

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2019**

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I.

**A) CALL TO ORDER, 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  
John Studdard, Council Member  
Daniel Clark, Town Administrator  
Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk  
Wes Smith, Chief of Police  
Charles Schoech, Town Attorney

**B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION**

Mayor Freebold requested a moment of silence for Town resident Felipe Sotolongo who passed away. 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.

**C) OATH OF OFFICE**

Oath of Office administered to:

Council Member Group 1 – Gregory Freebold by Patty Gringeri  
Council Member Group 2 – Paul R. Shalhoub by Christina Shalhoub-Seal

**D) REORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Nominations for Mayor, Vice Mayor and President Pro Tem.

**Motion made by Council Member Robert M. W. Shalhoub to nominate Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. as Mayor, Paul R. Shalhoub as Vice Mayor and John Studdard as President Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Studdard; Motion approved (5-0).**

The meeting continued with Mayor Rodriguez presiding.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub to approve the Agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A) Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Town Council Meeting.
- B) Approval of Proclamation by the Town Council recognizing April 2019 as “Census Awareness Kick off” Month.
- C) Approval of Proclamation by the Town Council recognizing the week of April 14 – 20, 2019 as “National Public Safety Telecommunications Week”.
- D) Approval of Proclamation by the Town Council proclaiming the week of May 12-18, 2019 as “National Police Week” to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.
- E) Approval of Proclamation by the Town Council recognizing the week of May 19 - 25, 2019 as “Water Reuse Week”.
- F) Approval to declare approximately 1200 old/obsolete brass water meters and miscellaneous lighting fixtures as surplus and be sold as scrap.
- G) Approval to declare 8 laptops that cannot be upgraded and that are of no value as surplus and given to Palm Beach Recycle for disposal
- H) Approval of Land Use Permit – Daniel Fountain, 7200 West Lake Drive – Bulkhead.
- I) Approval of Land Use Permit – Teak Adams and Klaudia Kurti, 7500 Clarke Road – Bulkhead.
- J) Approval of Drainage Easement Agreement – Christina and Ryan Tyszkow, 7707 Nemec Drive S.

**Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).**

**IV. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A) Volunteer of the Year, Pastor Stan Sniezek

Mayor Rodriguez asked Council Member Freebold to present the Volunteer of the Year award to Pastor Sniezek since he was the Mayor when Pastor Sniezek was chosen as Volunteer of the Year.

Council Member Freebold noted that Pastor Sniezek was chosen as Volunteer of the Year for the many hours that he serves as a volunteer during Town events; for his service as Town Chaplain; for offering the invocation during Town events and various Town Council Meetings and for his overall support of the Town. He presented Pastor Sniezek with his award.

Pastor Sniezek thanked the Town Council and asked them to join him for a picture.

**V. QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:**

A) None

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING:**

A) None

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A) Blueway Trail, Inc. Agreement – Gregory Freebold and Valentin Rodriguez

Mayor Rodriguez provided the Council Members a copy of the recently updated Blueway Trail Agreement for their review. He also gave a copy to Mr. Leonard Feuer, Legal Counsel for Blueway Trails, LLC. He apologized for not providing copies of the agreement to everyone beforehand. He noted that he and Mr. Schoech did not finish revising the agreement until around 5:30 PM.

The Town Council Members and Mr. Feuer discussed the proposed changes made to the agreement. Mr. Feuer noted that he cannot approve the changes to the agreement without the consent of the Blueway Trail, LLC Board of Directors.

**Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub to incorporate the red-lined version and the edits as suggested by Mr. Feuer and bring the agreement back to the Council for a vote and if passed, sign the agreement and send it to the Blueway Trail Board of Directors for their approval, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub for discussion.**

Vice Mayor Shalhoub suggested that the agreement include wording so that other corporations and public/private partnerships can also be contacted for funding opportunities.

**Council Member Shalhoub amended his motion to include “other public/private entities”, seconded by Council Member Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Town Annual Report – Gregory Freebold and Daniel Clark

Council Member Freebold discussed the various items noted in the State of the Town Report for activities that took place during 2018 including the following:

- Road paving completed in the Estates and a new water main constructed on Mango Circle
- Adoption of noise regulation codes
- Redrafting and codifying the Town's Code of Ordinances
- Installation of two new cameras equipped with license plate readers
- Improved communication including redesigning the "Shore Lines" Newsletter, the Town website and the addition of new social media channels for the Town.
- The CRA showed an increase in property values and streetlights along Forest Hill Boulevard were changed to energy efficient LED fixtures
- Additional Town events – Triples Tennis Tournament & the monthly Food Truck Invasion

Council Member Freebold noted that the Town does 15 events throughout the year, not including the monthly Food Truck Invasions, with the biggest event being the Annual BBQ. He encouraged everyone to sign up for CodeRED, so that they can receive town notifications, and the monthly "The Buzz" e-newsletter.

#### **IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Pastor Stan Sniezek, Town resident and pastor of New Life Alliance Church – noted that he could volunteer in other towns and other places, but he loves the Town and the time he spends volunteering here.

Bernadette Shalhoub, 8429 West Lake Drive – congratulated the Council Members on their newly appointed positions. She discussed the sign at Forest Hill Plaza announcing the winter 2018 opening of Jo Bistro and suggested that the sign be removed since they are not open yet. She also noted that she would like the Town Council to reinstate the Social Advisory Committee, so that the Town could host additional family events.

Victoria Prinzi, 1411 Carandis Circle – noted that everyone is very friendly to their neighbors in Lake Clarke Shores and that it is not like this in other communities. She noted that she likes not living in an area with HOA rules and regulations. She discussed the Notice of Violation that she received when she had her boat in her front yard while waiting to be serviced. She stated that she spoke to Officer Fisher about the situation and they worked it out. She also noted that she would like to have a streetlight installed along Carandis Circle. Mr. Clark noted that street lights are generally installed at intersections and in cul-de-sacs and that FPL can add security lights to private properties at the owner's request.

## **X. STATUS REPORTS:**

Chief Smith – did not have anything to add to his report at this time.

Mr. Schoech – noted that the Town will not be entering the VPN Security Appliance Service Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Palm Springs at this time. Meetings are still ongoing to clarify wording within the agreement.

Mr. Clark – noted that the new Town website is up and running at this time. He urged the Town Council to let staff know if they had any comments or concerns about the new design. He also noted that some items that were included on the old website have been removed due to ADA compliance issues. He noted staff is currently working on this and should have the missing items back on the website shortly.

He noted that upgrades are being made to the Munis program making it easier for customers to make utility payments. He also noted that Town Hall will be closed to allow for staff training and that he would notify them of the date, once it has been determined.

## **XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Shalhoub – thanked everyone for their participation in the BBQ. He noted that Eliza Hansen was in charge and did a remarkable job. He noted that the volunteers and Town staff worked together to make this event bigger and greater than ever before. He also noted that there were 32 sponsors for the event, that 1842 wristbands were handed out and that everyone that he spoke to had a great time.

Council Member Freebold –noted that he was the only Council Member able to make it back to Tallahassee the last week in March due to BBQ prep needs. He stated that he handed out additional pamphlets that discussed the Town's top priorities. He noted that the trips to Tallahassee help build partnerships within the State.

He also noted the Food Truck Invasion Friday evening and the Fishing Tournament on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He also noted the Waterway Clean up on April 27<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to volunteer for this event.

President Pro Tem Studdard – congratulated Vice Mayor Shalhoub and Council Member Freebold upon being sworn into office. He thanked Vice Mayor Shalhoub and Council Member Shalhoub for their work during the BBQ. He also thanked the Town staff and all of the other volunteers for the wonderful job they did for the BBQ.

He wished Mayor Rodriguez a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He noted that he is excited to serve as Vice Mayor and that he enjoys service the Town and the residents of Lake Clarke Shores.

He noted that many dignitaries from other municipalities attended and enjoyed the BBQ. He also noted that the Tax Planning Guide from the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Office has a lot of great information and encouraged everyone to contact them to receive a copy.

Mayor Rodriguez – thanked the Town Council for giving him the opportunity to serve as Mayor. He thanked Council Member Freebold for going to Tallahassee on behalf of the Town. He noted that the Town Council Members are dedicated to serving the residents of the Town and that he is looking forward to working with them, Mr. Clark and the Town staff to get things done.

He noted Eliza Hansen's involvement in the BBQ and stated that she did a great job putting everything together. He noted the upcoming Town events and encouraged everyone to participate in them.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Freebold; Motion approved (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.**

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Valentin Rodriguez, Mayor

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Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk