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1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Chair, Dr. Bob Preziosi and Committee members Dr. Kerry Waldee, Stephanie Bell and Finance Director Bill Underwood.

Also present were Town Administrator Kovanes and Colleen Ryan.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no Minutes to be approved.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Parks and Recreation Fee Survey

Dr. Preziosi requested that the Committee members read the Parks and Recreation Survey before the next meeting

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Town Administrator Kovanes/Colleen Ryan

Dr. Preziosi advised that Mr. Kovanes was available to answer questions from the Committee members. Dr. Preziosi asked Mr. Kovanes what was expected of the Committee. Mr. Kovanes stated he preferred requests to be understandable, simple and easy to implement. He spoke of the Town's rapid progress and growth. He spoke of the importance of being honest and straightforward about issues before problems developed. He felt it was necessary to identify benchmarks that were important to the Town. Mr. Kovanes also felt it was time to implement a strong 5-year plan while establishing reserves to handle unforeseen crises or natural disasters. He voiced his concern about the loss of Town employees with valuable expertise and institutional knowledge. He indicated he wanted to focus on better cost analysis with regard to future employee exits. He spoke further of his goals for the Town and indicated a lot of work was ahead and stated that he wanted to identify the cost

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to run each particular department. He also wished to change some aspects of the Town's organizational chart.

Colleen Ryan spoke briefly of the Town's challenges over the last two years due to grant programs being eliminated and due to effects of the federal deficit.

Mr. Kovanes felt the Town should not be looking at acquiring parcels in commercial or industrial zoned regions. He felt it was more logical to try to acquire land that abutted existing parks or trails. Ms. Bell asked about the progress of the proposed bond issue. Mr. Kovanes indicated he had worked on a schedule of meetings starting at the end of June, to inform voters about their financial responsibilities if the bond issue passed.

With regard to United Ranches, Mr. Kovanes stated that the Town had more services and amenities that complemented the lifestyle of United Ranches. Mr. Kovanes asked for the Committee's input on United Ranches with regard to the Town taking over provision of its public safety. Dr. Preziosi felt this was doable and suggested that the Town spend some time studying this issue. He also wanted to hear the Town Attorney's perspective about any liability involved. Dr. Preziosi asked about the progress of the Pine Island Ridge annexation issue. Mr. Kovanes advised that this would be placed on the county ballot in March 2006 and the annexation vote in September 2006.

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments taped on the Audio Recording.

6. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss and no objections, _____ made a motion, seconded by _____, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 3-0)

NOTE: There was no audio recording on SIDE B indicating who made the final motions. The cassette ended on Side A at the one hour point.

Date approved

Chair/Committee Member