

**REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL  
APRIL 14, 2008 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Tom Katsanis called the regular Town Council meeting to order on Monday April 14, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Rev. Ray Cameron of the First Presbyterian Church. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was done by Deta Waller and Taylor Clark of the Lake Placid Christian School.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Tom Katsanis  
Council Member Charles Wilson  
Council Member Debra Worley  
Council Member Jim Waller  
Council Member Bill Brantley

Council Member Ray Royce  
Council Member Steve Bastardi

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council Member Wilson made a motion the agenda be approved as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Monthly Reports and Payment of Monthly Bills
- C. Approval of letter concerning Enterprise Zone
- D. Approval of resignation from LPA of Steve Bastardi
- E. Approval of resignation from LPA of Ray Royce
- F. Urban and Community Forestry Grant Resolutions

Council Member Waller made a motion the consent agenda be approved as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION REPORT:**

Clerk Tuck read the election report stating the Canvassing Board had met on April 8, 2008 at 7:45 P.M. at the office of Joe Campbell, Supervisor of Elections for Highlands County, and declared the winners of the election – Ray Royce and Steve Bastardi. Clerk Tuck asked the Council to approve the report. Council Member Waller made a motion the election report presented by Clerk Tuck be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

## SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Clerk Tuck sworn in Ray Royce and Steve Bastardi as new members of the Lake Placid Town Council. Both gentlemen thanked everyone for voting for them and assumed their positions.

## PRESENTATION:

- A. Former Council Member Jim Waller was asked to come to the front at which time Atty. Harris read a very appropriate Resolution thanking Dr. Waller for 10 years of service to the Town. Mayor Katsanis presented the Resolution to Dr. Waller. Dr. Waller was given a standing ovation.
- B. Former Council Member Debra Worley was asked to come to the front at which time Atty. Harris read a Resolution thanking Mrs. Worley for her six years on the Council and all she accomplished. Mayor Katsanis presented the Resolution to Mrs. Worley and she was given a standing ovation.
- C. Chief Williams presented Former Council Member Jim Waller and Former Council Member Debra Worley with a plaque from the Lake Placid Police Department depicting a patch from the Lake Placid Police Department.
- D. Mayor Katsanis asked Clerk Tuck to join him at the podium at which time Atty. Harris read a Resolution acknowledging her 20 years of service as Town Clerk to the Town of Lake Placid. Clerk Tuck was thanked and also received a standing ovation.

## DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

### A. Town Planner:

1. Tom Ross – Final Plan on CAMP project – Mr. Ross presented the final plan for the Corridor Access Management Plan and asked for a recommendation from the Town Council. He stated he would be presenting this plan to the County Commissioners tomorrow.

Council Member Royce made a motion to recommend approval of the plan with the following changes: that median openings #23 and #24 be left open until such time as the Florida Department of Transportation does a comprehensive study of the intersection of U.S. 27, C.R. 29, Old State Road #8 and Harris Drive; further move that median opening #28 be left open to accommodate that neighborhood and that the Council would like to note that the Department should continue to check the warranting of signalizing opening #39; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

2. Interlocal Agreement between Local Government and the School Board – Council Member Brantley made a motion this matter be tabled; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Prior to the Public Hearing, the Council asked to bring the Interlocal Agreement between Local Government and the School Board off the table. Council Member Brantley made a motion to bring it off the table; Council Member Bastardi seconded the motion. On roll call, Council Member Brantley, Council Member Bastardi and Council Member Royce voted yes; Council Member Wilson was not present. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Council Member Brantley made a motion the Town Council transmit the Interlocal Agreement between local governments and the Highlands County School Board, subject to the LPA's recommendations [(1) Paragraph 11.3(b) new paragraph #10 be added requiring the School Board to be given the same time limit to respond as municipalities are given; and (2) that paragraph 13.4(a) number 4. be deleted in its entirety]; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, Council Member Bastardi, Council Member Royce and Council Member Brantley voted yes; Council Member Wilson was not present. Motion carried 3 to 0.

