

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017**

Immediately following the Candidate Forum

I. A) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor Robert M. W. Shalhoub, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following members and officials were present:

Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Mayor
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., President Pro Tem
Gregory Freebold, Council Member
Daniel Clark, Town Administrator
Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk
Wes Smith, Chief of Police
Charles Schoech, Town Attorney

The following official was absent:

Malcolm K. Lewis, Council Member
Council Member Group 4 Seat - Vacant

B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION:

Mayor Shalhoub requested a moment of silence for residents Mike Burkhart and Judy Hartman, and for Joe Ellis, cousin of Mayor Shalhoub, who recently passed away. He then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Stan Sniezek, Pastor of the New Alliance Church, gave the invocation.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Council Member Freebold to approve the Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Rodriguez; Motion approved (3-0).

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of the Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Public Hearing.
- B) Approval of the Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Town Council Meeting.
- C)

Motion made by Council Member Freebold to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Rodriguez; Motion approved (3-0).

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

A)

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A)

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association and the Town of Lake Clarke Shores

Motion made by Council Member Freebold to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by President Pro Tem Rodriguez; Motion approved (3-0).

VII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

William Murphy, 1841 Evergreen Drive – reminded everyone of the BBQ on April 2nd. He also noted volunteers are needed for the Waterway Clean-up being held on April 15th.

Fran Carlton, 8432 Waterway Drive – encouraged everyone to vote on March 14th.

VIII. STATUS REPORTS:

Mr. Schoech – had nothing to add to his report.

Chief Smith – had nothing to add to his report.

Mr. Clark – had nothing to add to his report.

Mayor Shalhoub discussed Mr. Clark's reference of the penny sales tax revenue in his report. He noted that he would like Mr. Clark to contact the neighboring municipalities to see if they would like to come together to create an Infrastructure Surcharge Oversight Committee instead of using the County's Oversight Committee.

President Pro Tem Rodriguez noted that the Town will be using the sales tax surcharge to repave the Town roadways and replace the bridge at Pine Tree Lane near the park. Mr. Clark noted that instead of taking 10 years to repave the roads, the Town will use bonds so that the repaving can be done in a shorter period of time. The Town will use the money received from sales tax surcharge to pay the bonds.

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Shalhoub noted the vacancy in the Council Member Group 4 seat created by the resignation of Thomas C. Mayes, Jr. He asked Mr. Schoech to explain what the Town Charter says about filling the unexpired term. Mr. Schoech noted that it would be too late for someone to

qualify to run for this seat, since the election is next week. The Town Council Members will need to appoint someone to complete the remaining portion of the term which will expire in 2018.

There was discussion on having the Town accept applications through March 31, 2017 and then appoint someone during the April 11, 2017 Town Council Meeting. They also discussed holding interviews during the April 11th Town Council Meeting, then appointing someone during the May 9, 2017 Town Council Meeting. There was further discussion regarding Sunshine Laws and performing background checks on the applicants or if a background check would be necessary. Chief Smith noted that there has to be an ongoing criminal investigation to perform a thorough background check.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Rodriguez to accept applications for the vacant Town Council Member Group 4 seat until 4:00 PM on March 31, 2017 and hold interviews during the April 11, 2017 Town Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Freebold; Motion approved (3-0).

Mr. Clark noted that the Town will have information about the open Council Member seat will be posted on the Town website, Twitter and Facebook page and in the lobby during the election. It was also suggested that the Town place an article in the Lake Worth Herald.

Mr. Schoech noted that the Town Council could appoint one of the remaining Council Members as Vice Mayor or they can wait until the Council reorganizes during the April Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Freebold – noted that residents can also pass along the information about the open council seat. He noted that the Town Council works diligently for the town. The right decisions are being made and things are getting done.

He reminded everyone to vote in the March 14th election. He also noted the Lake Cleanup on April 15th. He noted that more volunteers with boats are needed to help clean the waterways, as the number of boating volunteers have been declining. He asked Mr. John Studdard if he could put the information on the LCS Yacht Club website to get more boaters involved.

President Pro Tem Rodriguez – noted that that he, Mayor Shalhoub, Council Member Freebold and Mr. Clark will be going to Tallahassee for Palm Beach County Days where they will discuss issues that are important to the Town. He stated that Lake Clarke Shores is a small municipality, but is very well known in Tallahassee.

He stated that he knows a number of people that have expressed interest in being appointed to the vacant seat on the Town Council. He also noted that Jonathan Maples, a new resident of the Town, was in audience.

Mayor Shalhoub – noted that the Council is very aware of keeping the Sunshine Laws. He stated that members of the Council have made numerous trips to Tallahassee in the same vehicle without discussing Council business.

He reminded everyone about the Movie Night on March 31st and the BBQ on April 2nd. He noted that volunteers are still needed and that To-Go Order forms are on the website.

He also noted that one of the Town residents was featured in an article in the Palm Beach Shiny Sheet.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Freebold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m., seconded by President Pro Tem Rodriguez; Motion approved (3-0).

, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk