



Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Town Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice-Mayor Kendall Rumsey, Commissioners Steven Hockman, Jeanine Longtin, Patricia Osterman, Town Manager Maria Davis, Town Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Lemley.

Vice-Mayor Rumsey led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Vivian Lemley performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Baird explained that in accordance with the Town Charter as it pertains to the recent passing of Mayor Desca DuBois, the Town must conduct a special election within 60 days. He explained that in order to meet the publication deadlines, including a qualifying period deadline. It was necessary for the Commission to adopt Resolution 16-05-11 establishing a special election on June 28, 2011. Vice-Mayor Rumsey also requested that item numbers 1 through 10 on the agenda be continued to the next meeting. He stated that none of the items on the agenda appear urgent and requested the continuum to the next meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Osterman to approve the Agenda as modified; Commissioner Hockman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Commissioner Hockman	X		
Commissioner Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Osterman	X		
Mayor			

Motion passed 4-0

Commissioner Longtin clarified by stating that the Proclamation for Jeffrey Blakely which is on the agenda for this meeting would also be continued to the next meeting.

PUBLIC AND OTHER COMMENTS:

Joan Knapp, 801 Lake Shore Drive – stated that on behalf of the Lake Park Historical Society they wanted to express their sympathy to the DuBois family. She explained that Mayor DuBois was one of the founders of the Lake Park Historical Society. She explained how wonderful the organization was as a result of Mayor DuBois.

James Lloyd, 220 Lake Shore Drive – stated that Commissioner Osterman purchased a home in Stuart in October 2010. He stated that when Commissioner Osterman's Lake Park home sold in January 2011, the homestead was transferred to the Stuart property. He explained that as a result of the move, the State Attorney's office was investigating Commissioner Osterman. He stated that on April 20, 2011, Commissioner Osterman changed her voter registration address to her mother's address. He stated that at the April 20, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting, Commissioner Osterman stated "I would love to be able to raise my child in my childhood hometown, but it is unsafe for him to be here." He stated that in his opinion, Commissioner Osterman's actions are dishonest and unethical. He stated that her minions deserved better and asked Commissioner Osterman to resign as Commissioner immediately.

Chuck Balias 148 Date Palm Drive – stated that he personally worked on Commissioner Osterman's mother's house to prepare it for the her.

Dee Carnelli 800 Park Avenue – stated that Mayor Desca DuBois had a pure soul as an artist and she will be greatly missed.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 16-05-11 Establishing a Special Election

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND PLACE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION WHICH SHALL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING ANY VACANCY ON THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A QUALIFYING/FILING PERIOD OF NOON MONDAY MAY 9, 2011 THROUGH FRIDAY MAY 20, 2011 AT NOON FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Longtin stated that the City of Lake Worth was going to have a special election as well and asked if the special election of both municipalities could be conducted on the same date to save the Town some money.

Vice-Mayor Rumsey stated that there would be a cost savings by conducting both special elections on the same day.

Town Clerk Lemley stated that as far as she had been made aware both elections would be conducted on the same date.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hockman to approve Resolution 16-05-11; Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Commissioner Hockman	X		
Commissioner Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Osterman	X		
Mayor			

Motion passed 4-0

Commissioner Longtin asked if the date of the special election could be stated.

Attorney Baird explained that Resolution 16-05-11 established a special election to be conducted on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY

Commissioner Hockman expressed his condolences to the Mayor's family and asked that God get them through this tough time.

Commissioner Osterman expressed her condolences to James, Claudette, and other family and friends. She stated that Mayor DuBois was not only a colleague but a friend. She stated that Mayor DuBois was an asset to this community and she would be sorely missed.

Commissioner Longtin stated that she knew Mayor DuBois for many years. She stated that they shared many conversations that would last long periods of time. She also stated that when Mayor DuBois was chairman of the Code Compliance Board, she found her to be kind, compassionate, and considerate. She stated that if she had to use one word to describe mayor DuBois, it would be compassionate. She stated that not many people would nurse an abandoned baby squirrel until it was well enough to go out on its own. She said that they may not have agreed on some issues recently, but she had no doubt that Mayor DuBois was doing what she felt was the best for the Town of Lake Park; rest in peace Mayor DuBois.

Attorney Baird offered his condolences to the DuBois and Mayor DuBois's family. He stated that she was a pleasure to serve with and to represent as a Mayor. He stated that he will miss her ever candid approach to maintaining decorum in the meetings. He stated that with her strength of character he found that it was not necessary to assist her during meetings. He stated that she had a great decency in treating everyone.

Town Manager Davis stated that it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with the Mayor and for the Mayor. She stated that on behalf of staff, the Mayor will be sorely missed. She stated that she accomplished a lot in the short time she was leader.

Vice-Mayor Rumsey stated that he had been made aware at 9:15 a.m. this past Saturday of the Mayor's passing by Town Manager Maria Davis. He stated that upon receiving the news he made phone calls to the Commissioners to tell them of the Mayor's passing. He detailed each phone call he made to the Commissioners. He stated that there has been some question as to the conversations that he had with the Commissioners and the possibility of breaking the Sunshine Law. He stated that during his conversation with Town Manager Davis, he asked her to have the flags lowered to half mast. During that conversation, Town Manager Davis explained that the Mayor's sister had asked that if it was at all possible to please cancel this evening's meeting. He stated that Town Manager Davis stated that she would have the flags lowered if it was a directive. He explained that during his conversation with each Commissioner, he asked them if he could have consensus to have the flags lowered and also mentioned that the Mayor's sister had asked if they would agree to cancel the meeting. He explained that Commissioner Osterman agreed to whatever the family wanted. He explained that Commissioner Hockman asked if they could meet and simply do public and Commissioner comment, which was what they were doing this evening. He stated that they all agreed to having the flags lowered. He stated that under the circumstances they were facing, it could be understood why Sunshine may have been breached. He stated that he apologized but did not regret the decisions that were made regarding this issue.

Vice-Mayor Rumsey indicated that May 5, 2011 was National Day of Prayer. He explained what National Day of Prayer meant worldwide. He urged those that would be participating in National Day of Prayer to keep the community in their prayers. He stated that the community needed to stand together during this time.

Vice-Mayor Rumsey read three emails into the record that had been received expressing condolences to Mayor DuBois' family and the community, as follows:

(Verbatim) "Kendall, thank you for your email about Desca. She was a huge help to me when she first moved to Lake Park and I was well aware of her health issues. We painted the old Commission Chamber ourselves and spent time working on projects for the Town. I was the only one who knew where Barnwell, South Carolina, was being from South Carolina myself. I am glad that she was able to serve as Mayor. If she had to go out, she went out in style. I posted a message on the Palm Beach Post obituary; 'I'm totally aware how much James will miss her.' My prayers are with him. Thank you, former Town Manager Terry Leary."

(Verbatim) "Dear Vice-Mayor Rumsey, I learned today of the passing of Lake Park Mayor Desca DuBois. Please extend my condolences on behalf of the Florida League of Mayors and my city Belle Isle to your fellow Commissioners, residents, and her family. I had the honor of working with Mayor DuBois on our League programs, including a recent mayors round table, and professionals development activity held in South Florida in which we all worked towards being the best Mayors and advocates

for our cities that we can be. It was so obvious she had a tremendous commitment to her city and its residents, and a wonderful sense of humor as well. She will surely be missed by the many people whose lives she worked so hard to improve. As Mayors, we all benefitted a great deal from her insight and involvement. May God be with all of you, particularly her family as you mourn. Sympathy, Bill Brooks, Mayor, City of Belle Isle, 2010-2011 President of the Florida League of Mayors.”

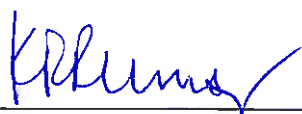
(Verbatim) “Dear Vice-Mayor Rumsey, I had the great pleasure of working with Mayor DuBois through her participation in the Florida League of Mayors. She was a great asset to that organization and to the cause of municipal Home Rule in the State of Florida. She was a person with a deeply held concern for her fellow human beings, as a public servant who loved her community with all heart. I am proud to say that Desca was a personal friend and someone for whom my family cared greatly. We will truly miss her and offer our condolences to her fellow Commissioner members and the people of Lake Park. With sympathy, Don Slesnick, President 2009-2010 Florida League of Mayors.”

Vice-Mayor Rumsey stated that he has been having a hard time trying to figure out what he wanted to say, and was still having a hard time. He stated that he left his home early tonight and decided to drive around Town before arriving at the meeting. He shared that he drove by the community garden, the Art Gallery, West Ilex Park, and looked at the alleyways. He stated that all those projects Mayor DuBois had a strong hand making sure they came to the town. He stated that she worked tirelessly for this community without any personal gain from anything that she did. He explained that whenever the Commissioners went out of Town on business, they are given a stipend and a per diem for the trip. He explained that those funds are budgeted and then provided for the trip. He stated that Mayor DuBois would return the checks given for the expenses of the trip and would pay for her trip herself. He explained that each year when it would look like the Library was going to be shut down because there wasn't enough budget money, she would work the phone tirelessly contacting every legislator she had to so that she could ensure those funds for the Library. He told a story about the grand opening of the Art Gallery and how as it got dark outside, Mayor DuBois insisted that everyone go outside for a photo to be taken. He stated that everyone did what she asked and lined up for the photo in the dark. He stated that in true “Desca style” as everyone was posing for the picture, she had organized and paid for fireworks to be shot from the roof of the gallery. He smiled as he told the story and stated that Mayor DuBois was so thrilled that the Gallery was finally open because it meant that there would be culture brought to Lake Park. He explained that she had told him that she had fallen in love with this Town from the moment she first visited Easel Art on Park Avenue. He explained that she would provide summer camp scholarships to children, she supported little league teams, and never wanted anyone to know or to get credit for her donation. He explained that she would visit the Library and read to children. He told a story of how a few years ago a gentleman was killed; he was known as the “ice cream man”. He explained that the man had a large family and his wife was expecting their sixth child. He stated that Mayor DuBois did not know them and that there was a language barrier, but she helped the family that year and continued to do so every year thereafter. He stated Mayor DuBois made sure that those children were recognized on their birthdays and that their mother felt special on Mother's Day. He stated that this was who Desca DuBois was and who

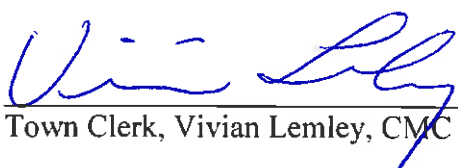
everyone should strive to be like. He asked the residents to pray for the Town as time moves forward and that everyone should come together in a sign of unity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Osterman and seconded by Commissioner Hockman, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor



Town Clerk, Vivian Lemley, CMC



FLORIDA
Approved on this 18 of May, 2011

TOWN OF LAKE PARK
PUBLIC COMMENT CARD



MEETING DATE: 5/4/11

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!
***Three (3) minute limitation on all comments

Name: Tom Knapp
Address: 801 LAKE SHORE DR # 203

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s): _____

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TOWN OF LAKE PARK
PUBLIC COMMENT CARD



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Name: James Lloyd
Address: 220 Lakeside Dr

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address:

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Mrs. Osterman

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