balias called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Paul Garretson gave the Invocation.

Commissioner Jeanine Longtin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Carol Simpkins called the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Paul Garretson and seconded by Commissioner Jeanine Longtin.

Vote on Motion:

| Commissioner Member | Yes | No | Other |
|------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Garretson | X | | |
| Commissioner Otterson | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Balias | X | | |
| Mayor Castro | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0

PRESENTATIONS:

MOTION: Town Manager Jason Nunemaker invited Town Manager's Assistant Hoa Hoang to present the Town's website. Town Manager's Assistant Hoa Hoang gave an in depth presentation and tour of the website.

The Commission was very pleased and impressed with the quality and detail of the website. They commended Town Manager's Assistant Hoa Hoang for his time and effort put forth in making the website an efficient information resource.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice Mayor G. Chuck opened Public Comment.

Jim Knox, 414 Lakeshore Drive, Thanked the Commission, residents, volunteers, family and friends for their participation and support in the 2003 Palm Beach Boat Show. He gave an account of the revenue that was collected at the Boat Show of \$78 million dollars in sales, with 900 boats that participated. Mr. Knox also informed the Commission that the Palm Beach Boat Show is one of the top rated Boat Shows, ranking No. 10 in the world. He stated the wet slips for the Lake Park Marina would bring in an estimated \$222,000 with 31 slips collected averaging \$7000.00 per year. He also publicly thanked a list of volunteers, which included many of Lake Park's very own residents.

Reverend Bruce Hodges, Lake Park Baptist Church, 625 Park Avenue, Reverend Bruce Hodges wanted to get clarification on the Parking Ordinance regarding Park Avenue. He also expressed concerns over not being notified of the discussion of any changes regarding Park Avenue.

Ed Daly, 801 Lake Shore Drive, Mr. Daly is highly concerned about the 5 million dollars that was intended to be for the Marina. He inquired about development of the buildings at the Marina. He asked the Commission for a complete account of what the funds will be applied to. Wishes to have a stipulation added to the agreement to prevent the funds from being used for other projects.

During Public Comment, the Commission, Town Manager and Town Attorney answered questions and had brief discussions on the topics that were brought up by the Public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Commission Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2003.
2. Request for the use of Kelsey Park for the celebration of Haitian Flag Day.

MOTION A motion to approve the Consent Agenda with discussion was made by Commissioner Jeanine Longtin and seconded by Commissioner Bill Otterson.

Vote on Motion:

| Commissioner Member | Yes | No | Other |
|------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Garretson | X | | |
| Commissioner Otterson | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Balias | X | | |
| Mayor Castro | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 13-35 OF THE TOWN CODE TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Thomas Baird presented the Ordinance.

Public Hearing opened

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion to adopt Ordinance 05-2003 was made by Commissioner Paul Garretson and seconded by Commissioner Jeanine Longtin.

Vote on Motion:

| Commissioner Member | Yes | No | Other |
|------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Garretson | X | | |
| Commissioner Otterson | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Balias | X | | |
| Mayor Castro | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF NEWSRACKS IN THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF NEWSPAPER RACKS; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NEWSRACKS; PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR ABANDONED NEWSRACKS; PROVIDING FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Thomas Baird presented the Ordinance.

Public Hearing opened

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion to for continuance to the May 7, 2003 was made by Commissioner Paul Garretson and seconded by Commissioner Jeanine Longtin.

Vote on Motion:

| Commissioner Member | Yes | No | Other |
|------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Garretson | X | | |
| Commissioner Otterson | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Balias | X | | |
| Mayor Castro | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0

ORDINANCE NO.07-2003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 29.7(a) OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PROHIBITED PARKING ON CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS AND SERVICE ALLEYS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Thomas Baird presented the ordinance.

Public Hearing opened

Reverend Bruce Hodges, Lake Park Baptist Church, 625 Park Avenue, Reverend Hodges expressed concern that neither he nor several of the members of his congregation that reside on Park Avenue and the surrounding vicinity were notified of the discussion involving possible changes in the parking on Park Avenue.

Public Hearing closed.

Town Manager Jason Nunemaker suggested that no action be taken at this time regarding Ordinance No. 07-2003.

MOTION: A motion for denial of Ordinance 07-2003 was made by Commissioner Paul Garretson and was seconded by Commissioner Jeanine Longtin.

Vote on Motion:

| Commissioner Member | Yes | No | Other |
|------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Garretson | X | | |
| Commissioner Otterson | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Balius | X | | |
| Mayor Castro | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING/APPROVAL

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, GRANTING TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Thomas Baird presented the ordinance.

Public Hearing opened.

Jim Knox, 414 Lake Shore Drive, Mr. Knox inquired about possibly installing individual meters at the Lake Park Marina to the agreement.

Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion to approve Ordinance 08-03-03 was made by Commissioner Paul Garretson and seconded by Commissioner Jeanine Longtin.

Vote on Motion:

| Commissioner Member | Yes | No | Other |
|------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Garretson | X | | |
| Commissioner Otterson | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Balias | X | | |
| Mayor Castro | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Board Appointments

Mr. James Dubois was reappointed as a regular member to the Marina and first alternate on the Planning and Zoning Boards by a unanimous vote of 4/0 by the Town Commission.

Policy for the Annual Volunteer Dinner

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul Garretson after a detailed discussion to have each volunteer individually recognized by receiving a certificate during National Volunteer Week of 2004. The motion was modified to add a Volunteer BBQ to be held in Kelsey Park on April 24, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. also adding that the event is to be funded by the Town Commission. Commissioner Bill Otterson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

New Marina Name/Launch Rates

Jim Knox, 414 Lake Shore Drive, Mr. Knox suggested that the rate of \$7.00 should remain in effect until we have established a good reputation of the upscale Marina we are planning to become. Aiming for September 31, 2004 to adjust the rates. Mr. Knox would like for the Commission and Staff to differentiate when the “weekend” begins, being that this will also affect the rate. He also proposed, with all the amenities the new Marina will provide, as well as safety, the title to be, *The Lake Park Harbor-Marina*.

Commissioner Paul Garretson suggested a three-month introductory rate.

Commission Jeanine Longtin would like to see rates at \$10.00.

The Commission will bring this item back for discussion on the next Agenda scheduled, April 16, 2003.

Date needed for Presentation of Audit by Scott Porter

The Commission discussed possibly bringing Scott Porter before the Commission on April 16th providing that the presentation is brief in time, ranging from 5-10 minutes. They also would like to consider May 7, 2003 as an option for the presentation of the Audit.

The Commission gave consensus to have Town Manager Jason Nunemaker to contact Scott Porter in regards to his availability on April 16th or May 7th 2003.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Commissioner Jeanine Longtin

Would like to have at least a 10 year plan for the Commission just to know where they all stand before a new Town Manager is hired. She would like to be able to discuss the plan with the candidates. Commissioner Longtin wanted clarification on the date of the Bus Trip; she welcomed the community to participate in the event. She expressed concerns to the Town Manager that in his absence does he feel confident that each Department Head Can function normally. She questioned the progress of the Northern Annexation. She feels that there is a great need for security at the Marina right now in the event there is an accident. She was not pleased with the VIP Tent at the Irish Fest, but expressed that she was very pleased with the Fest itself. She asked for a Ballfield update. She informed the public of an event taking place at Lake Park Elementary on April 11, 2003 @ 4:30 p.m. for an ill child, anyone wishing to attend or receive more info should call 561-881-4707. Commented on how impressed she is with the website. She provided her contact number, 881-3309 and encouraged the people to volunteer at the Library and to donate blood. She ended by thanking the volunteers and residents of the Town.

Commissioner Bill Otterson

Concerned with the high rental rate of the Evergreen House. He suggests that the \$650.00 dollar rate should be readjusted to \$50.00. Item to be brought back on the April 16, 2003 Agenda.

Commissioner Paul Garretson

Concerned with the progress of the Annexation. Commended Dale for the preparation and great turnout of the Irish Fest. He suggested that instead of having a VIP Tent the Town should have a Hospitality Tent. He mentioned a few people that contribute time and money to The Town of Lake Park and he feels they deserve to be recognized.

Vice Mayor G. Chuck Balius recognized someone who wanted to speak in the audience.

B.C. McDonald, Investigative Reporter, 11 Garden Street 205-T, Tequesta, Florida,

Mr. McDonald wanted to get clarification on the Lake Park Marina Project. He asked if there would be two companies needed for the construction of the Building. He was also concerned if the Commission is trying to keep the prices down for the Marina. He expressed concerns over notification issues with residents not having access to a computer to use the website to stay updated.

Vice Mayor Chuck Balius

Commended Public Works for the Security at the Tennis Court but had concerns with accessibility of the changing of light bulbs when needed. He needed clarification on the process of reporting to the Commission the activeness and involvement of a board member while serving on a Board when there is a request for reappointment. He informed the Commission that the flooding on Silver Beach Road is being caused by a County Swale. He invited the residents to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Lowe's on Congress Avenue at 2:00p.m.on April 7, 2003.

Town Manager Jason Nunemaker

Mr. Nunemaker gave the Town Commission the opportunity to advise him of how much involvement they suggest that he have in his duty as Town Manager being that he has a resignation date of May 9, 2003. He wishes to remain as active as possible during his last days serving as the Town Manager. The Town Commission suggests that he continues to work as normal although Commissioner Jeanine Longtin feels that he should back off on certain issues. See Exhibit A to view the comments of the Town Manager.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Paul Garretson, seconded by Commissioner Bill Otterson Longtin, by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Mayor Paul Castro

Deputy Town Clerk, Stephanie Thomas

Approved on this 16th day of April, 2003.