

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Town Commission Meeting
January 21, 2004 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Town Commission Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balius, Commissioners Longtin, Otterson and Garretson, Town Manager Doug Drymon, Town Attorney Thomas Baird and Town Clerk Carol Simpkins.

Vice Mayor Balius called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 Commissioner Paul Garretson gave the Invocation.
 Vice Mayor Balius led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to approve the January 21, 2004 Agenda; Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation to Town Clerk Carol Simpkins

Town Clerk, Carol Simpkins was honored with the Region III Honor Roll Award and a proclamation from the Town for her service and contributions to the Town of Lake Park.

MOTION: A motion was made by to approve the Proclamation for Town Clerk Carol Simpkins by Commissioner Longtin; Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balias	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following person(s) addressed the Commission;

Roselyn Micklyn Saunders, 211 East Ilex announced candidacy for Town Commission Group B.

Jim Knox, 414 Lakeshore Drive discussed items H-3Resolution No. 04-01-04, H-5 Ordinance02-2004, The Palm Beach Boat Show, the conditions (potholes in the road) of Lakeshore Drive and the Town of Lake Park House of the month program . He also publicly acknowledged that the Tree Board will be meeting at 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 pm. on the regular scheduled meeting dates.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commission Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2004.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve the Commission Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2004. Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		

Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-01-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-6 OF THE TOWN CODE, WITHOUT PAYMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE FOR PRIDE INTEGRATED SERVICES, A NON-PROFIT ENTERPRISE LOCATED AT 524 NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD, LAKE PARK, FLORIDA FOR A AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND A SCHOOL, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing opened.

Jim Knox, 414 Lakeshore Drive expressed strong opposition of PRIDE Integrated Services coming to the Town of Lake Park. He indicated that they are not a not-for-profit business in that they are paid through government contracts. He opined that if this business comes to Town it will draw the wrong crowd.

Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve Resolution No. 04-01-04. Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson		X	
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 3-1.

Commissioner Longtin feels that every business regardless of the type of services rendered, should pay an occupational license fee.

**PUBLIC HEARING/S:
ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, REPEALING ARTICLE II, SECTION 32-59 OF THE TOWN CODE PERTAINING TO THE NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 32-23(16) TO ELIMINATE THE REFERENCE TO THE NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD OVERLY ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK TO DELETE ALL REFERENCES TO THE NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Drymon communicated to the Commission that they requested Ordinance No. 01.2004 go before the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) on January 5, 2004, however, due to the lack of more time, the P&Z Board was unable to review the Ordinance. As a result they were not prepared to make a recommendation to the Commission. Staff requested a continuation of the item until the February 4, 2004 Regular Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Longtin expressed her hopes that the P&Z Board will place Ordinance No. 01-2004 at the beginning of their February 2, 2004 agenda.

Public Hearing opened.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to table Ordinance No. 01-2004 until the February 4, 2004 Commission Meeting; Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		

Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLES II AND III, OF THE TOWN CODE CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MARINA DEVELOPMENT AND CONTROL BOARD TO HARBOR MARINA ADVISORY BOARD, AND ALL AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS; REPEALING EXISTING RATES FOR RENTAL OF BOAT SLIPS, REPEALING LOCAL PREFERENCE FOR LEASING OF BOAT SLIPS, REPEALING RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ELECTRICAL OUTLETS; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF THE MARINA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing opened.

Jim Knox, 414 Lakeshore Drive indicated that subleasing will not be the responsibility of the Town. He stated that the owner of the slip and the sub-lessee will be held accountable.

Public Hearing closed.

Commissioner Longtin requested to have staff's recommendations included into the Ordinance. Town Attorney confirmed that the recommendations have been added to the Ordinance.

MOTION: A motion to approve Ordinance No. 02-2004 was made by Commissioner Longtin; Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		

Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO: 04-2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 15-2003; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Balius specified that he has seen Public Works digging up conduit at the Sixth Street Ball fields. He indicated that he could not understand why they (Public Works) are digging up conduit that has already been paid for.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Longtin, Town Manager Drymon stated that the project will be overseen by Public Works Director Paul Carlisle and Building Inspector Joe Crisafulle.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve Ordinance No. 04-2004; Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

**QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING(S):
RESOLUTIONS**

Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas swore in the witnesses.

The following Commissioners had no exparte communications:

	None	Yes
Commissioner Longtin	_X_	_____
Commissioner Garretson	_X_	_____
Commissioner Otterson	_X_	_____
Vice Mayor Balius	_X_	_____
Mayor Castro	ABSENT	

RESOLUTION NO. 06-01-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THREE ENTRY SIGNS AND WAIVERS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS FOR THE VENETIAN ISLES TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, ON A 49.73 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, OWNED BY TRUST LAKE PARK LTD., LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CONGRESS AVENUE AND PARK AVENUE, LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jamie Gentile, Calvin, Giordano & Associates stated that staff recommends approval and is supportive of the approval of Resolution No. 06-01-04.

Public Hearing opened.

Jim Knox, 414 Lakeshore Drive recommended that the landscape shown in the recommended signage plans reflect as such when the project is completed.

Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve; Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin		X	

Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 3-1.

Commissioner Longtin feels there is no need for extra signage.

Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas swore in the witnesses.

The following Commissioners had no exparte communications to be declared:

	None	Yes
Commissioner Longtin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Commissioner Garretson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Commissioner Otterson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Vice Mayor Balius	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Castro	ABSENT	

RESOLUTION NO. 07-01-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, FOR A 0.5-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, OWNED BY CUSTOM RV SERVICES, LOCATED AT 1320 SOUTH KILLIAN DRIVE, LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jamie Gentile, Calvin, Giordano & Associates stated that staff is supportive of the Resolution; however as a condition the applicant needs to bring the landscaping into compliance with the Code before they are issued an occupational license.

Public Hearing opened.

Daniel Barne, owner of Custom RV Services stated that he is aware of the landscaping work that is needed and informed the Commission that he is in the process of getting the plans drawn up.

Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve Resolution No. 07-01-04 with the condition that the applicant brings the landscaping into compliance with the Town Code before an occupation license is issued. Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balias	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Presentation of Marina Project Funding

Finance Director Cindy Sementelli stated that the estimated total cost of the Marina is \$6.4 million dollars. She indicated that Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) funds are expected in the amount of \$451,000.00. She stated that only 1.2 million dollars were used from the previous bond. (1997)

Dock Master Building Bid Award

Public Works Director Paul Carlisle avowed that the Town will lose the FIND grant funds if the project is postponed again. He stated that an extension had already been granted therefore, FIND will not grant another extension. He concluded by saying that it is not important to staff who the bid is awarded, only that the project is completed.

Commissioner Paul Garretson requested that the Commission workshop the alternate buildings. The general consensus of the Commission was to schedule a workshop for February 9, 2004 with an alternate date of February 11, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Richard Ahrens, 1461 Kinetic Road, stated that Ahrens Company will bring gas to the Marina as well as the needed pilings.

Jim Knox, 414 Lakeshore Drive stated that the Town will lose out on a tremendous amount of revenue if they hold off on the Marina project any longer. He requested that the bid be awarded to Ahrens Company in the event that West Construction does not comply with the pilings.

Emma Kai, 122 Evergreen Drive feels that the Town should not put the Marina on hold anymore.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to award the bid to Ahrens Company for the Dock Master Building, Ramp Attendant Building and both alternates. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson		X	
Commissioner Otterson		X	
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius		X	
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion failed 1-3.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to award the bid to Ahrens Company for the Dock Master Building, Ramp Attendant Building and alternate building "A" only. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson		X	
Commissioner Otterson		X	
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius		X	
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion failed 1-3.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Otterson to award the bid to West Construction if they agree to do the piling at no additional cost

without the alternate building. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin		X	
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 3-1.

Public Works request to serve alcoholic beverages

Public Works Director Paul Carlisle requested to serve alcoholic beverages at the annual Public Works Association employee picnic. He publicly noted that the Town is not paying for the beverages. He stated that the \$300.00 are dues paid to the Gold Coast Chapter by the Town. He indicated that Park Avenue BBQ & Grille will cater the event. Mr. Carlisle welcomed the Town Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve the serving of alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

Florida League of Cities Resolution

Commissioner Longtin requested that the Resolutions be prepared as three separate Resolutions. Town Manager Drymon stated that he will prepare the Resolutions.

There was general consensus among the Town Commission to have the Resolutions prepared as three separate Resolutions.

Request for funding for the 2004 Birthday celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King.

