

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2023**

1. Call to Order

A. Mayor Freebold called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The following officials were present:

Gregory Freebold, Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., President Pro Tem
Robert O. Gonzalez, Council Member
Jon Maples, Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Freebold requested a moment of silence for those who are affected by the various wars throughout the world. Pastor Stan Snizek, Pastor of the New Life Alliance 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 Gonzalez; Motion approved (5-0).

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Town Council Meeting.
- B. Approval of Resolution 2023-09 – Appointing a representative and alternate representatives to the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
- C. Approval of Resolution 2023-10 – Appointing Members to the Code Enforcement Board.
- D. Approval of Resolution 2023-11 – Appointing Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- E. Approval of Resolution 2023-12 – Expressing appreciation to Daniel P. Clark upon his retirement.
- F. Approval of Resolution 2023-13 – Appointing Members to the Town of Lake Clarke Shores Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee.
- G. Approval of Resolution 2023-14 – Expressing appreciation for the donors and sponsors to the Town's 28th Annual BBQ.

- H. Approval of Resolution 2023-15 – Expressing appreciation for the services rendered by the volunteers during the 28th Annual Town BBQ.
- I. Approval of Resolution 2023-16 – Expressing appreciation for the services rendered by the volunteers and donors during the 14th Annual Fishing Tournament.
- J. Approval of Resolution 2023-17 – Expressing appreciation for the services rendered by the donors and volunteers during the 16th Annual Waterway Clean-up.
- K. Approval of Resolution 2023-18 – Recognizing Town employees with more than 10 years of service to the Town and its residents
- L. Approval of Proclamation by the Town Council recognizing the week of May 14 - 20, 2023 as “National Police Week”.
- M. Approval for Joseph Lo Bello to begin full time employment as Town Manager on May 10, 2023.
- N. Approval of the Amendment (Amendment 002) to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Urban County Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and continue the participation in the Urban County Program for FY2024 – 2027.
- O. Approval of the use of donations for Town Manager Daniel Clark’s retirement dinner and parting gifts.

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

4. Presentations

- A. Honoring Daniel P. Clark in appreciation for his 12 years of dedicated service to the Town.

Mayor Freebold noted that Mr. Clark has always been very committed to the Town and its residents. He discussed Mr. Clark’s accomplishments and stated that Mr. Clark has worked long hours during the week and also on weekends, to the Town’s benefit. He also noted that the Town was able to save over \$1M in the past 12 years due to Mr. Clark’s expertise in engineering.

Mayor Freebold presented Mr. Clark with a plaque and a Key to the Town on behalf of the Town Council and staff. Mr. Lo Bello presented flowers to Beth Clark.

Mr. Clark thanked everyone for the plaque and Key to the Town. Before stepping down, he presented Mr. Lo Bello with ceremonial cuff links and noted Mr. Lo Bello was awarded as a 2023 Home Rule Hero by the Florida League of Cities. It was noted that Mr. Clark also received this award and he has been awarded this for 5 years in a row.

B. Legislative Update – Senator Bobby Powell, District 24

C. Legislative Update – Representative David Silvers, District 89

Senator Powell and Representative Silvers combined their presentations and addressed the Town Council and audience as a team. They noted the various legislation that is waiting for the Governor's signature and the legislation that did not pass during the session that ended on May 5, 2023. They also noted that the State budget was passed and provided information on some of the items that were included in the budget. It was noted that the Town's request for funding was not approved this year.

Council Member Gonzalez noted that Senator Powell and Representative Silvers work very hard while in Tallahassee and thanked them for their dedication and for being advocates for the Town.

Council Member Maples thanked them for taking the time to come to the meeting and sharing the information.

D. Legislative Recap – Richard Pinsky

Mr. Pinsky stated that Senator Powell and Representative Silver already covered a lot of the information that he was going to discuss. He noted that HB 1379 passed which puts water quality standards under the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He also noted that the DEP will begin to accept applications for waste water grants on July 1st. It was noted that the Town will be applying for this grant.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub thanked all three gentlemen for their help in Tallahassee.

E. Officer of the Quarter Award – Mayor Freebold
Awarded to Officer Reynaldo Pulles

Mayor Freebold noted the reasons that Officer Reynaldo Pulles was chosen as Officer of the Quarter. He congratulated him on his accomplishments and thanked him for a job well done. Mayor Freebold and Chief Smith presented Officer Pulles with his commendation and pin.

5. Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

A. None

6. Public Hearing

A. None

7. Unfinished Business

A. First Reading of Ordinance 2023-02 – Amending Section 125-767 of Chapter 125 – Zoning, regarding the parking of specified vehicles in residential districts.

ORDINANCE 2023-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 125-767, "PARKING OF SPECIFIED VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS", OF DIVISION 8. "MOBILE HOMES, TRAILERS, RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL AND CERTAIN OTHER VEHICLES" OF ARTICLE VII "SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS" OF CHAPTER 125 "ZONING", OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY REPEALING SECTION 125-767 AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 125-767 TO PROHIBIT THE PARKING OF SPECIFIED VEHICLES AND TO REGULATE THE PARKING OF SPECIFIED VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1. Audience Comments

Chris Zambelli, 7031 Venetian Way – noted that he would like to have the height of the fences raised to 6' instead of 4'.

Louise Brandenburg, 1890 Carissa Road – wanted clarification that screening for utility and/or cargo trailers is included in the ordinance.

2. Council Action

The Town Council discussed removing the option that allows neighbors to decide if they want the fence/hedge between the properties; whether the items should be screened from the street in addition to the neighboring properties; the length of time that the item can be parked in the front yard for loading and unloading; the length of time that residents should have to come into compliance with the new codes; and removing the need to have the property owner listed as the owner of the items since some properties are owned by corporations or by trusts.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Rodriguez to approve first reading of Ordinance 2023-02 with the suggested revisions being incorporated for second reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

Mr. Schoech noted that changes that the Town Council agreed on will be incorporated into the ordinance and distributed to the Town Council prior to the May 30th Town Council Meeting.

B. Agreement for sound equipment purchase

Council Member Gonzalez noted that two Shore Wireless Microphones were not included in the bill of sale for the sound equipment, bringing the total value of the equipment to over \$13,000. He also noted that the Town will be purchasing the equipment for approximately one third of its value.

Motion made by Council Member Gonzalez to purchase the sound equipment in the amount of \$3,971.55, seconded by Vice Mayor Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

8. New Business

A. None

9. Audience Comments

Ashok Kulkarni, 8131 West Lake Drive – thanked the Town for making the changes to the seating in the Council Chambers and reminded the Town Council to speak into the microphones.

Ken Barker, 8260 Pine Tree Lane – discussed Mr. Clark's tenure with the Town and thanked him and his wife for all they have done. He also welcomed Mr. Lo Bello and asked him if the Town was going to continue the summer fishing camp program for the kids. It was noted that the Fishing Camp will be held June 5 – 9 at Memorial Park.

Theresa Lemme, 7100 Venetian Way – noted that she had a problem contacting the Police Department after she seen an elderly couple standing under the eaves in front of her garage during a severe thunderstorm early in the morning on April 17th. She noted that the couple had been there for many hours and that a police vehicle drove by at 4:40 am, with the couple standing there in the rain, and did not stop to see why they were there. She noted that an officer eventually arrived and the couple was safely returned to their home, but if the officer that drove by at 4:40 am would have stopped, their ordeal would not have lasted so long.

Gisela Moro, 7311 West Lake Drive – discussed the vehicles that are speeding along the roadways in Town. She noted that her cat was hit and killed by a vehicle. She is concerned that a child playing near the roadway or someone that is walking along the roadway could be next. She also noted that people are not wearing reflective clothing while walking, making them more difficult to see.

The following residents discussed noise issues coming from the vacation rental properties located in Town:

Gisela Moro, 7311 West Lake Drive
George Scher, 1600 Barbados Road
Kelly Kirkpatrick, 7301 West Lake Drive
Casey Boyer, 1437 Mediterranean Road E

Casey Boyer, 1437 Mediterranean Road E – also noted the vegetation at the corner of Florida Mango Road and Arabian Road needs to be cut back or removed as is difficult to see the oncoming traffic.

10. Status Report

Chief Smith – reviewed the information contained in his report. He noted the number of calls and arrests made, the number of traffic stops and the number of speeding tickets issued during the past month. He noted that most of the speeding violations were issued to Town residents. He also provided the statistics from the LPR cameras and the number of code violations that were issued by Code Enforcement.

Mayor Freebold noted that Town staff will be meeting with Simons and White to discuss traffic calming measures and will bring their finding back to the Town Council for review.

President Pro Tem Rodriguez noted that for the past 3 weeks he has received complaints from residents that have been issued speeding tickets. He stated that the Police Officers are doing what they should do to those that are speeding through Town.

He also noted that additional flashing stop signs are needed in Town, so people can see them better at night. It was noted that this could be addressed in the meeting with Simons and White.

Chief Adams, PBC Fire Rescue – noted that hurricane season begins June 1st and asked Town residents to begin their preparations now instead of waiting until a storm is approaching. She stated that members of the Advanced Life Support Team participated in a competition in New York and brought home a 2nd place trophy. She noted that one of the team members is from the Town's local station. She also noted that May is Purple Martin Awareness Month. She noted that Purple Martin bird houses have been located at Stations 25 and 27 for many years and encouraged everyone to stop by to see the Purple Martins.

Chief Adams also discussed the number of calls that they responded to during the past month.

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

Mr. Lo Bello – thanked the Town Council and residents for making him feel welcome.

He noted that construction on the pickle ball courts will be starting soon and the Town will be going out for bids on the Pine Tree Bridge replacement. He also noted a draft ordinance on vacation rentals and revisions to the pavilion rental policy will be on the May 30th agenda.

He reminded everyone about the May 12th Food Truck event.

11. Council Comments

The Town Council responded to the audience comments regarding noise levels from the vacation rental properties and the pavilion. They also discussed the speeding taking place throughout the Town.

Council Member Maples – thanked the audience for their attendance and comments. He encouraged residents to contact the Police Department regarding speeding issues and noted that the Town will be working to resolve the issues with vacation rentals.

He thanked Mr. Clark for his service and Mr. Lo Bello for making the changes to the seating in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Gonzalez – thanked Town staff for their involvement in making changes to the codes that will help to reduce the noise coming from the parks and vacation rentals. He thanked the Police Officers and Code Enforcement for their stepped up enforcement. He noted the need for walkers and golf cart drivers to follow rules and regulations to stay safe and thanked everyone for their input in the trailer discussions.

He also thanked Mr. Clark for his years of service.

President Pro Tem Rodriguez – noted that the Town has been working on ways to reduce noise for many years and that new regulations have to be constitutional and enforceable.

He welcomed Mr. Lo Bello to the Town and noted that he has been involved with Town issues for many months prior to taking over as Town Manager.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – thanked everyone for their comments and patience regarding the trailer ordinance. He noted changes to the state golf cart regulations are waiting for the Governor's signature, which may affect the Town's golf cart codes.

He noted Mr. Clark's contributions to the Town. He stated that he has worked with three different Town Managers since he began his term on the Town Council and is looking forward to working with Mr. Lo Bello.

Mayor Freebold – thanked Mr. Clark for all of his work with the Town and wished a Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers everywhere.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez; Motion approved (5-0).

Gregory Freebold, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk