

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
EQUINE EMERGENCY DISPOSITION MEETING  
MAY 12, 2014**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Hattan and Councilmembers Caletka, Luis and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Lemack, Town Attorney Rayson and Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

**3. Resolution**

**EMERGENCY EQUINE: DISPOSITION OF 21 PASO FINO HORSES**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, COMPLYING WITH THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY IN AN ANIMAL ABUSE CASE THAT REQUIRED THE TOWN OF DAVIE TO UNDERTAKE CUSTODY OF 21 ABUSED HORSES; IDENTIFYING EMERGENCY SERVICES REQUESTED, PROVIDED BY THE PEACEFUL RIDGE RESCUE, INC., AND THE REQUISITE EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR SUCH; FOLLOWED BY LEGAL ACTION RESULTING IN COURT-APPROVED TITLE TO THE TOWN OF DAVIE OF THE 21 PASO FINO HORSES; THE TOWN COUNCIL'S AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP IN THE 21 PASO FINO HORSES FROM THE TOWN OF DAVIE TO THE PEACEFUL RIDGE RESCUE, INC.; CONDITIONED UPON NO FURTHER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE.; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rayson said the resolution would transfer title of the horses to Peaceful Ridge Rescue Inc. and the Town's responsibility to pay for care of the horses, which had been evidence in a criminal case, would be ended.

Mayor Paul remarked that Peaceful Ridge's proposal was fair and equitable and she appreciated the time and care they had given the horses.

Mr. Rayson confirmed the Town was on solid legal ground. He added that the \$25,518, expended by the Town for the horses' emergency care had come from the Police Forfeiture Fund and this was proper.

Councilmember Starkey wondered if the Town should have a policy in place to handle this type of situation in the future. Mr. Lemack said they were drafting an RFP to formalize a relationship with someone to address this type of issue. He noted that this was a County-wide concern and they would consider partnering with the County to address large animal issues throughout the County.

Councilmember Luis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Caletka to approve the resolution. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Hattan - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

Mayor Paul agreed to sign the bill of sale to transfer ownership immediately.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk