

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Tom Katsanis called the regular meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday September 14, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. Rev. Stephen Bishop gave the invocation and students of Lake Placid Christian School led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Tom Katsanis
Council Member Charles Wilson
Council Member Ray Royce
Council Member Steve Bastardi
Council Member Carol Smart

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman
Town Recreation Director John Komasa
Town Police Chief Phil Williams
Town Planner Don Hanna

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Monthly Reports and Payment of Monthly Bills
- D. Approval of Proclamation for Habitat for Humanity
- E. Approval of Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. Management Letters

Council Member Royce made a motion that the consent agenda be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Smart. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

- A. Lake Placid Merchants Association – Robert Brown, a representative of the Lake Placid Merchants Association, informed the Council they were starting a new campaign to prompt the Lake Placid businesses. The campaign involves a sticker, with a green palm tree, reminding everyone to shop in Lake Placid. He also asked Council if it was permissible to place a two sided sign on SunTrust's property promoting the merchants. Council asked Atty. Harris to get with Mr. Brown and see what the Town's Code states.

Mr. Brown stated the Lake Placid Merchants Association would again be sponsoring the Fall Festival on October 31, 2009 in DeVane Park. Council thanked Mr. Brown and his organization

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

A. Public Works Director:

1. Shannon Purvis/Desiree Wiggins – Oak Hill Cemetery – Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Wiggins stated they have children buried in Baby land and are concerned about the condition of the property. They stated chemicals have been sprayed on the ground and killed the grass, some of the stones have been damaged and grass has not been mowed. Three other individuals approached and stated they also had problems with the condition of the cemetery. Council felt we needed to update our rules for the cemetery. Mayor Katsanis stated he would be forming a Cemetery Committee to come up with a list of rules for the Cemetery. He stated he would serve on the Committee and would like to have about seven other individuals who are interested to serve on the Committee. He asked anyone who is interested to please contact him.

B. Town Planner:

1. Town of Lake Placid/Highlands County Planning Agreement – Don Hanna, representing the Highlands County Planning Department presented a proposed Agreement between the Town of Lake Placid and Highlands County for Planning Services for October 2009 to September 2010. Council Member Royce made a motion the Council enter into the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Lake Placid and Highlands County for planning services for 2009/2010; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

- C. Recreation Director: Mr. Komasa stated he really did not have anything to bring up except to remind the Council this Saturday September 19, 2009 would be the grand opening and dedication ceremonies for the new Miracle League Field.

D. Police Chief:

1. Ordinance 09-591 – Special Magistrate (Adoption Only) Council Member Royce made a motion Ordinance 09-591 be tabled until the next regular Town Council Meeting; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, Council Member Royce, Council Member Wilson and Council Member Bastardi voted yes; Council Member Smart voted no. Motion carried 3 to 1.

E. Utility Director:

1. Approval of Utility Service Co., Inc. – Mr. Freeman stated he was presenting an agreement for service to the 25,000 gallon water storage tank located at 905 Lake Drive East. He stated we have been working with Utility Service Co., Inc. for several years and are very pleased with their service. He stated the agreement fee is \$4,262.00 for the first ten years and \$4,337.00 for the remainder of the agreement. Atty. Harris stated the Town Clerk questioned the whether or not the agreement should be bid out being as it is for a period over five years. Atty. Harris said it does have a statement that the Agreement can be terminated each year. Council asked Atty. Harris and Mr. Freeman to review the Contract and Atty. Harris to determine whether or not he thinks the Town needs to advertise the agreement. Mr. Freeman was also asked to check with the Company and see if they would do an annual contract.

F. Town Attorney:

1. Ordinance increasing Dumpster/Non-Residential Fees – Atty. Harris stated he would bring something back at the next meeting for Council’s review.

G. Town Clerk:

1. Population Estimate – Mrs. Tuck stated she had received our annual population estimate from BEBR. She stated she does not feel the estimate is correct (1720), but with the census being taken in six months, she felt we could wait until a true estimate comes out. But she would like Council to give her the go ahead to sign the form and send it back to the University of Florida. Council agreed.

H. Mayor/Town Council Members:

1. Council Member Royce – Grigsby Road, South Tangerine Road and related matters - Council Member Royce made a motion we instruct our Town Attorney to write a letter to the County Engineer and the Highlands County School Board, directed to the attention of Mr. Avert, to remind the County and informs the School Board that there are parties currently working on whatever you might want to call it, South Tangerine and/or Grigsby Road, of the possibly of constructing and modifying those roads and that we would like the School Board to become actively involved at this time in planning for that construction and modification; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance 09-595 – Increase of Administrative Fee on Tax Receipts (2nd hearing) – Mrs. Tuck read the title of Ordinance 09-595. She stated this Ordinance would increase only administrative fees on the tax receipts from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Council Member Smart made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-595 on reading of title only on second hearing and adopt; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ordinance 09-597 – Approval of 2009-2010 Mileage Rate for the Town of Lake Placid, Florida (1st hearing) Mrs. Tuck read the Ordinance in its entirety. Council Member Royce made a motion Ordinance 09-597 be approved by reading of the Ordinance on first hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Ordinance 09-598 – Approval of 2009-2010 Town of Lake Placid Budget – Mrs. Tuck read the Ordinance in its entirety. Council Member Wilson made a motion Ordinance 09-598 be approved by reading of the Ordinance on first hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Smart. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Smart made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.