



Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, August 3, 2016, 6:30 PM
Town Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor James DuBois, Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Commissioners Erin Flaherty, Anne Lynch and Michael O'Rourke, Town Manager John O. D'Agostino, Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Mendez.

Town Clerk Mendez performed the roll call and Mayor DuBois led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

I. Wounded Warriors of South Florida.

Executive Director, Mike Durkee explained that the Warriors of South Florida was a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance in support of disabled veterans and their families (see exhibit "A"). The organization provides assistance with housing, utilities, auto expenses, and career placement. He explained that the organization was affiliated with Florida Power & Light (FPL) and a direct contact via FPL assist program to pledge support, receive an extension of payment deadlines. He explained that the organization had at least 35,000 registered veterans that received assistance through one of five Veteran Affairs Medical Centers throughout South Florida. The organization also assists with career placement through affiliation with Career Source of Palm Beach County and Invictus Security & Firearms License Training. He explained that the Wounded Warriors of South Florida held board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month and welcomed the Town Commission to attend.

Commissioner Lynch asked if social services were affiliated with the Wounded Warriors of South Florida. Mr. Durkee answered "no" and explained the need for volunteers within their office and scheduled events.

Commissioner Flaherty asked Mr. Durkee to provide contact information such as a website address and phone number for veterans and the public who would like to contact the Wounded Warriors of South Florida. Mr. Durkee explained how a veteran could join the organization. He stated that the veterans must have an honorable discharge and a 50% or more disability in order to receive assistance. He explained that the average assistance provided to veterans was \$1,600.00 per veteran. He explained that his office assisted forty veterans in July of 2016 and provided assistance that totaled \$54,000.00. He explained that the veteran would need to contact their veteran affairs licensed social worker and disclose their financial hardships. The licensed social worker would provide a referral to the Wounded Warriors of South Florida and the organization would contact the veteran.

Mayor DuBois asked if Seacoast Utilities was aware of the Wounded Warriors of South Florida and if the Town would contact Seacoast Utilities of behalf of the organization. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that Seacoast Utilities might be unaware of the organization. Furthermore, that Seacoast Utilities may have an issue identifying veteran customers within their service areas. He explained that he would contact Seacoast Utilities to make an inquiry and provide the contact information for the Wounded Warriors of South Florida.

Mr. Durkee explained that the organization works closely with FPL assist program that has a direct phone number that is primarily used for veterans and people who need assistance.

Mayor DuBois explained that Seacoast Utilities provides services to neighboring towns and cities and suggested that the Wounded Warriors of South Florida would benefit in networking with the service provider.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained that once Seacoast Utilities and the Wounded Warriors of South Florida have networked or formed partnership the Town of Lake Park would seek a potential advertisement to be included in the monthly mailed Seacoast Utility statements that would inform residents about the Wounded Warriors of South Florida.

Mayor DuBois suggested additional networking opportunities to Mr. Durkee such as the Club 100 Charities and Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. Mr. Durkee explained that the Wounded Warriors of South Florida was a recipient of a grant awarded by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Mayor DuBois asked if there was a link for the Wounded Warriors of South Florida that could be posted on the Town website. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that he was uncertain if the organizations information was on the Town Website but would proceed to make certain that the information was made available. Mr. Durkee explained that the organization was in the process of improving its website. He provided the website address of www.wwofsf.org and phone number 561-855-4207.

Commissioner Lynch asked if the organization had career advisement. Mr. Durkee explained that the organization assists with career placement through affiliation with Career Source of Palm Beach County and Invictus Security & Firearms License Training.

Mr. Durkee informed the Town Commission of the organizations upcoming scheduled events. Mayor Dubois thanked Mr. Durkee for his presentation and extended an open invitation from the Town of Lake Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mack Bernard- Candidate for the Board of Palm Beach County Commissioners for District 7 explained that District 7 does not include the entire Town of Lake Park. He explained that District 7 incorporates south of Park Avenue and Silver Beach Road throughout the City of Delray Beach. He provided a brief summary of his education, career, and previous roles in government. He explained his plans to address various

issues at the State level that included Economic Development, Sober Homes and Affordable Housing.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked Mr. Bernard where he resided within the district. Mr. Bernard explained that he resided in the South area of the district. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro suggested that Mr. Bernard's knowledge and background would serve the Town well. She expressed that if Mr. Bernard was elected that she had hopes of he and Town Manager D'Agostino working together to address various issues and concerns in the Town of Lake Park. Mr. Bernard explained that as a State Representative he intends to work very closely with the municipalities of District 7. Mayor DuBois thanked Mr. Bernard for visiting the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 2. Budget Meeting minutes of July 13, 2016.**
- 3. Regular Commission Meeting minutes of July 20, 2016.**

Motion: Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro moved to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Flaherty	X		
Commissioner Lynch	X		
Commissioner O'Rourke	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro	X		
Mayor DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:

None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4. Request for Town Commission approval to initiate foreclosure action against Water Tower Enterprise, LLC pursuant to case number 13100035.**

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the location of the property and provided background information that resulted in the presented initiation of foreclosure. He explained that the assessed property value was \$91,480.00 and that the assessed fines exceed \$280,000.00. He explained that under current State laws the Town is permitted to take such action due to the non-compliance of the property owner. He explained that correspondence from the property owner ceased in 2014.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked if the property owner owned an adjacent parcel. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that the owner only owned one parcel. Commissioner

Flaherty asked if the Town Manager knew the owner of the property located on the side street. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that he was uncertain of the property owner but would provide that information once received. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked if the property owner had continued use of the property. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that he was uncertain if the property owner used the location daily. He also explained that there were sanctions against the property for equipment and drainage that violated the Town Code of Ordinances.

Community Development Director Nadia DiTommaso made a correction to the answer to Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro's previous question about the ownership of an adjacent parcel. She explained that the owner has purchased three parcels adjacent to the property and currently owns four parcels. Commissioner O'Rourke asked if ownership of the four parcels would interfere with the foreclosure proceedings. Community Development Director DiTommaso explained that it would not because the properties were individually platted.

Motion: Commissioner O'Rourke moved to approve the request for Town Commission approval to initiate foreclosure action against Water Tower Enterprise, LLC pursuant to case number 13100035; Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Flaherty	X		
Commissioner Lynch	X		
Commissioner O'Rourke	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro	X		
Mayor DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney Baird informed the Commission of legislation he planned to present on August 9, 2016, to the State Attorney in regards of recovery residence passports. The legislation would require that the operators of the recovery residences who are defined by State Statute as recovery residence administrators to be licensed with the Department of Business and Professional Regulations. He explained that residence administrators were currently unlicensed and explained necessity of having licensed administrators for the health and welfare of vulnerable individuals. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked if there is enough City and Town representation provided in support of the taskforce. Town Attorney Baird explained that the taskforce has two divisions, criminal and civil. He explained that the criminal division was composed of Law Enforcement and representatives of the State Attorney's Office. He explained that the civil division was composed of Attorneys and Licensed Recovery Center Personnel who sought regulation of recovery residences.

Town Manager D'Agostino informed the Commission of the Special Call Local Planning Agency/Planning & Zoning Board Meeting on the US-1 Mixed-use Corridor

Development scheduled for August 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403. He explained that the east side of the corridor would move forward with its plans while the west side of the corridor would continue after the Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Local Planning Agency. Thereafter the Planning and Zoning Board would provide a recommendation to the Commission. He explained that the Mixed-use Zoning Ordinance should be provided to the Commission on September 21, 2016 at 6:30p.m., after the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that there were several issues within the revitalization of Downtown Lake Park. He suggested that the targeted economic development area, strategies to improve the mix of vitality and cultural arts, accessibility, walkability, building rehabilitation and façade improvements were issues that should be viewed comprehensively. He explained the importance of marketing the downtown area of Lake Park to attract shoppers and visitors. He explained that staff would provide a list of recommendations for the Commission Advisory Group. He announced that the Evaluation Committee had met on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. to evaluate RFP 103-2016. He explained that one proposal was submitted and deemed responsive and that a recommendation would be provided to the Commission. He announced that Kangaroo Subs Restaurant, located at 1400 10th Street, Lake Park, FL 33404 would have a grand opening on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. He announced that the Back to School Explosion was scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 at The Bethlehem Baptist Church from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lynch announced plans to move forward with a committee to work on the Green Market Project. She welcomed volunteers to attend the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Park Library.

Commissioner O'Rourke announced that he would not be in attendance at the two events scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 because he would be out of town.

Commissioner Flaherty announced that he was pleased with the progression of the Sunset Celebration. He announced that he had received several complaints and suggested that Public Works arrive prior to the start of the event to evaluate maintenance conditions of the restrooms. He asked Town Manager D'Agostino about the Library Assistant vacancy and how soon would the Town advertise the position. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that the advertisement of the position was scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 and that the Town had to verify the qualifications of the applicants before the vacancy would be filled. Commissioner Flaherty expressed his concerns with understaffing of the Library. Commissioner Lynch explained that she was Vice-President of The Friends of the Library and that each member donates two hours of their time to assist at the Library until the position was filled.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro announced that she had also received several complaints about the conditions of the restrooms at the Lake Park Marina. She announced that the Annual Florida League of Cities Conference was approaching and encouraged The Commission to be equipped with extra business cards. She also announced that Thursday, August 18, 2016 was City Shirt Day at the conference and encouraged the participation of The Commission through various scheduled activities.

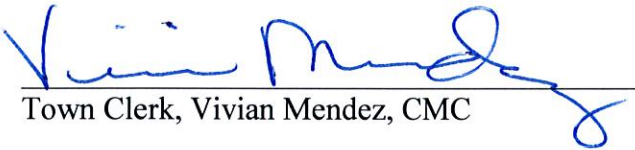
Mayor DuBois thanked Executive Director of The Wounded Warriors of South Florida, Mike Durkee and Candidate for the Board of Palm Beach County Commissioners for District 7, Mack Bernard for their presentations to The Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Flaherty and seconded by Commissioner Lynch and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



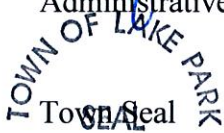
Mayor James DuBois



Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, CMC



Administrative Assistant, Shaquita Edwards



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Approved on this 7 of September, 2016

WOUNDED WARRIORS OF SOUTH FLORIDA

OUR MISSION:

Wounded Warriors of South Florida (WWofSF) assists returning veterans and their families while maintaining a high respect for privacy.

Wounded Warriors of South Florida provides immediate emergency financial assistance to Wounded Warriors by giving stored value cards for food, gas and essentials to VA POST DEPLOYMENT TEAMS at the VA Hospitals and Clinics in Miami, West Palm Beach, Cape Coral, Tampa, Viera and St. Petersburg. At their discretion, depending on need, these Case Managers distribute the funds to their patients. Our goal is to provide at least \$2500 per month to each facility, and in the near future we hope to increase the number of VA facilities we work with.

WWofSF is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity following all IRS regulations and requirements. More than 85% of all donated funds go directly to assisting wounded warriors.

A dedicated volunteer Board of Directors manages WWofSF. They plan and facilitate fundraisers and services for disabled combat veterans from OIF, OEF, and OND.

ASSISTANCE:

The VA POST DEPLOYMENT TEAMS also refer Wounded Warriors in dire straits that need assistance with the payment of their:

- ★ Rent
- ★ Utility bills
- ★ Vehicle repairs/insurance/loans
- ★ And other emergency needs
- ★ Home repairs & furniture

This financial assistance is critical, given the fact that once a Wounded Warrior is discharged from active duty due to a disability, they have little income, little money and often no job. These Wounded Warriors can often wait up to two years for disability payments due to the current VA backlog.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE:

Referral from the VA Post Deployment Teams is required for assistance.

Help support those who have made great sacrifices as they protected our freedom and our country.

To donate funds, services or your time to Wounded Warriors of South Florida, please contact us at:

(561) 855-4207

WWofSF@gmail.com

www.WWofSF.org



Serving Eligible Disabled Veterans from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

Areas of current operation include Brevard County south to the Florida Keys, west to the Tampa Bay area, and south to Marco Island.



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