

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Immediately following the CRA Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A) ROLL CALL

Mayor Valentin Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

The following officials were present:

Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Mayor
Paul R. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, President Pro Tem

The following official was absent:
Gregory Freebold, Council Member

B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION
(Moved to the beginning of the First Public Hearing 2019/2020 Town Budget)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to approve the Agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (3-0).

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A)** Approval of the Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Town Council Meeting.
- B)** Approval of amended agreement between the Town of Lake Clarke Shores and Nowlen, Holt & Miner, P.A. for auditing services through the end of the 2022 fiscal year.
- C)** Approval of agreement with Clarke Aquatics to provide services from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (3-0).

4. PRESENTATIONS:

A) None

5. QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:

A) None

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

A) None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A) None

9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Ann Warren, 7524 Edgewater Circle – suggested that the Town notify contractors and/or residents to store loose items when a storm is threatening the area so that the items do not cause damage. She noted residents place their garbage and trash along the roadways for collection before items are supposed to be out. She also noted that people are repairing vehicles in their driveways.

Claudine Vassuer, 6904 Venetian Way – noted that she wanted to discuss how the trees being removed from Pine Tree Park have damaged her privacy and reduced the value of her property. Mr. Clark asked her to contact him to set up a meeting to discuss this issue.

Tammy Bass, 410 Chipewan Drive and Tammy Lytle, 593 Tallulah Drive – discussed issues they have with their utility bills including late charges being added, the water being shut off without the customers having the opportunity to make other arrangements, how the Town handles boil water notices, the length of time the Town keeps water deposits and how long it takes the Utility Department to correct the bill when the meter is misread. There was also discussion about having the Town Manager approve credits instead of having to go to the Town Council, but no decision was made on this.

Hector Herrera, 7301 Venetian Way – revisited the issue of having a green market at St. Mary's Orthodox Church. He noted that he had emailed additional information regarding green markets to the Town Council and asked if they had a chance to review the information. He stated that he has talked to a number of people who are in support

of holding a green Market at the church. He is willing to work with the Town to see this happen.

Mr. Schoech noted that was instructed to review the information provided during the August 13, 2019 Town Council Meeting and prepare an ordinance, but Mr. Clark asked him to wait until more information could be provided. Mr. Schoech noted that many things need to be considered before making changes to codes or creating a new zoning district. He stated that if the Town is going to allow green markets, there should be restrictions placed on the location, or locations, where the green market would take place. The size of the lot, parking, street access, traffic control and public safety issues should all be addressed in the proposed regulations.

There were various discussions regarding changing the codes versus applying for a special exception or a special events permit; who should be running the green market; the possibility of holding the green market on Town property; if creating a new zoning district or changing the codes would be in the best interest of the Town and the possibility of issuing the green market a temporary permit to see if it would work.

There was consensus from the Council to place this issue on the October 15, 2019 agenda for further review.

Father Peter Sphortun, St. Mary's Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach – noted that the church's Board of Directors would need to hold meetings to discuss rezoning the St. Mary's property before the Town decides to create a new zoning district.

He also noted that he has been receiving phone calls from various people asking about the green market and lets them know that the Town is working on this, but a decision has not been made. He noted that the while the Church holds a Fall Festival every year inside the church without any problems, holding the green market outside is a different situation.

10. STATUS REPORT:

Chief Smith – noted the Uniform Crime Report shows that crime in the Town is down 15% from last year.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub thanked the Chief and his officers for their work to make this happen.

Mr. Schoech – noted that he will work with Mr. Clark on the green market issue and have something ready on this for the October 15th meeting. He also noted that he was waiting for the bank to finish reviewing the changes made to the foreclosure documents for the property located at 6900 West Lake Drive.

Mr. Clark – reminded the Town Council of the mandatory Ethics Training session taking place on October 30th.

He also noted that shelving units will be installed in the conference room adjacent to the Council Chambers.

Mayor Rodriguez asked about the possibility of eliminating the “Holiday’s in Paradise” Parade since there was not much participation in the last parade. He noted the tree lighting event takes place the same night, which is well attended by residents. He would like the Town to eliminate the parade and focus more on the tree lighting.

There was discussion about moving the parade to another day or holding a smaller version of the parade in the evening to lead people to the tree lighting event. Chief Smith noted that it would be very hard to hold an evening parade due to the number of officers it would take to keep everyone safe.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that the parade is a wonderful community event and the residents and the parade entrants that participate love it. He asked that the Town Council revisit this issue at the next meeting.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – apologized for missing the August Town Council meeting because he was out of the country. He noted receiving an invitation to the Homeless Coalition’s luncheon and asked if anyone else was planning on attending. It was noted that in the past, the Town Council has gone to the gala, and not attended the luncheon.

He also asked about the future widening of Florida Mango Road. It was noted that the south end of Florida Mango Road widening will begin in October 2020. The north end will take place in 2021.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – noted that today was his sister, Christina Seal’s birthday and wished her a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Rodriguez – noted the destruction caused by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and the ongoing relief efforts taking place.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (3-0).

Valentin Rodriguez Jr., Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk