



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Regular Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

Roger Michaud	—	Mayor-Elect
Kimberly Glas-Castro	—	Vice-Mayor
John Linden	—	Commissioner
Mary Beth Taylor	—	Commissioner
Judith Thomas	—	Commissioner-Elect
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

6:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor-Elect Roger D. Michaud

Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro

Commissioner John Linden

Commissioner Mary-Beth Taylor

Commissioner-Elect Judith E. Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Rose Michaud let the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution Accepting the Election Results.

1. Resolution 28-03-23 Accepting the Certified Election Results.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the item.

Motion made to approve Resolution 28-03-23 by Commissioner Linden, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro stated that the voters of Lake Park whole heartily supported Roger Michaud candidacy for Mayor, which was evident by the lack of opposition. She stated that it was a testament to his altruism. He has proven himself as a dedicated public servant by his commitment to this community. She looked forward to having him representing this Town as our Mayor. She congratulated both Roger and Judith on their elections and anticipates that this Commission would continue to work together as a team to preserve the quality of life for our residents and enhance the viability of the businesses. She congratulated them.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro

Swearing-In Ceremony.

2. Swearing-In of the Mayor

Town Clerk Vivian Mendez preformed the swearing-in of Mayor Roger D. Michaud.

3. Swearing-In of the Commissioner

Town Clerk Mendez performed the swearing-in of Commissioner Judith E. Thomas.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro passed the gavel to Mayor Michaud to proceed with the meeting.

Mayor Michaud stated that before moving on to the last item on the agenda he wanted to say a few words. He thanked everyone for attending. He stated that both Commissioner Thomas and he were here, on a historical night. It was not to negate the other historical moment, which was the Towns 100th anniversary. He announced the centennial events taking place each month for the entire year. He invited everyone to take place at all the upcoming events.

He thanked his family for being his biggest supporters during this journey. He thanked his Property Appraisers Office (PAO) family for their support. He used their catch phrase “We value what you value”. He shared that he has been with the PAO for many years. He thanked the Commission for being welcoming and allowing him to be himself. “It has been a wonderful journey and an honor standing here as your Mayor of the Town of Lake Park”. He shared that he has lived in the Town since 1985 and was a child product of this Town. He asked his wife to marry him here, raised his children here, and was living in his second generation home. “It has been a wonderful journey and capped off by this. Outside of the birth of my two children this has been special for me”. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas explained that she had the opportunity to walk through the streets of Lake Park. In doing so, “I see you, and you, and I see all of you that showed up tonight to say you see us”. She thanked everyone for that. She thanked her inner circle, her husband Andre Robinson, her daughter Sierra Robinson for keeping it “real”. She thanked her son, who was serving in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Pasadena. She thanked her parents, her brother for being motivating, and her sisters. She thanked those in attendance tonight. She thanked the Commissioners. She shared that she has lived in Lake Park for 22-years where she has raised her family. There was no other Town like Lake Park. She loves Lake Park. She stated that it was historic because as a little girl from the Islands, no one looked like her, no one spoke like her, did not act like her, and thought it was strange, but not anymore. She sees herself in everyone one around her. She said “Its historic because, I’m gonna say, I have never seen this place as packed as it is and its not regarding a major dispute that is going on in this agenda.” She stated that it says a lot to the Commission that together we stand. “Tonight will be the history of Lake Park that we, as one, can honor, remember, and grow because all three work together. Thank you.”

Mayor Michaud added that he wanted to pay homage to the employees in Lake Park. They were welcoming, worked closely with him, along with the Town Manager. He told the Town Manager if he went on this journey he would not do it without him. He stated that many positive things have taken place in the Town under this Town Managers leadership. He thanked and appreciated staff for attending, as well as those that were not in attendance. He values all employees equally.

Selecting a Vice – Mayor

4. Selection of a Vice-Mayor

Mayor Michaud explained the process and how this decision was typically made. He then passed the gavel to Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro and explained why he was nominating Kimberly Glas-Castro as the Vice-Mayor. He stated that when he was elected several years ago, she was the one who steered the ship on the Dias. She has helped him and was involved with the League of Cities, State level representation, and has represented the Town very well.

Motion made to nominate Kimberly Glas-Castro as Vice-Mayor by Mayor Michaud, seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Commissioner Thomas agreed that outside of the Dias she has known Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro for over 20-years. She respects her as a member of the community as an elected official and as a neighbor.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro

Commissioner Linden

Commissioner Thomas

Mayor Michaud thanked former Mayor Michael O'Rourke who had done an outstanding job over the years leaving them with a positive outlook for the Town. He thanked him for being a friend and neighbor and looked forward to "breaking bread" with him in the future.

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 congratulated the Mayor and Commissioner Thomas. He stated that it was a historic day, evening, and year in the Town of Lake Park. He was humble just to be part of it. He looked forward to serving the Commission individually and as a group. He stated that he would probably place a call to the Justice Department and let them know that it's a new day in Lake Park and they should come and see all that was happening here. He stated that this was the first general election in which, not one but two, black Americans have been selected to serve this Commission and that was historic. He thanked them for allowing him to be part of their Commission.

Town Manger D'Agostino stated that tonight many have stated that Lake Park has made history and everyone in the room are part of this history. He explained that when Harry Kelsey incorporated Kelsey City 100-years ago it took us 100-years to begin the process of having a Commission that represents the community in which this Commission serves. Not only did we swear in two upstanding citizens in the Town; we also need to remember that it was the voters of this community that chose these two individuals to represent everyone. The Town has a vision and direction that has attracted the attention of developers from around the country. He explained that the Town has worked with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to reduce the crime rate by 78% over the past five-years. There was private investment taking place in the Town that would make this community a community that could and would control its own financial destiny. This community was on the move and tonight there was a Commission that accurately reflects the composition of this great community. The contributions of this new Commission would forever change how they deliberate issues. He stated that "we cannot fail when we meaningfully elect residents that reflect the very best of our community. We will be more inclusive and our decisions will accurately reflect the make-up of our beloved Lake Park. While history is attained tonight we must remain united behind a

common vision and direction to continue to make Lake Park a community it needs to be. As public servants we all inherit this community with a common goal and vision to leave it better than when we inherit it. Change tonight is good, change tomorrow will be better. For the first time in 100-years do we have a Commission that we can all be proud of, that we can all relate to, and as we sit in those seats out there, we can look back and say Lake Park is fairly represented on this Board.” In closing he thanked the voters for voting for positive change because that was what we intend to deliver, positive change. On behalf of the Lake Park staff, he stated that we are so proud. It look a long time, but we have made it!

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

7:15 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

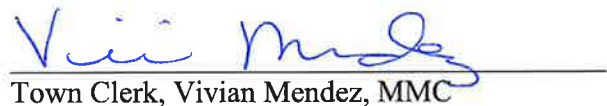
Voting Yea: Commissioner Linden

Commissioner Taylor

Mayor Michaud

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on April 19, 2023


Mayor Roger D. Michaud


Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC



Approved on this 19 of April, 2023