B. Public Works Director – Mr. Fulton informed the Council the Town was installing cameras at the Town Maintenance Facility due to problems at the facility. Mr. Fulton also stated he was installing security lights in the back part of the Town's cemetery property due to vandalism at the cemetery.

C. Recreation Director – Not present.

D. Utility Director:

1. Reuse System Upgrades – Council Member Brantley made a motion the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, KDL, Inc. (\$1,125,000.00) contingent upon farther legal review of the contract; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
2. Reuse System Mains – Council Member Bastardi made a motion the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Flow-Line, Inc. contingent upon the Reuse System Upgrade contract being awarded; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

E. Town Attorney:

1. Atty. Harris presented a permit from Florida Department of Transportation to be approved by the Council, allowing the work to continue on U.S. 27 North of Heartland Boulevard. Council Member Bastardi made a motion the permit be approved, signed by the appropriate person and forwarded to FDOT; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

F. Mayor/Town Council Members:

1. Mayor Katsanis stated we had placed an advertisement in the newspaper requesting resumes for individuals wanting to serve on the Local Planning Agency/Board of Adjustment. Mayor Katsanis state Hoz Compton and Jack Edgemon's terms expired the first of April and there were two open seats being as Council Member Bastardi and Council Member Royce (who served on the LPA) were now on the Council. Mayor Katsanis stated we had received four applications: 1) Hoz Compton; 2) Jack Edgemon; 3) John Holbrook; and 4) Philip Moore. He stated all four were very well qualified to serve on the Board. Council Member Brantley made a motion Hoz Compton, Jack Edgemon, John Holbrook and Philip Moore be appointed to serve on the Town of Lake Placid Local Planning Agency/Board of Adjustment; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance 08-581 – Amend Town’s Utility Rates – After much discussion concerning whether or not to increase commercial rates, Council Member Bastardi made a motion to add in commercial rate increase, clean up the language concerning backflows and whether for commercial only or to include residential and what serve the Town will provide by putting it out for bids, correct scrivener errors as discussed, and to re-notice the public hearings; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wilson stated before the discussion on Ordinance 08-579 and 08-580 he had a conflict of interest and would be abstaining from the discussion and voting and asked to be excused.

Council Member Bastardi, Council Member Brantley and Council Member Royce stated they wanted to put into the record that they had a conversation with Gary Blackwell the proposed developer of the subject property.

- B. Ordinance 08-579 – Comp. Plan Amendment – Lake June Properties – The Town Council had a lengthy discussion on this matter. The Council was advised of the Local Planning Agency’s time spent deliberating the recommendation to the Town Council. The Town Council felt all recommendations should be included in the Comprehensive Plan and the Developers Attorney felt it was not necessary.

After much deliberation by the Town Council, Council Member Brantley made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-579 and transmit, with the following changes:

Section 2. Adoption. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case No. LPCP.08.001LS Future Land Use Map of the Town of Lake Placid Comprehensive Plan is amended as follows:

Amending the Future Land Use Map from Agricultural/Residential (AR) and Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) for 333 +/- acres,

Conditions Pursuant to FLU Policy **Objective L: Site Specific Developments.** Site Specific Developments: Developments possessing specific attributes raising specific issues requiring specific solutions are individually provided for by this Plan:

1. The property shall have a maximum density of 999 residential units and up to 170,000 square feet of commercial development maximum and the floor ratio not to exceed 0.13.
2. The property shall be development only through a Planned Development.
3. The property will not be age-stricted.

and refer this matter back to the LPA for consideration of a developer’s agreement with the balance of the terminology to be discussed; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, Council Member Brantley and Council Member Bastardi voted yes; Council Member Royce voted no; Council Member Wilson was not present but had stated he had a conflict on this matter and asked to be excused. Motion carried 2 to 1.

C. Ordinance 08-580 – Comp. Plan Text Amendment – Mrs. BuChans introduced Ordinance 08-580 and stated she needed a motion to transmit. Council Member Royce made a motion to transmit; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, Council Member Brantley, Council Member Royce and Council Member Bastardi voted yes; Council Member Wilson was not present. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.