

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2006 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Thomas A. Katsanis called the Town of Lake Placid Town Council Organizational Meeting of Monday, May 8, 2006 to order at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. Drew Severance of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid gave the invocation. Alana Nielander and Victoria Caraballo of the Lake Placid Christian School led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: (Present)

Mayor Thomas A. Katsanis
Council Member Bill Brantley
Council Member Jim Waller
Council Member Debra Worley
Council Member Charles Wilson

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Police Chief Phil Williams
Town Public Works Director Jim Fulton
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman
Town Planner Sue BuChans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member Waller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of monthly reports and payment of monthly bills
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Approve Jaycees using Lake June Park July 3, 2006 for fireworks
- D. Set special meeting for May 22, 2006.

Council Member Wilson made a motion the consent agenda be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance No. 06-487 – Annexation of High Pines (2nd Hearing) Council Member Brantley made a motion Ordinance No. 06-487 be approved on second hearing by reading of title only and adopted; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ordinance No. 06-513 – PD Ordinance (2nd hearing) Council Member Waller made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-513, subject to Section 154-13 – Planned Development District (I) being removed and (H) (10)(a) remaining; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously. (This Ordinance will be readvertised and reviewed for adoption on May 22, 2006 after changes are made.)

- C. Ordinance No. 06-514 – Parking Ordinance (2nd hearing) Council Member Waller made a motion Ordinance No. 06-514 be approved on second hearing by reading of title only and adopted; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Ordinance No. 06-515 – Sale of Property to County (EMS Property) (1st hearing) Council Member Wilson made a motion Ordinance No. 06-515 be approved on first hearing by reading of title only; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- E. Ordinance No. 06-516 – Amending level of service for Parks (1st hearing) Atty. Harris asked that Council postpone this Ordinance and bring it back for public hearing in June 2006.
- F. Ordinance No. 06-517 – Amend Chapter 151 (Power Substations) (1st hearing) Council Member Waller made a motion Ordinance No. 06-517 be approved on first hearing by reading of title only and subject to recommended changes being made; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- G. Ordinance No. 06-518 – Repealing Chapter 154-35 (1st hearing) Council Member Brantley made a motion Ordinance No. 06-518 be approved on first hearing by reading of title only; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- H. Ordinance No. 06-519 – Revising Rates for Water & Sewer – This ordinance will be presented on June 26, 2006. No action was taken.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

A. Town Attorney:

- 1. Approval of U.S. 27 landscape plans – Council Member Worley made a motion the landscape plans presented for U.S. Highway 27 renovation be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Central Florida Yamaha Sign settlement order –this matter will be discussed at our special meeting on May 22, 2006.

B. Planning Director:

- 1. Debbie Rutledge – Banner at SFCC – Mrs. Rutledge stated the Florida Outdoor Drama League was holding a summer class at the SFCC and the League would like to place a banner at the SFCC advertising the class. Atty. Harris stated the Council had just adopted a new Ordinance allowing banners. He stated he was not sure of the time limit. Council Member Waller made a motion the League work with Atty. Harris and the Mayor concerning the new Ordinance and that the Mayor have the latitude to approve the request if the Ordinance allows it; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Sign Ordinance Discussion – Mrs. BuChans (Town Planner) stated she had a request for a “V” Sign and stated she did not find a reference to the sign in our code. Council Member Worley made a motion Mrs. BuChans work (at her leisure) on amending the Town’s Code to prohibit “V” Signs; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Mrs. BuChans also stated she could not find in our Town Code any mention of setbacks for signs. Council Member Brantley made a motion Mrs. BuChans work (at her leisure) on amending the Town’s Code to require signs to be five (5’) foot

setback from sidewalks in the Town's General District; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

