

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES  
VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2020**

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**1. Call to Order**

A. Roll Call

Mayor Valentin Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The following officials were present:

Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Mayor  
Paul R. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor  
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, President Pro Tem  
Gregory Freebold, Council Member  
Albert Pavon, Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation

Mayor Rodriguez requested a moment of silence for residents Robelle Griffin, Margery Eaton and Marta Molina; for Phillip Hartley, Sr., father of Town Finance Director Rick Hartley and for the families across the county, state, country and world that have been affected by COVID-19. 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.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Consent Agenda**

Mayor Rodriguez noted that prior to the meeting the Town received an email from Nicole Kirchhoff, 2054 Palmetto Road, containing questions regarding Consent Agenda Item 3. C. She asked if the people living in her area would be included in the septic to sewer plan since they receive water service from the Town. She also wanted to know if the state was funding the conversion. Mayor Rodriguez asked Mr. Clark to respond to her questions before the Council's vote on the Consent Agenda items. Mr. Clark noted that all properties within the Town's North Utility Service area would be included in the design efforts. He also noted that the Town received a legislative special appropriation in 2019 for \$300,000 that is being used for the survey work and there is a \$263,000 2020 legislative special appropriation for the design costs that the Town hopes to receive.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2020 Town Council Meeting.

- B. Approval of Resolution 2020-12 – Appointing a representative and alternate representatives to the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
- C. Approval of Master Agreement between the Town of Lake Clarke Shores and Jones Edmonds & Associates, Inc. regarding the design, permitting, financing, rate studies, assessments, and construction services for a general wastewater collection and pumping system (septic to sewer), for the Client’s Utility Service Areas, and to allow task orders to be signed by the Town Manager.

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

**4. Presentations**

- A. Alexandria Ayala – Candidate for School Board District 2

Ms. Ayala introduced herself. She noted that she was born in Puerto Rico but moved to this area with her family when she was young. She attended and graduated from local schools. She noted that she is running for the School Board District 2 seat to bring new energy to the School Board. She reminded everyone of the August 18, 2020 Primary Election and encouraged everyone to vote.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub asked Ms. Ayala her thoughts on COVID-19 and virtual learning. She noted it is hard to ensure students are provided an equal education with the limited resources available to them during COVID-19. She noted recommendations from the State and PBC School Board will be forthcoming and may include students attending some classes at school and the remaining classes at home.

Victoria Prinzi, 1411 Carandis Circle – asked Ms. Ayala her thoughts on students learning English as a primary language. Ms. Ayala noted that she attended English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes when she started school in the United States. She noted that students need to have a grasp of the English language to do well in school.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked Ms. Ayala for her participation in the meeting and reminded people that they can vote by mail or in person on Election Day.

**5. Quasi-Judicial Proceedings**

- A. None

**6. Public Hearing**

- A. None

**7. Unfinished Business**

- A. None

**8. New Business**

- A. None

## **9. Audience Comments**

*Note: Status Reports were done prior to the Audience Comments. The minutes reflect the actual order of the agenda.*

Timothy Daughtry, 1410 Keller Road – noted that he was very disappointed about an anonymous note that he found in his mailbox regarding his yard signs. He noted that everyone has the right to their views and should be able to place signs in their yards without any problems. His daughter Tina also voiced her concerns.

Victoria Prinzzi, 1411 Carandis Circle – complemented Ms. Emilie Pearson for her work making on the virtual meetings. She also discussed the number of solicitors that are in Town lately.

Mayor Rodriguez noted that the Town issues permits to all solicitors working within the Town limits. Residents should ask solicitors to show them their solicitation permit, and if the solicitor does not have a Town permit, the resident should contact the Police Department so an officer can be dispatched to the location.

*Note: The following emailed questions and/or comments were read prior to adjourning the meeting. The minutes reflect the actual order of the agenda.*

Dina Schmidt, 1811 Antigua Road – requested an update on the property located at the corner of Forest Hill Boulevard and West Lake Drive. It was noted that Vice Mayor Shalhoub discussed this issue during his Council Comments.

Scott Herwig, 7124 West Lake Drive – requested that the Town consider a traffic signal for the intersection of Forest Hill Boulevard and West Lake Drive. It was noted that Forest Hill Boulevard is a state roadway. FDOT has standards for distances between traffic signals and would likely deny a request for a traffic signal since there are a number of side streets to get to the traffic signal at the Florida Mango Road and Forest Hill Boulevard intersection to make a left turn.

Cathie Staszak, 7813 Pine Tree Lane – noted that a group of approximately 12 jet skiers race down the lake every Sunday afternoon making it very unsafe for boaters. She wanted to know what could be done about this. It was noted that the Police Department has changed patrol assignments so that there can be an officer patrolling the waterways every weekend, weather permitting. It was also noted that going fast and traveling in groups is not against the law, but reckless driving and endangering other boaters is.

## **10. Status Report**

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Chief Smith – noted the number of citations and warnings that were issued by the Marine Unit since the May meeting.

Mayor Rodriguez noted the protests that had taken place along Forest Hill Boulevard within the Town limits and commended Chief Smith for how he and his officers responded.

Mr. Schoech – did not have anything to add to his report.

Mr. Clark – noted that there will be a COVID-19 Mobile Testing unit in the Town Hall parking lot on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that the Town has the second highest response rate in the state for 2020 Census. Mr. Clark explained that there is still time to respond to the 2020 Census and encouraged all Council Members to talk to their friends and neighbors to remind them to complete their Census on line.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub also asked about the decrease in revenue noted in Mr. Clark's report. Mr. Clark noted the lower amount is partly from less building permit activity and anticipation of lower gas and sales taxes collected due to COVID-19.

## **11. Council Comments**

Council Member Pavon – noted Chief Smith's status report that included two cards that the Chief received from children thanking the Chief and Police Officers for their service. It was noted that the Chief organized the drive-by to help the children celebrate their birthdays.

Council Member Freebold – discussed the Town's Census response rate and how important it is for everyone to respond to the questionnaire so that the Town does not miss out on receiving its share of federal funds or be under represented in the state and federal government.

He wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – noted that there is a fireworks bill pending in legislation that would remove the declaration stating that the fireworks were purchased to scare away birds.

He agreed with Council Member Freebold's remarks about the 2020 Census. He noted that he would like the Town to take over first place in the state. He asked residents to talk to their neighbors about the importance of completing the Census questionnaire.

He discussed the death of George Floyd and the protests that are happening across the country. He thanked the various agencies that were on standby to assist with the protests that took place on Forest Hill Boulevard and was thankful that they were not needed.

He asked Mr. Clark to explain the FPL activities that are taking place in Town. Mr. Clark noted that FPL is planning on hardening their equipment, so they are marking poles that will be replaced and painting areas on the ground for cables. Asplundh Tree Service is also cutting trees in preparation for hurricane season.

He noted the speed trailer that was placed on West Lake Drive to show drivers how fast they are traveling along the roadway.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – thanked everyone for their attendance and also thanked those that have reached out to him with their concerns.

He noted that the Marine Patrol will be patrolling the waterways over the weekends to help control reckless boating. He also noted that since the lake is open to the public, residents are not the only ones using the lake.

He discussed the property located at 6900 West Lake Drive and noted that no decisions have been made on what to do with this property. He noted that most of the Town Council stated in March that they would like to keep it as residential property. There was discussion on changing the zoning to allow for multi-family residential use. He noted that his opinion would be to keep the property as single family residential, but noted that there may be a better use for the property.

He noted the peaceful protests that took place in Town and commended the Chief on their actions and thanked the other agencies for their assistance.

He wished a Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there.

Mayor Rodriguez – noted the protesting that is taking place across the country. He stated that police brutality is a very serious matter and that protesting is making a difference.

He noted the number of people infected with COVID-19 continues to rise and reminded everyone that the use of face masks and social distancing will help stop the spread of this disease.

He thanked the Town Council, Mr. Clark, Chief Smith and the Town staff for all that they do for the Town.

He wished a Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers and everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **12. Adjournment**

**Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM, seconded by Council Member Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).**

Signature of Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Mayor

Signature of Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk