



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY OPEN DISCUSSION WORKSHOP
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 155 F. Road, Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470
Tuesday, December 03, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Kane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Anita Kane, Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Councilmember Laura Danowski, Councilmember Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember Robert Shorr, Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney Glen Torcivia, Public Works Director Gallant Richard Gallant, Project Coordinator Jeff Kurtz, Town's Planning Consultant Kaitlyn Forbes (of Complete Cities) and Town Clerk Valerie Oakes were present.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Cassie Suchy to provide a public comment on behalf of Jane Cleveland, which was read into the record which expressed concerns regarding two notices she received related to the Business Tax Receipt (BTR). Town Manager Ramaglia explained that the Business Tax Receipt (BTR) Ordinance was adopted by the Town in 2018, utilizing the same exemptions as those applied by the State of Florida, clarifying that individuals who receive a BTR notice have the option to file for an exemption at no cost. It was noted that bona fide agricultural businesses are eligible to apply for an exemption and that the Town of Loxahatchee Groves does not conduct audits of the exemptions filed.

Councilmember Danowski brought it to the council and staff's attention that a local realtor's client had been charged \$250 for a review after submitting an exemption. Town Manager Ramaglia stated that she was not fully aware of the specific circumstances and would review the matter, clarifying that the charge might have been related to a zoning confirmation, which typically costs \$100 rather than a Business Tax Receipt (BTR) review. Councilmember Danowski asked about the formal structure of the BTR process and its procedures. Town Manager Ramaglia explained that the process had been formalized and aligned with state law as outlined in the ordinance. Mayor Kane clarified Councilmember Danowski's request for information regarding the content of the BTR notice and whether a step-by-step guide was

included. Town Manager Ramaglia explained that multiple forms had been created to accommodate different BTR categories, aiming to simplify the process for business owners. It was further explained that the backend process involving the GOV Easy system generated notices and emails containing helpful links and information about updating or renewing a BTR, as well as details about exemptions. It was emphasized that the rules for exemptions had been defined by the State of Florida and not by the Town.

Katie Lakeman inquired about a grading schedule. Public Works Director Gallant stated that schedule is posted on the Town's website. Mayor Kane directed Public Works Director Gallant to ensure Lakeman's road is included in the schedule, resolve the issue, and ensure the schedule is advertised.

Doug Schaper referred to an event on Hyde Park and questioned why the Town did not require the organizers to apply for a permit. Mayor Kane explained that Special Event Permits are required for events meeting specific criteria and that the Town assesses public health and safety issues during the permitting process. She stated she was unaware of the event. Town Manager Ramaglia explained she first learned of the event on the day it occurred during a meeting with a council member. After inquiries, Town staff found no prior communication regarding the event. A neighbor had sent a flyer to staff, prompting concerns about potential attendance, parking, and noise. However, upon review, the event was determined to be a private gathering with about 30 attendees. It occurred from 4:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., with no music, street parking issues, or other disturbances. It did not meet the criteria for requiring a Special Event Permit. Mr. Schaper commented that Councilmember Danowski had taken precautions to protect her property and prevent parking on the swale. Town Manager Ramaglia noted that neighbors in the area had also taken similar precautions, such as putting up "no parking" signs, which she appreciated, as street parking is prohibited in the Town. Mr. Schaper stated that the property in question had become a nuisance and a disruption to the neighborhood. Town Manager Ramaglia provided an update on the property, explaining that it was under Code Enforcement review and that the Town was in the initial stages of foreclosure proceedings in accordance with the Town's Foreclosure Policy. Mr. Schaper also mentioned that the property was a non-registered agricultural property.

Councilmember Robert Shorr asked for an overview of the special events permit process. Town Manager Ramaglia explained the three levels of special events permits, with Level C being the simplest and requiring approval from the Town Manager's office for one-day events. The Manager outlined requirements such as a 30-day notice, limitations for agritourism events, inspections by the Fire Marshal, proper bathroom facilities, parking guidelines, and road-use approvals by the Town and PBSO. A stop work order had been issued to the property on Hyde Park and that the Town was assessing any applicable fines. Project Coordinator Kurtz clarified that open Code Enforcement cases are typically not discussed during Town Council meetings. Councilmember Maniglia encouraged residents to proactively report events of significant size

that may require a special event application and permit.

Paul Coleman inquired about the status of Business Tax Receipt (BTR) notices. Town Manager Ramaglia explained the process and the requirements under state statute. Coleman followed up with questions about the Agricultural Business Exemption. Town Manager Ramaglia clarified that not all nurseries qualify for exemptions, explaining the definition of "bona fide agriculture" and the distinctions between qualifying and non-qualifying businesses. Mayor Kane supported the clarification, and Councilmember Danowski asked whether exemptions were automatic or required a formal request, raising concerns about the legality of the process. Town Manager Ramaglia elaborated on agritourism and agricultural business definitions under the law and noted that determining bona fide agriculture status cannot rely solely on property appraiser data. She detailed the exemption process and the use of BTR funds, which Councilmember Maniglia had inquired about. Councilmember Maniglia also referenced a letter read earlier by Cassie Suchy.

Brian McNiel raised concerns about life safety and traffic issues, citing challenges for pedestrians, including an elderly woman navigating "B" Road and proposed safety improvements, such as enhancements near Publix and distributing reflective vests. Public Works Director Gallant responded, highlighting efforts with Groves Towne Center to revise traffic patterns and a \$70,000 budget for pedestrian crossing projects. He noted that installations covering four of six roads were set to begin in January.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kane adjourned the community meeting at 6:43 p.m.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

Signed by:
Anita Kane
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Mayor Anita Kane, Seat 3

Signed by:
Margaret Herzog
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Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Seat 5

Signed by:
Phillis Maniglia
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Councilmember Phillis Maniglia, Seat 1

Signed by:

Laura J Danowski

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Councilmember Laura Danowski, Seat 2

Signed by:

Robert Shorr

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Councilmember Robert Shorr, Seat 4



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Kane led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the fallen Palm Beach County Sherriff's officers.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS:

Mayor Kane called for any additions, deletions, modifications or approval of the agenda.

Coordinator Kurtz requested to move agenda item no. 8 to the end of the meeting and to remove agenda item no. 9 from the agenda.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER SHORR/COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS MODIFIED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Doug Schaper questioned the correspondence that was sent to the Town Manager and members of the Town Council to provide notification of an event.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Proclamation for Neighbors Helping Neighbors Initiative:

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the Proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

2. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-09 on First Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, SPECIAL POLICY 1.15.2, TO REVISE THE PERMITTED USES, ESTABLISH INTENSITY MEASUREMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED HOTEL USE, AND PERMIT A NON-RESIDENTIAL USE NORTH OF EAST CITRUS DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL, CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Ordinance No. 2024-09*.

The Town Council disclosed ex-parte communication with the project's representatives.

Matthew Barnes, Senior Project Manager, WGI, provided a presentation on the project.

Public comments from Cassie Suchy and Paul Coleman.

Town Council discussion ensued.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09 ON FIRST READING WITH THE MODIFICATION TO "UP TO 81 LODGING UNITS". MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

3. Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-17 on Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14 "CODE ENFORCEMENT" OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL" TO INCLUDE EXISTING SECTIONS 14-1 THROUGH 14-4, AND BY ADOPTING ARTICLE II "CIVIL CITATION PROCEDURES" TO PROVIDE CITATION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. CONSENT AGENDA:

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Ordinance No. 2024-17*.

Project Coordinator Kurtz introduced the item.

Public comments from Cassie Suchy and Paul Coleman.

Town Council discussion ensued.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER SHORR/COUNCILMEMBER DANOWSKI MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17 UNTIL JANUARY 7, 2025. MOTION FAILED (2-3, Mayor Kane, Vice Mayor Herzog and Councilmember Maniglia dissenting).

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17 MOTION PASSED (3-2, Councilmember Danowski and Councilmember Shorr dissenting).

4. **Consideration of Approval on Ordinance No. 2024-15 on Second Reading:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 26 “MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES” BY ADOPTING ARTICLE II “SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM”; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF A SCHOOL ZONE SPEED DETECTION SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL ZONES, AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Ordinance No. 2024-15*.

The Town Council disclosed ex-parte communication with the representatives of Redspeed, except for Councilmember Maniglia who did not attend a one-on-one meeting.

Project Coordinator Kurtz introduced the item.

Public comment from Paul Coleman.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15 ON SECOND READING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

CONSENT

By consensus, the Town Council approved Consent Agenda Items No. 6 & 7 and pulled Items No. 5 & 10 for further discussion.

5. **Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 2024-89:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SCHEDULE OF VIOLATIONS AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES FOR CIVIL CITATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND DISCUSSED AFTER ITEM NO. 8.

By consensus, this item was moved to January 7, 2025, Town Council Regular meeting.

6. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024-87:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASE WITH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #040924-URI; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS PURSUANT TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN FORMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

By consensus, Resolution No. 2024-87 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024-88:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE SCOPE AND PRICING FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE AND RELATED BENEFITS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

By consensus, Resolution No. 2024-88 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024-90:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING WORK ORDER NO. 1 WITH KIEL TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR REMOVAL OF TREES ALONG HYDE PARK ROAD; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN FORMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AN THE TOWN

ATTORNEY TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND DISCUSSED AFTER ITEM NO. 15.

Councilmember Danowski filed Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers with the Town Clerk and vacated the chambers. [Attached to the Minutes as Exhibit A.]

Public comment from Doug Schaper.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-90 AND REACHING OUT ALL RESIDENTS REGARDING THE FINAL PRODUCT OF THE PARK AND THE PROJECT PRIOR TO COMMENCING. MOTION PASSED UANINMOUSLY (4-0).

Town Manager Ramaglia clarified that reaching out to residents would commence prior to the reforestation of the project. **By consensus, the Town Council agreed.**

9. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024-91:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH ATLANTIC SOUTHERN PAVING & SEALCOATING, LLC PURSUANT TO THE COMPETITIVE BID WAIVER REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

10. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024-92:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE SCOPE AND PRICING FOR INSTALLATION OF A BRIDGE CULVERT AT 12th PLACE NORTH AND F ROAD; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN FORMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND DISCUSSED AFTER ITEM NO. 5.

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Resolution No. 2024-92*.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER SHORR/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-92. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

RECESS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING & CALL TO ORDER DEPENDENT WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Mayor Kane recessed the Town Council meeting and called to order the Dependent Water Control District meeting at 7:55 p.m.

DISTRICT'S CONSENT AGENDA

- 11.** Recommendation to Approve *Ordinance No. 2024-16* to the Town Council (Corresponding Companion agenda item number 15).

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16 TO THE TOWN COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED (3-2, Councilmember Danowski and Councilmember Shorr dissenting).

- 12.** Approval of *Resolution No. 2024-DD06*: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, A DEPENDENT DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES TO PROVIDE FOR USE OF TOWN STAFF, RESOURCES, AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT, ASSESSMENT, AND COLLECTION OF DRAINAGE WORKS NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VOLUNTARY CULVERT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Resolution No. 2024-DD06*.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION OF

APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16 TO THE TOWN COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED (3-2, Councilmember Danowski and Councilmember Shorr dissenting).

DISTRICT'S REGULAR AGENDA - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing.

- 13. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-DD07:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, A DEPENDENT DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE LEVIED FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING DRAINAGE WORKS NUISANCE ABATEMENT ON PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Resolution No. 2024-DD07*.

Public comment from Cassie Suchy.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-DD07. MOTION PASSED (4-1, Councilmember Shorr dissenting).

RECONVENE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Kane reconvened the Town Council Meeting at 8:17 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 14. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-78:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REDSPEED FLORIDA, LLC, TO PROVIDE SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS AND ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO THE TOWN PURSUANT TO CITY OF PLANTATION COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION RFSP NO. 005-24 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Resolution No. 2024-78*.

The Town Council disclosed ex-parte communication with the representatives of Redspeed, except for Councilmember Maniglia who did not attend a one-on-one meeting.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/VICE MAYOR HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-78. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

- 15. Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. 2024-16 on First Reading:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 46 "SPECIAL DISTRICTS" TO REORGANIZE AND UPDATE ITS PROVISIONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS CITED FOR DRAINAGE WORKS VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE LEGAL PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ABATEMENT COSTS, TO PROVIDE A VOLUNTARY CULVERT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATELY OWNED CULVERTS, CULVERT CROSSINGS, AND/OR CULVERT BRIDGES, TO REMOVE HAULING PERMITTING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Oakes Clerk read into the record the title of *Ordinance No. 2024-16*.

Project Coordinator Kurtz introduced the item.

Public comments from Cassie Suchy and Paul Coleman.

Town Council discussion ensued.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/COUNCILMEMBER SHORR MOVED TO BRING BACK ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16 WITH MODIFICATIONS FOR FIRST READING AT THE JANUARY 7, 2025, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

Mayor Kane called for a recess and reconvened the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION

- 16. Discussion of Capital Projects Status and Timelines**

Project Coordinator Kurtz provided the status and timelines of the Capital Projects.

17. Discussion on Road & Drainage Update

Public Works Director Gallant provided the Road & Drainage update.

18. Discussion of "No Through Truck" Ordinance

Public Works Director Gallant introduced the item.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER DANOWSKI/VICE MAYOR HERZOG
MOVED TO EXTEND THE MEETING AT 10:15 P.M. MOTION
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0). *Councilmember Maniglia was not
present during the motion.**

19. Discussion of Cost Sharing Program

Project Coordinator Kurtz introduced the item.

Town Council discussion ensued where general direction was provided to incorporate in the Cost Sharing Program.

20. Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Town Manager Ramaglia provided an overview of the timeline of future agenda items.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER SHORR/COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA
MOVED TO EXTEND THE MEETING AT 10:35 P.M. MOTION
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).**

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager reported on grants and the holiday parade.

Town Attorney had no report.

Public Works Director Gallant reported that the Vice Mayor and he attended the funeral service for the fallen deputies.

Town Clerk reported that the Gratitude Baskets will be distributed on December 13th.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia requested that staff send a letter in objection to the extension of Okeechobee Blvd.

Councilmember Laura Danowski wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilmember Robert Shorr questioned the end of the culverts being chopped down to the dirt. Whether riprap or rocks could be placed along the canal bank for prevention. Public Works Director Gallant stated that this issue will be addressed in the Standards Policy that is being drafted. Councilmember Robert Shorr questioned if it was a Solar Sport HOA issue or a Town issue regarding a vehicle parked on the landscaping. Town Manager Ramaglia explained that the Town issued a Notice of Violation on October 7th.

Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog reported that she would be attending the PBC League of Cities Annual Barbeque; expressed concerns over the corner turn and potholes; announced that the Fire Department is fixing their western driveway; and stated that the planters on Okeechobee with banners have been cleaned, however, permission is required to give them to the Town; and requested that ‘No Net Fishing’ signs be installed.

Mayor Anita Kane recited her experience with a Town resident, who had expressed their thoughts on the equestrian community, and announced that a Forestry Grant for \$7,500.00 was approved for educational opportunities.

By consensus, the Town Council agreed to send a letter in objection to the extension of Okeechobee Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember Shorr moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 PM, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog and passed unanimously (5-0).

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:
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Town Clerk

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Phillis Maniglia

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Councilmember Phillis Maniglia, Seat 1

Town Council Regular Meeting

Minutes

December 03, 2024

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Laura J Danowski

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Councilmember Laura Danowski, Seat 2

Signed by:

Robert Shorr

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Councilmember Robert Shorr, Seat 4

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME DANOWSKI, Laura Jean	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Town Council, Loxahatchee Groves
MAILING ADDRESS 1032 E Road	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY COUNTY Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470 Palm Beach	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED December 3, 2024.	MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Laura Danowski, hereby disclose that on December 3, 2024:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I own property on Hyde Park, Rd.



By: V. Daker, Town Clerk

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

December 3, 2024
Date Filed

Laura J. Danowski
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.