

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
HYBRID TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021**

1. Call to Order

A. Mayor Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The following officials were present:

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

The following official was absent:

Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shalhoub requested a moment of silence for resident Judge David Brannon. Pastor Hunter, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, gave the invocation then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Pavon; Motion approved (4-0).

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Town Council Meeting.
- B. Approval of Resolution 2021-19 – Expressing Appreciation to Trent Swift for his service on the Code Enforcement Board.
- C. Approval of Resolution 2021-20 – Expressing appreciation to Jessica Fontaine for her service on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- D. Approval of Resolution 2021-21 – Proclaiming 2020 Volunteer of the Year.
- E. Approval of Resolution 2021-22 – Expressing Appreciation to Timothy Daughtry for his service on the Code Enforcement Board.
- F. Approval to Terminate the following COVID-19 policies:

Return to Work COVID-19 Policy
COVID-19 Pay Policy
FMLA Leave Expansion and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy

- G. Approval of agreement with Access Computers and task order to up-grade servers.

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

4. Presentations

- A. Volunteer of the Year presentations – 2019 & 2020

Mayor Shalhoub noted that Greg Parkinson was chosen as the 2019 Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding dedication and service to the Town. He noted the many years that Greg and his family have lived in the Town; that he and his wife made donations to the Town BBQ and purchased whole pigs that were smoked, displayed and eaten during the BBQs; that he has been the captain of the “Hot Dog Stand” since the 2016 BBQ; and that he volunteers for other events including the Town’s waterway cleanups. He then presented Greg Parkinson with a plaque and a copy of the Resolution proclaiming him as the 2019 “Volunteer of the Year”.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that Officer Ed Manak was chosen as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year for the many hours that he volunteers for the Police Department. He noted that Officer Manak retired from the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Department after 35 years of service; that he remains a member of the PBSO Honor Guard; that he began volunteering with the Town in 2020; he volunteered approximately 1408 hours patrolling the Town by the end of December and continues to volunteer 30 to 40 hours a week. Mayor Shalhoub presented Officer Ed Manak with a plaque and Chief Smith presented him with a pin. A copy of the resolution proclaiming him as the 2020 “Volunteer of the Year” was given to him after the meeting.

5. Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

- A. None

6. Public Hearing

- A. None

7. Unfinished Business

- A. None

8. New Business

- A. None

9. Audience Comments

A. Emailed Questions/Comments

Sarah Davie, 1802 Antigua Road – asked when the Town was going to put the hoops back on the basketball courts. Mr. Clark noted that only a small number of people in this area have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and people are still spreading and catching the disease. He noted that the numbers are going down, but would like to keep the basketball courts closed for a little while longer since you cannot maintain a safe distance between players when playing basketball. The Council asked Mr. Clark to monitor the COVID-19 data and open the basketball courts when it is safe.

B. Written Questions/Comments – None

C. Verbal Questions/Comments – None

10. Status Report

Mr. Schoech – gave an update on the noise complaint. He noted that due to the noise that the business generates, a Business Tax Receipt should not be issued to the home based business until the business can comply with Town codes.

Chief Smith – noted that five new cameras have been placed in various locations throughout the Town and listed some of the items that the cameras record. He also noted the number of vehicles that were checked within the 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Mr. Clark – reminded everyone about the public meeting being held on June 17th regarding the proposed Pickleball Courts at Community Park.

He also noted that he attended the Florida City County Managers Association annual conference where he made a presentation on the American Relief Plan and did a podcast where he discussed CRAs and Septic to Sewer Conversions. It was noted that Mr. Clark received an award from FCCMA for going above and beyond the call of duty. It was also noted that Mr. Clark has received the “Home Rule Hero” award from the Florida League of Cities for three years in a row.

11. Council Comments

Council Member Pavon – congratulated Mr. Clark on his accomplishments, noted that he likes the look of the Police Department reports and wished a Happy Father’s Day to all fathers.

President Pro Tem Freebold – congratulated Gregory Parkinson and Officer Manak on being the Volunteer of the Year for each of their respective years and thanked them for all that they do for the Town. He also congratulated Mr. Clark and wished all fathers a Happy Father’s Day.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – congratulated both of the Volunteers of the Year and Mr. Clark for a well-deserved recognition.

He discussed the possibility of having Little Free Libraries in Town and noted the City of Miami resolution regarding algae blooms and the United States Army Corps of Engineers re-evaluation of the Lake Okeechobee Systems Operations Manual.

He also noted that he has received inquiries from residents wanting to know when the Town will start having events. Mr. Clark noted that July 13th would be a good time for the Town Council to discuss this issue since there will be a budget workshop that evening.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that he will be going to Orlando with Mr. Clark to participate in the Florida League of Cities Municipal Administration Committee meetings. He also noted HB 1059 regarding the implementation of electronic building permitting that was passed by the Legislature and is waiting for the Governor's signature. He stated that this would be another unfunded mandate that takes away Home Rule rights from municipalities.

Mayor Shalhoub – expressed his appreciation to Jessica Fontaine, Trent Swift and Tim Daughtry for the time that they served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Code Enforcement Board.

He noted that as a member of the Taxation Committee, he would also be attending the Florida League of Cities committee meetings in Orlando.

He noted that the use of "Whereas" throughout the Town's resolutions is very out dated. He asked the Town Council about changing the wording of resolutions to use only one "Whereas" at the beginning of the document and to continue the use of a semicolon and the word "and" to complete each statement. He noted that this would make the resolution easier to read when being presented. Mr. Schoech noted that there are instances where more than one "Whereas" would be needed to make the document legally sufficient.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Freebold to limit the number of "Whereas" used as necessary, seconded by Council Member Pavon; Motion approved (4-0).

Mayor Shalhoub wished all fathers a Happy Father's Day.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by President Pro Tem Freebold to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM, seconded by Council Member Pavon; Motion approved (4-0).

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk