

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

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**I. A) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Gregory Freebold called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

The following members and officials were present:

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

The following member was absent:

John Studdard, Council Member

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

Mayor Freebold requested a moment of silence for resident Glenn Goodwin who recently passed away. The Most Reverend Father Peter Sphortun of St. Mary's Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub; to approve the Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub Motion approved (4-0).**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A) Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2018 First Pubic Budget Hearing.

B) Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

C)

**Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub; Motion approved (4-0).**

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A) ABM Energy Investment Audit Results and FY 2019 Proposed Improvements.

Mr. Rob Duncan, Solutions Consultant for ABM, explained that ABM provides maintenance services. He noted that they did an audit of the Town and would save the Town money if they maintain the HVAC systems at Town Hall and the Police Department, install and maintain new water meters, maintain the lighting in the Town Hall, Police Department, Town parks and along Forest Hill Boulevard, do tree trimming and provide landscaping services. He noted that ABM could cover all these areas for the Town instead of the five different companies that the Town currently uses and save the Town approximately \$30,000 – one company, one contact, one bill.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub noted that everything is guaranteed by ABM, so if something is not right, they will correct it. He also noted that ABM will guarantee the amount that the Town will save – if the Town does not save the amount noted in the contract, ABM will pay the difference. Mr. Duncan noted that ABM guarantees that their work is done correctly, they will even modify the job, if needed, to make sure that everything works right.

Mayor Freebold discussed weeding and herbicides and how the incorrect applications could overkill and cause damage to grass areas. He asked how ABM will prevent this. Mr. Duncan noted that they work to make improvements, not cause problems and if there is any damage, they will be accountable for the costs of the repair.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked if any other municipalities are using ABM or if the Town is the first. Mr. Duncan noted that the City of Temple Terrace went out for a bid for services and chose ABM. He stated that other municipalities have agreements with ABM, but the Town will be the first one that would piggyback from the Temple Terrace bid.

Mr. Clark noted that ABM is still revising their agreement and could have it ready for Town Council's review prior to the October 9, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

#### **V. QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:**

- A) None

#### **VI. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A) None

#### **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A) None

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Approval of Agreement with William H. Murphy as consultant for parks and recreation services from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

There was discussion on a possibility of Conflicts of Interest involving Council Member Shalhoub and President Pro Tem Shalhoub voting on Mr. Murphy's contract due to Mr. Murphy's periodic assistance with their business, Smokin Gator BBQ.

This item was tabled until October 9, 2018 so that Mr. Doney could review the statutes to see if there is a conflict based on Mr. Murphy's working relationship with President Pro Tem Shalhoub and Council Member Shalhoub.

## **IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Ashok Kulkarni, 8131 West Lake Drive – noted the need to replace the West Lake Drive sign that was located in the median on Forest Hill Boulevard so that drivers will know when to make the turn onto West Lake Drive.

He also noted that if the septic tanks are not causing a problem to the waterways in Town, the Town Council needs to stand up for the Town so that the State does not mandate that sewers be installed here.

William Murphy, 1841 Evergreen Drive – noted that the International Coastal Cleanup held on September 15<sup>th</sup> went well. He encouraged everyone to participate in the next waterway cleanup being held in April.

Father Peter Sphortun, 1269 S Florida Mango Road – stated that he is very concerned about the children and adults that will be walking along Florida Mango Road on Halloween. He noted that vehicles constantly speed on Florida Mango Road and that people park their vehicles along Florida Mango Road while they trick-or-treat with their families in Lake Clarke Shores. He is concerned that someone could get injured because drivers would have a hard time seeing pedestrians as they walk between the parked vehicles to cross the roadway. He would like the Police Department to park one of their vehicles at the church to help slow down the traffic so that no one is injured.

Chief Smith agreed and stated that he will have have a marked police vehicle parked in front of the church on Halloween.

Harrison Levitt, 7300 West Lake Drive – stated that he agrees that a sign is needed on Forest Hill Boulevard to show where West Lake Drive is located. He also noted that he walks his dogs late in the evening and during the early morning hours on a daily basis. He wanted to know if the Town would be able to do something about the numerous flying insects that are everywhere, especially around the waterways. He noted that he was happy to hear about the possibility of getting rid of septic tanks in Town. He wanted to know when this will happen and how the street improvements will be affected by the installation of a sewer system.

Mr. Clark noted that the Town started repaving roads in the areas that already have sewer systems.

Mayor Freebold noted that the Town is still gathering information on the sewer issue and will keep everyone informed.

Fran Eberhart, 7316 Venetian Way – asked if residents will be able to vote on if they want sewers or not. Mayor Freebold noted that if the State mandates this, there will be no vote.

## **X. STATUS REPORTS:**

*No status reports to present at this meeting. Status Reports will be provided for the October 9, 2018 Town Council Meeting.*

## XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – thanked everyone for attending. He noted that he and Mr. Clark attended Legislative Days sponsored by the League of Cities. The Legislation and Taxation Committee discussed ways that municipalities could collect additional revenue through the telecommunication service tax and others. He noted that he will be attending the October 12<sup>th</sup> League of Cities meeting and get additional information.

He thanked Mr. Duncan and ABM for their work on the Energy Investment Audit.

He also noted the number of people that attended the Food Truck Invasion that took place on September 21<sup>st</sup> and that everyone had a great time. He invited everyone to the October 19<sup>th</sup> event.

Council Member Shalhoub – noted the number of people attending the meeting and thanked ABM for their work.

He noted that there needs to be additional lighting in the park area during the Food Truck Invasions so that everyone stays safe.

He apologized for missing the last meeting. He noted that sewers are a very emotional topic in town and that he is the only sitting Council Member that was involved in the 2005 sewer issue, He noted that while a lot has changed in the past 13 years, the emotion still remains. He also noted that we have to work hand in hand with Tallahassee on this issue and the importance of Home Rule. He urged everyone to voice their opinion on this to their legislators.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez – noted that he appreciates the work done by ABM thus far. He also noted that five years ago the Town started discussions on the Blueway Trail. He asked Mr. Clark to provide an update on this during the October 9<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

Mayor Freebold – thanked Mr. Duncan and ABM for their information the on the Energy Audit. He noted that he was looking forward to the next Town Council Meeting.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion made by Vice Mayor Rodriguez to adjourn at 7:34 p.m., seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub; Motion approved (4-0).**

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Gregory Freebold, Mayor

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Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk