

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2023**

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
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member
Robert O. Gonzalez, Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shalhoub requested a moment of silence for Clara Boohaker, Mayor Paul Shalhoub's grandmother and Vice Mayor Robert Shalhoub's mother-in-law.

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 President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Town Council Meeting.

B. Approval of Land Use License – Rhonda Townsend, 1429 Caribbean Road E –
New seawall

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

4. Presentations

A. None

5. Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

A. None

6. Public Hearing

- A. None

7. Unfinished Business

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2023-01 – Extending the temporary moratorium imposed by Ordinance 2022-01 on enforcement of Section 125-767 (a), (b) and (d) for an additional period of six months.

ORDINANCE 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM IMPOSED BY ORDINANCE 2022-01 ON ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 125-767(a), (b), AND (d) FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Shalhoub provided information on the trailer workshop that was held in November. He noted that additional input is needed to make changes to the code to make it easier to enforce.

- 1. Audience Comments - None
- 2. Council Action

The Town Council discussed the time needed to hold a second workshop and have a new ordinance ready for first and second reading. Mr. Schoech noted that he will send the Town Council a draft ordinance for their review. It was noted that once Mr. Schoech receives guidance from the Town Council on the wording of the draft ordinance, a second workshop will be scheduled for residence comments.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2023-01, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

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

Mayor Shalhoub noted that the Town is focusing on getting the funding to cover the cost of the septic to sewer conversion. He noted that the project cannot go forward until the funding is in place. He also noted that Mr. Lo Bello is already working with Mr. Clark to try to obtain funds for the conversion.

8. New Business

- A. Approval of an agreement with LMK Pipe Renewal, LLC, the responsive and responsible low bidder, in the amount of \$981,100 and giving the Mayor authorization to execute the agreement, subject to notice that additional CBDG funds will be available.

Mr. Clark noted that this agreement is to complete the sewer lining project in the Seminole Manor area. He noted that the cost associated with the project was higher than anticipated, so the Town is working with Palm Beach County to increase the amount of the CBDG funding to help cover the additional costs. He asked the Town Council to give the Mayor the authorization to execute the agreement to keep the project going forward.

There was concern from the Town Council that if the Mayor were to sign the agreement, the Town would still be obligated to LMK Pipe Renewal LLC to do the work even if the additional CBDG funds are not available. It was noted that the Mayor will not be signing the agreement unless the CBDG funds are increased.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the agreement with LMK Pipe Renewal LLC and to give the Mayor authorization to execute the agreement subject to additional CBDG fund availability, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

- B. Renewal of yearly Agreement of monthly pest control service from Safe Home Pest Control in the amount of \$207.00 per month.

President Pro Tem Freebold, owner of Safe Home Pest Control, abstained from the discussion and vote on this issue.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the yearly contract for pest control services with Safe Home Pest Control, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (4-0).

After the vote, President Pro Tem Freebold resumed his involvement in the meeting.

9. Audience Comments

Jeff Shahin, 8121 Pine Tree Lane – asked for an update on the construction along Florida Mango Road and the status of the Pine Tree Bridge replacement.

Mr. Clark noted that DOT has all the documents for the Pine Tree Bridge. He noted bidding for the project will begin in March and the construction will start in June, after the Summer Fishing Camp.

He also noted that the work on Florida Mango is ongoing, but the Town does not have any updates on how long it will take to complete the construction.

Dina Schmidt, 1811 Antigua Road – noted the construction along Florida Mango Road and the amount of trash and garbage that is piling up along the roadway in the area of the construction.

It was noted that the Town will contact the County to get this taken care of.

Louise Bing, 7401 West Lake Drive – read excerpts of a letter from FPL regarding the benefits of trees. She noted that trees give the Town character and she would like to see residents keep the trees in their yards instead of cutting them down.

Victoria Prinzi, 1411 Carandis Circle – suggested that the trailer workshop be held the third week in March.

10. Status Report

Chief Smith – reviewed the information contained in his report.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted the number of traffic citations issued by the Police Officers.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that Officer Pulles issued the most citations the past month.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked the Chief for having officers at the traffic light at Pine Tree Lane and Forest Hill Boulevard.

President Pro Tem Freebold noted a line of site issue regarding the stop sign at the corner of West Lake Drive and Gregory Road. It was noted that this will be taken care of.

Chief Adams, PBC Fire Rescue – noted that PBC Fire Rescue participated in 15 different events over the holidays including toy drives and sponsoring a child so that they would be able to participate in the annual Safety Patrol trip to Washington DC. She thanked Chief Smith for his thoughtful letter regarding their participation in the Menorah Lighting Event at Memorial Park. She also noted the number of calls made to the Town in December.

Mr. Schoech – did not have anything to add at this time.

Mr. Clark – noted the changes by State Legislators during the Special Session that affects home owner's insurance policies. He stated that flood insurance will be required for property owners located in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) in Town, if they are insured by Citizens Insurance. He noted that while the house may not be in the SFHA, the owner will still be required to obtain flood insurance because the property abuts the water, which is in the SFHA.

He also noted that a golf cart caused damage to the fence in Town Hall Park. He stated that the golf cart should have also been damaged as a result of hitting the fence. He asked for residents to help the Town find the culprits by providing any information they may have on this incident.

11. Council Comments

Council Member Gonzalez – noted the presentation made by Richard Pinsky during the December Town Council Meeting and stated that he did a very good job explaining and clarifying the information presented.

He also noted the various events that took place in December and stated that he is looking forward to the upcoming events. He also noted that the Council will be participating in Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee in March. He stated that he is proud to live in Lake Clarke Shores. He noted that more people know about Lake Clarke Shores and want to live here.

He noted Ms. Bing's concern with trees being removed from properties. He explained that sometimes trees are removed because roots from the tree cause problems with underground pipes.

Council Member Rodriguez – provided a brief background on Mr. Pinsky. He also noted his continued work on the 65th anniversary book and stated that he would like residents to send their stories about Lake Clarke Shores to him to be included in the book. He also requested assistance in putting the book together.

He thanked the Town staff for all of the work that they do and thanked Pastor Hunter for his invocation.

President Pro Tem Freebold – asked Mr. Clark for an update on the Blueway Trail.

Mr. Clark noted that the Blueway Trail is a trail that runs through Palm Beach County and under Palm Beach County jurisdiction. He noted that Blueway Trail, Inc. is the entity that is working on the C-51 boat lift project, which is still an ongoing project.

President Pro Tem Freebold noted the upcoming League of Cities events in Tallahassee. He also thanked the Town's staff for the work they do to keep the Town looking great and in good order.

He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – discussed flood insurance reform and noted that homeowner's insurance rates are very high.

He noted how Mr. Pinsky helps the Council when they go to Tallahassee. He also discussed the home being built on Beta Court. He stated that Town Codes allow homes to be up to a maximum of 30' in height, and the house is being built according to Town and Building Codes.

He noted that the 28th Annual BBQ will be taking place on March 26, 2023.

Mayor Shalhoub – noted the Candidate Forum on February 7th, and February 7th & 28th Town Council meetings, the February 11th Food Truck event and the Movie Night taking place on March 24th.

He also wished a Happy Birthday to his son Oliver, who turned 3 years old today.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk