

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019**

I. A) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor Gregory Freebold called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members and officials were present:

Gregory Freebold, Mayor
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Vice Mayor
Paul R. Shalhoub, President Pro Tem
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Council Member
Daniel Clark, Town Administrator
Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk
Wes Smith, Chief of Police
Charles Schoech, Town Attorney

The following Council Member was absent:

John Studdard, Council Member

B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Vice Mayor Rodriguez requested that Mayor Freebold maintain a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives while crossing the desert between the United States and Mexico. The Most Reverend Father Peter Sphortun of St. Mary's Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach gave the invocation, then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub; to approve the Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub Motion approved (4-0).

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A)** Approval of the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting.
- B)** Approval of Resolution #19-01 – Authorizing a budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2018/2019
- C)** Approval of Proclamation recognizing the week of February 17 – 23, 2019 as Engineer's Week.

- D) Approval of Proclamation recognizing the week of February 25 – March 3, 2019 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week.
- E) Approval of Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report.

Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Shalhoub; Motion approved (4-0).

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

- A) None

V. QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:

- A) None

VI. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A) Renewal of yearly agreement for monthly pest control service from Safe Home Pest Control in the amount of \$207.00 per month.

Mayor Freebold, owner of Safe Home Pest Control, passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Rodriguez and abstained from the discussion and vote on this issue.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to approve the yearly contract for pest control services with Safe Home Pest Control, seconded by Council Member Shalhoub; Motion approved (3-0).

After the vote, Vice Mayor Rodriguez returned the gavel to Mayor Freebold.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) None

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Scott Herwig, 7124 Wst Lake Drive – discussed the house located at 7150 West Lake Drive that is being remodeled to become an Air B & B. He also noted that the lights at the property are very bright and remain on throughout the night. He wanted to know if the Town has any regulations on Air B & Bs or light intrusion. It was noted that the Town does

have an ordinance regarding spillover light, but that the resident that lives nextdoor to the house will need to file a complaint if it is bothering them. Mr. Schoech noted that cases that have been filed against municipalities that have prohibited Air B & Bs. It was noted that the Town will be waiting on the outcome of these cases and possible regulations made by legislators during the upcoming legislative session before making any decisions regarding this issue.

Gerard Sanchez, 8360 West Lake Drive – he asked if the state ends up regulating Air B & Bs, will the Town require owners to follow those regulations. He also discussed sober homes and other group homes that may be operating in Town. It was noted that group homes are protected by ADA regulations. Mr. Clark noted that the Town has its own regulations on senior living homes.

Claudine Vassuer, 6904 Venetian Way – noted that she enjoyed the various events that the Town had during the holidays.

She also noted that when people rent out their homes as a bed and breakfast, they are operating a business and she was told that you cannot operate a business from your home without obtaining a business tax receipt from the Town. She wanted to know why the Town is allowing them to operating a business with out a business tax receipt. It was noted that Home Owner Associations can regulate bed and breakfasts. Mr. Schoech noted that municipalites can require business tax receipts for rental properties, but cannot regulate who rents them. He also noted that Palm Beach County collects bed taxes from property owners for transitory rentals.

X. STATUS REPORTS:

Mr. Schoech – noted that he is continuing to work with Mr. Richard Pinsky on the Blueway Trail Agreement.

Mr. Clark – Mayor Freebold noted that staff members Zoie Burgess, Damon Gammons and Mery Ramirez have received promotions.

Chief Smith – President Pro Tem Shalhoub asked how the Police Department's statistics compare to those in other municipalities. Chief Smith noted that the Uniform Crime Report includes data from all municipalities. He also noted that the Town's numbers are low compared to other municipalities of the same size. He noted that this is a testament to the officer's hard work to keep Lake Clarke Shores a safe place to live. He also discussed the letter he received from Governor Scott regarding the eight percent drop in crime rate for the State.

Mayor Freebold asked if the License Plate Readers are helping to reduce crime. Chief Smith noted that they make a difference.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Shalhoub – noted that 2018 was a great year for the Town and that 2019 will be even better. He noted that Lake Clarke Shores is on the right path and that the Town’s staff makes the Town Council’s job much easier.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting. He noted that he cooked the hotdogs for the fishing camp participants and their families at the end of the camp. He stated that he received positive feedback from the parents on how much fun the kids had and how much they had learned about fishing and the environment during the course of the camp.

He noted the Food Truck Invasion will be returning on January 18th and encouraged everyone to attend.

He congratulated Ms. Burgess, Mr. Gammons and Ms. Ramirez on their promotions and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez – noted the great weather during the tree lighting event. He also noted that the “Holidays in Paradise” Parade seemed to be smaller this year but that the rain that fell earlier in the morning may have had something to do with it.

He noted that he would like to refocus on the C-51 boat lift project in 2019.

Mayor Freebold – noted that lots of things will be happening in 2019 and that the Town is moving forward. He also noted that State Legislators will be discussing many issues during the 2019 legislative session and that the Town Council will keep the residents informed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to adjourn, seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez; Motion approved (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Gregory Freebold, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk