

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2022**

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 (attended meeting virtually)
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor
Gregory Freebold, President Pro Tem
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member
Robert O. Gonzalez, Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Hunter, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Vice Mayor Shalhoub led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Shalhoub noted that the Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Inc., Local 2928, IAFF would like to be added to the agenda give a presentation to the Town Council.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to add the presentation to the agenda as Item 4. A, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (5-0).

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the Agenda after the addition of Item 4.A, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

3. Consent Agenda

Mayor Shalhoub noted that a correction is needed to page 9 of the April 12, 2022 minutes to reflect that he stated that “he does not make his decisions based on what affects him personally” instead of “he makes his decisions...”

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to correct the April 12, 2022 minutes as noted, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez; Motion approved (5-0).

A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Town Council Meeting.

B. Approval of Resolution 2022-07 – Appointing a representative and alternate representatives to the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.

C. Approval of Resolution 2022-08 – Appointing Members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

- D. Approval of Resolution 2022-09 – Appointing Members to the Town of Lake Clarke Shores Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee.
- E. Approval of Resolution 2022-10 – Appointing Members to the Code Enforcement Board.
- F. Approval of Proclamation by the Town Council recognizing the week of May 11 - 17, 2022 as “National Police Week”.
- G. Approval of Proclamation by the Town Council recognizing the week of May 15 - 21, 2022 as “Water Reuse Week”.

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

4. Presentations

- A. Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Inc., Local 2928, IAFF – Jeffery Newsome, President; Angelo D’Ariano, Secretary/Treasurer and William Murphy, Retired Firefighter/Paramedic

Mayor Shalhoub noted the Union Representatives present and thanked them for their past support and generosity to the Town BBQs. He noted that he was looking forward to their presentation.

President Newsome noted the long standing partnership between IAFF and the Town of Lake Clarke Shores and the many years that they have been donating to the Town’s annual BBQs. He noted that he was pleased to present the Town with a check representing their total donation of \$4500.00 towards the 2022 BBQ.

After the presentation and pictures, Mayor Shalhoub thanked them for their generous donation and for all that they do for the Town.

5. Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

- A. None

6. Public Hearing

- A. None

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Discussion regarding speed hump policy.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that the speed hump policy needs to be reevaluated before any additional speed humps are installed. He asked the Council Members for their input in the matter.

Council Member Rodriguez noted that speed humps not only slow down traffic, but also lowers the response time for emergency vehicles when they respond to areas in Town. He noted that he was surprised to learn that it only takes a small number of residents to request that a speed hump be installed along a roadway.

Council Member Gonzalez noted that there are alternatives that the Town can use to slow down traffic without installing speed humps.

President Pro Tem Freebold noted the speed humps already in place along Pine Tree Lane. He also noted that a number of people walk and ride bikes on the roadways in Town, so there needs to be additional enforcement to prevent motorists from speeding.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that resident safety is important. He noted that drivers need to be aware of their speed. He asked Chief Smith about placing additional electronic speed signs or speed trailers along the roadways to show drivers how fast they are traveling. Chief Smith noted that the electronic speed signs not only show the driver's speed, they also keep track of speeds of all of the vehicles that pass by.

Assistant Chief Abruscato provided statistics for March and April that were gathered by the electronic speed signs located on West Lake Drive and Pine Tree Lane. He noted that the average of all of the vehicles was 21 miles per hour and the majority of vehicles were traveling at or below the speed limit. It was noted that 33 speeding tickets were issued during that time.

There was discussion among the Town Council regarding rescinding the current policy and procedures, considering a moratorium on the placement of future speed humps and giving staff time to come up with a new policy/procedure for the installation of speed humps.

Motion made by Council Member Rodriguez to place a moratorium on new and existing plans for the installation of speed humps for 90 days, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

B. Ongoing Septic to Sewer Discussion – Mayor Paul R. Shalhoub

Mayor Shalhoub noted that the Council Members would comment first, then members of the audience would be given a chance to speak.

Council Member Rodriguez – asked Mr. Clark to obtain information from Jupiter Inlet Colony and the Belvedere Homes area, to see how they added the sewers in those areas. He noted that additional discussions are needed on this issue, but he is convinced that something needs to be done to help the lake. He noted that more information is needed on the costs associated with the sewers and that three of the five Council Members live in the Phase 2 area, so this will affect them also.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that Mr. Clark performed an evaluation on mutual bonds vs. loans that was provided to residents through various mediums and on the Town's website.

President Pro Tem Freebold – noted that he has spoken to a number of residents about their concerns with the septic to sewer conversion. He noted that the Town Council and staff

continues to look at every angle of this issue and strives to make the best decisions for the Town.

Council Member Gonzalez – noted that the Town has a wonderful history, (which can be found on the Town’s website) and various Town issues have been settled, but the septic to sewer conversion has never been resolved. He noted that many things can be polluting Lake Clarke, but in the end, the Town needs to take care of the lake. He also noted that improvements in the design of septic tanks have been made over the years, such as the ability to separate and treat the nutrients before they leach into the drain field, but they come with higher costs.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – noted the various grants that are available and that the Town has been applying for these grants. He noted that the projects need to be shovel ready to qualify for the funding. He also noted that the Town has already received \$300,000 sewer grant money.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that there are various discussions on social media about financing the sewer conversion. He also noted that Tony Sacco came up with his own calculations on the bond issue. Mayor Shalhoub noted that Mr. Clark’s information was based on analysis, so he invited Mr. Sacco to meet with Mr. Clark and Mr. Lynch to go over his information.

The following audience members discussed their concerns on the septic to sewer conversion:

Timothy Daughtry, 1410 Keller Road
Howard Goldfarb, 7150 West Lake Drive
Jennifer Chrzanowski, 7130 Pine Tree Lane
Joseph Oblak, 6611 Pine Tree Circle

The discussion between the audience, the Town Council and Mr. Clark included the following: The lack of information on the water line replacement costs for MICA West in the engineer report; the increases in the costs for supplies needed for the project; the need to provide residents with the total costs associated with the sewer project; information on whether the project is actually mandated by the State or not; the need for the Town to do a TMDL before proceeding; Mr. Clark’s information regarding mutual bonds and loans and how and area of Orange County was able to lower the costs for sewer conversion for its residents.

8. New Business

A. None

9. Audience Comments

Note: The comments made during the audience portion of the meeting that pertained to the septic to sewer conversion have been included under Item 7 b. On Going Septic to Sewer Discussion.

A. Emailed Questions/Comments – None

B. Written Questions/Comments – None

C. Verbal Questions/Comments (in person and virtually) –

Ashok Kulkarni, 8131 West Lake Drive – noted the roadway resurfacing along a portion of West Lake Drive and the addition of the speed hump. He also discussed the continued need for the Council Chambers to be secured so that Town Hall can be opened to the public.

It was noted that the contractor has been hired to secure the chambers, but is waiting to receive the necessary supplies to complete the job.

Adrienne Rossi, 7200 Venetian Way – asked if the speed hump that was requested for Venetian Way would still be installed since it was already in progress prior to the Council's 90 day moratorium on speed humps.

It was noted that the moratorium put all speed humps on hold for 90 days.

Paulette Burdick, former Palm Beach County Commissioner – noted that she has seen firsthand the efforts that Mr. Clark has made to try and get funding for the Town and commended him for his actions. She also noted a problem she had while she was driving in Town and attempted turning left onto Forest Hill Boulevard.

Louise Brandenburg, 1890 Carissa Road – discussed the Town's codes regarding business tax receipts and home based businesses.

Timothy Daughtry, 1410 Keller Road – discussed the number of SUVs being used by the Town and the costs associated with them.

Claudine Vasseur, 6904 Venetian Way – noted the improvements made to the apartments at the corner of Carissa Road and Forest Hill Boulevard. She also noted that she participated in the April 23rd Waterway Clean up event. She noted that she picked up trash along Venetian Way. She encouraged residents to get involved to keep the Town clean.

Ann Warren, 7524 Edgewater Circle – noted the need for a trash can with lid to be placed near the doggie bag station on Gregory Road.

Ariel Hernandez, 1401 Carandis Circle – noted that he was involved in the placement of traffic calming devices along residential areas of West Palm Beach, so there are means to reduce speeding other than the use of speed humps.

Madison Lynn Graham, 7606 Pine Tree Lane – noted that she frequents the various parks in Town that she and her friend have been approached by people asking for money while in Town Hall Park. She stated that is concerned with the security and safety of the park. She also noted that while drivers are driving slower in the areas where the speed signs are located, they are speeding in other areas. She would like the Police Department to do something to stop this from continuing to happen.

Asst. Chief Abruscato noted that the Police Officers check the parks and Utility personnel are in the parks doing maintenance on a daily basis. He stated that the parks are open to the public, just because people do not look like they belong in the park, does not mean they can't be there.

He also noted that the Town has speed trailers that can be moved to various areas and if there is an area of particular concern, the Police Department can place the trailer in that area and record the speeds of the vehicles passing by.

Chief Smith noted that Officers are patrolling the roadways. They are monitoring the speed limits of drivers and issuing speeding tickets throughout the Town.

Mayor Shalhoub thanked everyone for their comments and participation in the meeting.

10. Status Report

Chief Smith – noted the officers are continuing with their training. He also noted the number of vehicles that were processed by the license plate readers (LPR). He noted that some of the Police Department vehicles have LPR installed in them and there are stationary readers located in various areas in Town.

There was also discussion regarding speed signs and speed trailers. It was noted that the speed trailers do not collect the same data as the speed signs due to the newer technology of the speed signs.

He noted the problem with the traffic light at Pain Tree Lane and Forest Hill Boulevard. He stated that officers monitor the traffic at the intersection if they are available, but it is not possible to have an officer there throughout the day. He also notes the Drug Take Back event that took place on April 30th and stated 50 pounds of various drugs were dropped off at the Police Department.

Mr. Schoech – did not have any comments at this time.

Mr. Clark – did not have any comments at this time.

President Pro Tem Freebold asked Mr. Clark about the number of children that can participate in the Fishing Camp scheduled for June 6th - 10th. Mr. Clark noted that there can be approximately 40 children in attendance based on the number of counselors the camp provides.

He also discussed the Waterway Cleanup event that took place on April 23rd and noted some of the items that were collected during the event. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Mayor Shalhoub thanked Mr. Clark for his work on applying for various grants. He noted the SWAG grant and the Federal 319 (h) grant paperwork has been submitted. He also noted that PBC has grant monies available and since the Town has projects that are shovel ready, paperwork has been submitted for these grants.

Mr. Lynch – was not available to attend the meeting.

11. Council Comments

Council Member Gonzalez – thanked everyone for their attendance. He noted that the people living in the Town are very fortunate that the crime rate is very low. He stated the Town and residents are incredible Town. He thanked the residents for their participation in the meeting

and those that participated in the Waterway Cleanup. He also noted the improvements that Ms. Vasseur has made to her property and thanked the utility office staff for their work on transitioning the utility payment system.

He reminded everyone to stay safe while walking or riding bikes in the evenings or after dark and noted that he still has reflective bracelets available.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – noted that BBQ prep will begin on Saturday for the May 15th BBQ and that volunteers are still needed. He thanked the Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Inc., Local 2928, IAFF for their generous donation to the BBQ and he thanked William Murphy for all his work towards the event.

He stated that he received a complaint from a resident about the broken handicapped swing at the park while he was campaigning. He noted that the swing has been replaced and is being used once again.

He thanked Officer Manak for representing the LCS Police Department at the Florida Law Enforcement Memorial in Tallahassee on April 25th and noted he did this on his own time and at his own expense. He also noted three LCS Officers were involved in saving the lives of two people and that the Town will award them with medals at an upcoming Council Meeting.

He noted Ms. Burdick's attendance and discussed some of the issues that took place during the recent legislative session.

Council Member Rodriguez – noted that Ms. Burdick helped obtain funding for Okeeheelee Park.

He noted that the Town was incorporated 65 years ago on July 1, 1957. He provided some statistics from the Town's past. He noted that he will be working on a 65th Anniversary booklet and asked residents to provide information on how long they have lived in Town, why they moved here, if they have lived in Town since its incorporation, etc.

He noted that he is looking forward to the BBQ on May 15th.

President Pro Tem Freebold – noted that the Town has been trimming costs as much as possible over the years by eliminating the need for the Town Engineer to attend the Council Meetings, by holding only one Council Meeting per month and by having our own fuel tank onsite instead of having to fill up Town vehicles at the gas station. He noted that the Town Council is dedicated to saving the residents as much as they can in as many ways as they can.

He also noted the sewer issue and stated that all of the Town Council members live in areas that will be affected by the sewer and will also be responsible for the costs involved.

He noted that 13 boats participated in Fishing Tournament that took place on May 7th and encouraged everyone to attend the BBQ.

He thanked those in attendance and encouraged everyone to continue coming to the meetings.

Mayor Shalhoub – noted the comments made by Mr. Daughtry and stated that the Town is saving approximately \$400,000 over 10 years by leasing vehicles instead of purchasing vehicles. He also noted that ABM was hired to update the A/C system which has saved the Town \$21,959. He noted that all of the services provided are done at a savings to the Town without lessening the service itself.

He stated that he appreciates all of the participation in the meetings and noted that the residents can discuss issues with the Town Council or Town staff at any time.

He noted that he is looking forward to seeing everyone at the BBQ.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Council Member Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk