

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 5, 2010 5:00 P.M.

Mayor John Holbrook called the Town of Lake Placid Town Council special meeting to order on Thursday August 5, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor John Holbrook
Council Member Cheryl Davis
Council Member Steve Bastardi
Council Member Ray Royce
Council Member Debra Worley

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Planner Sue BuChans
Town Police Chief Phil Williams
Town Public Works Director Jim Fulton
Town Recreation Director Gary Freeman

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 10-603 – Capital Improvements Element (1st hearing) Mrs. BuChans stated Florida Statutes requires that the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan be updated annually by adoption, by the local government in a duly notice public hearing, of a new Capital Financial Strategy (CFS) and Schedule of Capital Improvement. The update must take place minimally once a year by the 1st of December. New provisions pertaining to the Capital Improvements Element were included in SB 360, becoming effective as law on July 1, 2005. At a minimum, the update will add a new fifth year to the Schedule of Capital Improvements. In addition, the update is required to:

- A. Add new projects to the schedule
- B. Eliminate a project(s) from the schedule; or
- C. Defer or delay the date of construction of a particular project(s) already included in the schedule.

Council Member Royce made a motion to move to adopt Ordinance 10-603 amending the Capital Improvements Element of the Town of Lake Placid's Comprehensive Plan by: (1) updating the Schedule of Capital Improvements; (2) updating the Capital Financial Strategy; (3) including the School District Five-Year District Work Program as part of the Capital Improvements Element; and (4) amending the text of the Capital Improvements Element of the Town of Lake Placid's Comprehensive Plan by updating the School District Work Plan adoption date and transmitting LPCP.10.001LS, Ordinance 10-603 to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for compliance determination; and becoming effective as provided by law on first hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, Council Member Royce, Council Member Davis, and Council Member Bastardi voted yes; Council Member Worley voted no. On roll call, motion carried 3 to 1.

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- A. Approval of advertisement for Line of Credit for Sewer Modification – Mrs. Tuck stated the Council needed to approve advertising for a Line of Credit for sewer modification. Council Member Bastardi made a motion to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to solicit bids for a line of credit for \$400,000.00, \$500,000.00 and \$600,000.00; to be paid back within five years; funds to be used for the Town’s wastewater and collection system; collateral to be the sewer revenues from the Highlands Utilities System to be purchased and to be drawn only upon the approval of the Mayor and Council; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

- B. Lake Ridge Community Center/Hurricane Shelter – Mrs. Tuck gave an update on what is happening on the Community Center. She informed the Council they had requested this meeting to talk more about the Community Center. She also informed the Council the Committee was running out of time and needed to make a decision on whether or not to enter into the agreement with Furr and Wegman (Architects – ranked as #1 by the Council for this project) for professional services to come up with a design for the Community Center to determine whether or not the funds the Town has available is sufficient for the center.

Mr. David Flowers was present from Highlands County. Mr. Flowers is the maintenance coordinator for all County buildings. Mr. Flowers informed the Council the Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center (which is approximately what the Town is trying to build) is rented just about every weekend and during the week. He stated he felt the Town would have no problems renting the building, which would cover the expenses for the building. Council Member Royce made a motion that we enter into an agreement for professional services with Furr and Wegman for their contract which they submitted on July 2, 2010, with the noted changes: (1) they will extend the contract until August 6, 2010; and (2) waiving the last line of the next to the last paragraph of Mr. Wegman’s letter that states: “We understand that this “first phase” of the project will not involve coordination with any potential grant providers”; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, Council Member Royce and Council Member Davis voted yes; Council Member Bastardi and Council Member Worley voted no. Mayor Holbrook voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried 3 to 2.

- C. Discussion on Joint Meeting with Highlands County – The Mayor reminded everyone we would be meeting with the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday August 10, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at the Government Center. He reminded them we would be discussing the Growth Management Plan and Recreation. Council decided Atty. Harris and Council Member Bastardi would discuss the Growth Management Plan; Council Member Worley would discuss the watershed issue, if it is brought up; and Council Member Royce would discuss recreation.

The Council closed the meeting at 8:30 P.M. and went into the budget workshop.

The workshop closed at 10:15 P.M.