

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 2007**

Prior to the start of the Regular Town Council Meeting, at 6:00 p. m., the following Town Officials and special guests held a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction to the new Town Municipal Complex:

Mayor Malcolm Lewis, Vice Mayor Tom Mayes, Jr., President Pro Tem Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Council Member Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member Gregory Freebold, County Commissioner Warren Newell, Florida State Representative Shelley Vanna, Town Administrator Joann Hatton and Honorary Guest, Mrs. Banna Ghoito, a 50 year+ resident of Lake Clarke Shores

I. (A) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members and officials were present:

Malcolm K. Lewis, Mayor
Tom Mayes, Jr., Vice Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Pres. Pro Tem
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member
Gregory Freebold, Council Member
Joann Hatton, Town Administrator
Jo H. Plyler, Town Clerk
Charles Schoech, Town Attorney
Wes Smith, Chief of Police
Keith Jackson, Town Consulting Engineer
Mary Pinkerman, Permit/License Supervisor

(B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Lewis led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Mayes; Motion approved (5-0).

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of May 8, 2007 meeting minutes:
 - 1. Town Council Meeting
 - 2. Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application Public Meeting
- B) Approval of Resolution #07-14 Appointing alternate members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.
- C) Approval of Resolution #07-15 Appointing regular and alternate members to the Code Enforcement Board.
- D) Approval of the following 50th Anniversary Events:
 - 1. Street Festival – October 27, 2007
 - 2. Bass Fishing Tournament – November 10, 2007
- E) Approval of Land Use Permit Application to replace Seawall – Guillermo Figueroa, 7615 Pine Tree Lane.
- F) 1992 Angler Police Boat:
 - 1. Declare as surplus equipment
 - 2. Consideration of single sealed bid of \$50.00 received May 16, 2007

Council Member Freebold made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as amended, to remove the consideration of the single sealed bid of \$50.00 for the 1992 Angler Police Boat considered under III, Consent Agenda F. 2.; Seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (5-0).

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

- A) Town Municipal Complex Financing – Clark Bennett, Spectrum Municipal Services, gave his recommendations on how the Town should consider financing the new Town Municipal Complex:
 - 1. Leave the money in the reserve funds, due to the 5.32% of interest that the Town earns from the funds. Could obtain a municipal line of credit at 3% to 4% interest. There is a safety value in keeping current funds available.

2. Bid out length of transaction for the useful life of the building. (Not less than 20 years). Need to be aware that Town cannot borrow funds based on a pledge using money from property taxes for more than one year—would need to use non-ad valorem funds instead.
3. Wait until tax reform decision in June has been made in Tallahassee.

There was also discussion on being able to recoup the moneys already spent towards the new complex.

William Thrasher, Finance Director, wanted to remind the Town Council that they have already appropriated money from the fund balance reserves to pay for other items. This leaves less money in the fund to work with.

After further discussion, it was determined to have Mr. Bennett check the rates for a loan; provide an amortization schedule; work with Mr. Thrasher to obtain a current fund balance and have a report on these items ready for the June 5, 2007 Town Council Meeting.

V. TOWN CONSULTING ENGINEER:

- A) In addition to Town Consulting Engineer, Keith Jackson's Status Report # 126 dated May 16, 2007; he stated that Whiteside would construct the silt fence at the Community Park by Friday and begin the construction work the following week.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) 1992 Angler Police Boat:

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and brought up again under New Business by Council Member Freebold. After discussion, **Motion made by Council Member Freebold to re-advertise the bidding for the 1992 Angler Police Boat, since the only bid received from the May 16th bid opening was too low; seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub. Motion approved (5-0).**

VIII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Panna Kulkarni, 1831 West Lake Drive - Had concerns about the financing of the Town Municipal Complex. She would like the residents to be able to have a clear understanding of the finance options that the Town is considering for this project.

IX. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

In her status report dated May 22, 2007, Town Administrator, Joann Hatton, noted that the First Budget Workshop will be held on July 24, 2007. A second workshop would be scheduled in August, if needed. The Budget Hearings will be tentatively held September 4, 2007 and September 18, 2007.

X. REPORTS:

- A) Town Attorney Schoech referenced his status report dated May 17, 2007 regarding the Barby property, 7011 Haden Road, and advised that a report on this should be ready to present at the June 24, 2007 Town Council Meeting.

He also stated that he would supply, in writing, his opinion on the various issues relating to the funding of the Town Municipal Complex.

- B) Chief Smith advised that his monthly report was disseminated to the Town Council earlier in the week.

- C) Town Council:

Council Member Rodriguez:

Requested that Attorney Schoech contact him when he receives the Barby report. He would like to work with Mr. Schoech on this, because he (Council Member Rodriguez) has been dealing with this situation since serving on the Code Enforcement Board.

He also thanked Clark Bennett for taking the time to discuss the financial issues with him over the phone.

Vice Mayor Mayes commented on the following:

1. Stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Blanton, owner of the property on the west side of Florida Mango Road, about annexing the property into the Town. The property owner already has plans in place for the property and had requested that the paperwork for annexing be sent to him.

There was discussion between Town Council and Mr. Schoech concerning the annexation of this property.

2. He discussed the tour of the C-51 canal that he had taken with Keith Jackson and the Lake Worth Lagoon Symposium that he attended that took place on May 16, 2007. Vice Mayor Mayes would like to have the information on the symposium be presented to the Town Council members. Mr. Jackson offered to contact Ms. Julie Bishop, Environmental Program Supervisor, Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources, to set this up for a future Town Council Meeting.
3. Town Council Meeting starting time. After discussion, it was determined that the Town Council Meetings will continue to be held at 6:30 PM.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub commented on the following:

Wanted to clarify that people should be able to request an application for annexation without the Town Administrator having to obtain approval for the request for an application from the Town Council. He wanted to make sure that the Town Council did not set precedence on this matter during tonight's meeting by approving the request for the Town Administrator to send an annexation application to Mr. Blanton.

Council Member Freebold

He did not have anything further to discuss at this time.

Mayor Lewis

He stated that Representative Shelley Vanna would be attending the June 5th Town Council Meeting to discuss tax issues with the Town Council and residents.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro Tem Shalhoub made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Vice Mayor Mayes; Motion approved (5-0).

Malcolm K. Lewis, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Recording Secretary