In response to an inquiry posed by the Town Commission pertaining to the funding for the Martin Luther King festivities, Dorothy Taylor, 236 Cypress Drive stated that the funding from the County was based on financial cooperation from the Town. Mrs. Taylor indicated that the expenses from the gospel choir and the refreshments were not covered and any amount the Commission could bestow would be appreciated.

Commissioner Longtin strongly opposed the Town supporting Dorothy Taylor until she publicly apologizes to the Town for distributing fliers to the residents they reflected statements that were not true. For the record, she indicated that she is not against the organization or the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Emma Kai, 122 Evergreen Drive indicated that she was confused about the Martin Luther King Celebration's funding.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Otterson to give \$1400.00 to the Martin Luther King Celebration. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Commissioner Garretson withdrew the second.

MOTION: The motion was amended by Commissioner Otterson to give up to \$1400.00 with receipts and or backup documentation for the unpaid expenses from the Martin Luther King Celebration. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin		X	
Vice-Mayor Balius		X	

Mayor Castro			ABSENT
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Motion failed. 2-2.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Vice Mayor G. Chuck Balius

Vice Mayor Balius stated his approval for Town Manager Drymon to go to Tallahassee. He stated that the Code should be more direct in validating an excused absence. He feels that the chairperson should be reporting when a board member is not present on a regular basis.

Commissioner Bill Otterson

Commissioner Otterson stated that the Town should look into the use of the Town's tax exempt status to purchase the materials for the Marina project. He publicly noted that there are free trees and help with loading at a local nursery on Silver Beach Road. He stated that Ms. Edie McConville will not be running for chairperson on the Education Advisory Board this year.

Commissioner Jeanine Longtin

Commissioner Longtin inquired about the disappearance of the signs at the Lakeshore Park and the Sixth Street Ball fields that read, "No dogs" and "No alcohol". She indicated that she would like to see a proclamation presented to Public Works Director Paul Carlisle and Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas for their outstanding service. She thanked the Town Commission for approving Town Clerk Carol Simpkins proclamation.

She opined that without new direction for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), it will go under very rapidly. She feels that the CRA should not be made up of the Town officials. She also inquired about the improvements on the Kimmel Property located on Park Avenue, stating that the improvements are not visible to her although she has been informed that the work has been completed. She suggested the residents to get informed in the election.

Commissioner Longtin recalled comments that were made a few years ago pertaining to the lack of participation in outdoor recreational and athletic activities. She stated that the opportunity was given to Ms. Bertha Bostrom and she took advantage of it by founding the Lake Park Recreation Association and the American Youth Soccer Organization Region 1452. Commissioner Longtin stated that Ms. Bostrom could not make it to the Commission Meeting due to her being honored by the Miami Dolphins for her contributions to the Youth Soccer League. For all of Ms. Bostroms' hard work, dedication and selfless "labor of love" for the children of Lake Park, Commission Longtin made a motion for the Ball fields to be renamed after Ms. Bertha Bostrom.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to rename the Sixth Street Ball fields after Ms. Bertha Bostrom. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro			ABSENT

Motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Longtin thanked the Commission for the unanimous vote in Ms. Bostrom's honor. She indicated that Lowe's will be having their grand opening. She stated that Channel 18 will now be the official channel for the Town. She invited everyone to come to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report workshop on January 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. and provided the contact number for individuals interested in receiving free smoke alarms. She indicated that anyone interested in being a member of a Town Volunteer Board, should contact the office of the Town Clerk at 561-881-3311. She stated that volunteers are needed at the library and blood needs to be donated.

Town Manager J. Douglas Drymon

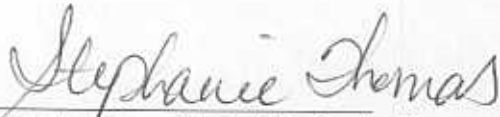
Town Manager Drymon publicly acknowledged an elementary teacher, Tanya Pipkin of Lake Park Elementary School that was honored as, "Teacher of the Year" by the North Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the Town should honor the Lark Park Elementary Teacher by proclamation. He voiced his approval of the Town Clerks proclamation and the recognition of other town employees. He indicated that he does not want outstanding services overlooked.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Garretson, seconded by Commissioner Longtin, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.



Mayor Paul Castro



Deputy Town Clerk, Stephanie Thomas

Approved on this 4th day of February 2004.