4. Trails & Paths Subcommittee – Mrs. BuChans stated the Growth Management Committee was asking the Council to approve of a Trails & Paths Subcommittee. She stated the Highlands County Planning Department had already discussed this matter with Merritt O'Brien who assisted the County in their Trails & Paths Committee. Mr. Polatty was asking that Mr. O'Brien be the Chairman of the group being as he has already participated in a similar committee. Mayor Katsanis stated he would like to appoint Mr. O'Brien as Chairman and the committee to consist of John Honeywell, Robert Summers, Bob Hodge, Hillary Swain, Richard McConnell, Jack Ritchie, and a member of the Growth Management Committee. Mr. Rhon Jones, an engineer with Rhon Ernst-Jones was present and volunteered to serve on the Committee as a non-voting member. Council Member Waller made a motion the Council establish a Trails & Paths Subcommittee; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Waller made a motion the Mayor be authorized to appoint the members to the Trails & Paths Subcommittee; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider engineers that responded to RFP for pass through ordinance (Envisors, Polston Engineering, Inc. & Chastain-Skillman, Inc.) Mrs. BuChans stated her office would be contacting the engineers listed to see if they would be willing to work with the Town in this capacity.
6. Discussion of School Concurrency – Jim Polatty presented a short PowerPoint to the Council on the required school concurrency. Mr. Polatty stated they would keep the Council informed on their progress. Mayor Katsanis stated he had appointed Richard McConnell as a member of the School Concurrency Committee.
7. Request to Annex – Rafat Ghaznavi (Sunrise United, Inc.) – Council Member Worley stated Mrs. Ghaznavi had just left. However, Council Member Worley stated Mrs. Ghaznavi was interested in annexing her property that is located next to Oak Hill Cemetery. Council Member Worley stated Bryan Paul, who owns property adjacent to Mrs. Ghaznavi is also interested in annexing. Council Member Worley stated she knew other property owners in the vicinity of Mrs. Ghaznavi who she felt would also be interested in annexing. She stated she would report back to the Council at the next regular meeting.
8. Lot Size Study – Council Member Brantley stated he would like to see the Town be consistent with the County's property sizes which are 80' x 125', excluding developments involved in the PD Ordinance. Council Member Brantley made a motion to direct staff to proceed with preparing a proposed ordinance amending the Town's Code to require lots to be 80' x 125', excluding PD developments; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
9. Council asked Mrs. BuChans to look at the Town's Land Development Code and make suggestions on updating it.

C. Public Works Director:

1. Franchise Agreement – Reliable Sanitation, Inc. – Mr. Fulton informed the Council Reliable Sanitation, Inc. has been sold. Therefore, we have no franchise agreement and are not collecting franchise fees on dumpsters in the Town. Council Member Waller made a motion Mr. Fulton and Atty. Harris prepare an Ordinance on the use of dumpsters within the Town; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

D. Utility Director:

1. Bid Opening – CDBG Administrator – Sewer Lines – Mr. Freeman stated Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. was the only bid he received for the administrator of the CDBG Grant. Council Member Waller made a motion that the Council approve sole source bidder, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
2. Bid for software billing – Mr. Freeman stated he and the Town Clerk had discussed purchasing a complete system for the computer, consisting of the billing system, payroll, accounts receivable and payable, etc. He stated he had received a quote from a company other than the company selected by the Council for the billing software and would like to go with them. Council Member Waller stated he felt we should wait until the next budget year to consider spending so much on a computer system. Mr. Freeman will contact the company and see if they can come down and present a program for staff.

E. Police Chief/Code Enforcement: No reports

F. Town Clerk: No Reports

G. Mayor/Council Members:

1. Election of Vice Mayor – Council Member Waller, the present Vice Mayor, stated because of his workload he did not feel he could continue to serve as Vice Mayor. Council Member Waller made a motion Council Member Brantley be elected Vice Mayor; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
2. NuHope Lease – Council stated they felt with the beautification being done on Main Street it was not advisable for the Town to continue to leave a trailer on Main Street. They feel the land could be utilized for more efficient projects. Mayor Katsanis stated he would talk with NuHope about removing the trailer.
3. Procedural Manuel – Mrs. Tuck stated Rachel Osborne had developed the manual. She stated it was something the Town’s auditors had requested. Mrs. Tuck asked the Council members to review the manual and we would discuss it at the next regular meeting.

Council Member Waller made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.