



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY OPEN DISCUSSION WORKSHOP
JULY 19, 2022**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were public comments made by the following: Dr. Deborah Marshall, Katie Lakeman and Todd McLendon.

Dr. Marshall addressed the Council stating that there are gaps between the residents and Town Council (Town Hall Staff). She feels that there should be more effort on the Town's part to reach/educate the residents of things happen within the Town. She also spoke about Town Council having meetings (Agenda Review) and not giving proper notice to the residents. Town Clerk Burch responded by stating that the Agenda Review meetings are open to the public and notices are given to the residents when these meetings are being held. The public is more than welcome to attend but can't ask questions. The Agenda Review meetings are business meetings for Town Council and staff. Agenda Review meetings are where Town Council has the ability to ask questions about items that are scheduled to be discussed or voted on.

Dr. Marshall also commented that

Vice Mayor Danowski asked Dr. Marshall how she would like to be communicated with, Dr. Marshall again stated that she has spoken with neighbors on how to communicate with Town Staff and would like for the Town to reach out more to residents.

Councilmember Miles responded that there are signs around the town announcing meeting and residents can call the Town Council and staff.

Katie Lakeman addressed Town Council stating that sod was put on the trail behind the Aldi.

Todd McLendon addressed Town Council in regard to donation to the Town of Loxahatchee Groves' scholarship fund. He also spoke on the overlay (clear cutting) doesn't know of any law-if could allow, why not change code. He stated that the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) could be changed.

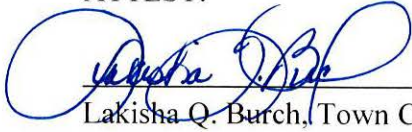
Town Manager Ramaglia stated that a cease to assist was given this week do to clear cutting.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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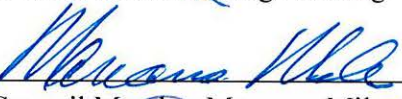
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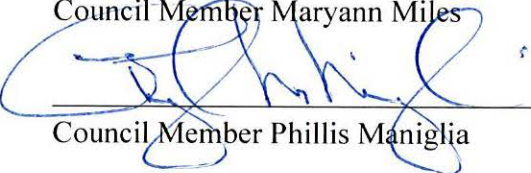

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk


Mayor Robert Shorr


Vice Mayor Laura Danowski


Council Member Marge Herzog


Council Member Maryann Miles


Council Member Phillis Maniglia



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 19, 2022**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shorr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Shorr led a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Shorr, Vice Mayor Laura Danowski, Councilmembers Phillis Maniglia (6:38 p.m.), Marianne Miles, and Margaret Herzog, Town Manager Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Esq., Public Works Director Larry Peters, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Councilmember Miles seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve the agenda as is; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Maniglia.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes
 - a. March 30, 2021, Town Council Special Meeting Minutes
 - b. April 6, 2021, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
 - c. February 15, 2022, Community Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - d. March 1, 2022, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
 - e. April 5, 2022, Community Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - f. June 7, 2022, Community Workshop Meeting Minutes

2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2022-38** accepting easement from Collier.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve the Consent Agenda; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Maniglia.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2022-39** fifth addendum to the Law Enforcement Service Agreement (LESA).

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to Town Council regarding the fifth addendum to the Law Enforcement Service Agreement (LESA).

There was public comment made by Todd McLendon.

Motion was made Councilmember Miles seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to approve Resolution No. 2022-39 authorizing the fifth addendum to the Law Enforcement Service Agreement (LESA) between the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, and Councilmember Miles. Nyes: Councilmembers Herzog, and Maniglia. Motion passed 3-2.

4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2022-40** regarding contract for legal services with Johnson, Anselmo et al.

Town Attorney Lenihan presented the item to Town Council stating that legal services with Johnson, Anselmo et al is needed to represent the Town's interest in the lawsuit regarding the defense of the case of John Pata, et al vs. Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Case No. 502021CA011838XXXMB.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve Resolution No. 2022-40 authorizing an agreement with Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A. for legal services; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Nay: Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 4-1.

5. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2022- 32** establishing the Town's preliminary ad valorem millage rate of 3 mills for Truth-in-Millage ("TRIM") purposes for the fiscal year 2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at 3 mills which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to Town Council the Town's preliminary ad valorem millage rate of 3 mills for Truth-in-Millage ("TRIM") purposes for the fiscal year

2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at 3 mills which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year.

There was public comment by Todd McLendon.

Motion was made Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve Resolution No. 2022-32 adopting a proposed operating millage rate of 3.000 for general operating budget purposes for fiscal year 2022/2023; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of ***Resolution No.2022-33*** establishing the Town's preliminary non-ad valorem assessment rate for Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services for the fiscal year 2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at \$450/unit for residential curbside service which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to Town Council establishing the Town's preliminary non-ad valorem assessment rate for Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services for the fiscal year 2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at \$450/unit for residential curbside service which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2022-33 establishing the Town's preliminary non-ad valorem assessment rate for Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services for the fiscal year 2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at \$450/unit for residential curbside service which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion was made passed unanimously.

Town Council recesses to convene as the Dependent Water Control District Board of Supervisors at 7:19 p.m.

Chair Danowski called the Dependent Water Control District Board meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

7. Consideration of ***Resolution No. 2022-DD04*** regarding Contract for legal services with Johnson, Anselmo et al.

Town Attorney Lenihan presented the item to Town Council stating that legal services with Johnson, Anselmo et al is needed to represent the Town's interest in the lawsuit regarding the defense of the case of John Pata, et al vs. Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Case No. 502021CA011838XXXMB.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve Resolution No. 2022-DD04 authorizing an agreement with Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper

& Hochman, P.A. for legal services; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Nay: Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 4-1.

8. Consideration of ***Resolution No. 2022-DD03*** establishing the district's preliminary Road & Drainage non-ad valorem assessment rate for the fiscal year 2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at \$200/unit which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to Town Council establishing the district's preliminary Road & Drainage non-ad valorem assessment rate for the fiscal year 2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at \$200/unit which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year.

There was public comment by Todd McLendon.

Motion was made by Board Member Maniglia seconded by Board Member Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2022-DD04 establishing the district's preliminary Road & Drainage non-ad valorem assessment rate for the fiscal year 2023 beginning October 1, 2022, proposed at \$200/unit which is the same rate as for FY 2022, the current year; it was voted as follows: Chair Danowski, Treasurer Herzog, Board Members Maniglia, Miles, and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Chair Danowski seconded by Board Member Maniglia to adjourn the Dependent Water Control District Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:38 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Chair Danowski, Treasurer Herzog, Board Members Maniglia, Miles, and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Miles to reconvene as Town Council, it was voted as follows: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Maniglia seconded by Miles to recess to convene as the Selection Committee; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration of the Audit Request for Proposal (RFP) by Town Council sitting as Selection Committee.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to the Town Council stating that the State of Florida Auditor General Guidelines for the selection of audit services requires that the auditor selection committee review the Request for Qualifications (RFP) prior to its release. These guidelines require at least one member of council to be a member of and to chair the selection committee; therefore, the Council voted for the full Town Council to serve as the auditor selection committee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to select Robert Shorr as Chair of the Audit Selection Committee; it was voted as follows: Ayes:

Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Miles to select Laura Danowski as Vice Chair of the Audit Selection Committee; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to approve the accompanying RFP for Auditing Services with corrections; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Maniglia seconded by Herzog to adjourn the meeting and reconvene as Town Council; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Workshop Item: Discussion of Town Council's Priorities.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to Town Council regarding Town Council's priorities, she also stated that Public Works have given their three-month projects, and she gave an update on communications, and the Town's website.

Public Works Director, Larry Peters, gave Town Council and update on Public Works pending and in progress projects.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

- SAFEbuilt is coming to the August meeting-courtesy notice for the last year, doing Notice of Violation (NOV)
- Grants-study for water system
- Public Works doing a clean up of the yard-Bring surplus at the next meeting and will bring CERT contract.
- Call from Indian Trail Improvement District (ITID)
- Meetings about manure-invite people to meet.
Spoke about the breakdown of trash truck. Called DEP and Coastal, cleaned up and will be out tomorrow to finish routes and make sure there is no more damage.

Town Attorney

No comment

Public Works Director

No comment

Town Clerk

- Scholarship applications due by July 25th at 5:00 p.m.
- Back to School Book Bag Give-away
- Announce and presented the Chili Cook-off winner to Councilmember Miles.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Hoping to learn about water quality.
- Gave check to the Loxahatchee Groves' Scholarship Fund.

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Chili cook off.
- Thank you to resident who have been cleaning beyond their property fence line. Much appreciated.
- Update on FPL - getting people underground T.M. Ramaglia responded that FPL will be here on August 16, 2022
- Update on the (bridge) culverts on "B" road getting done- have a vegetation issue.

Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

- Are we going to have to take down loitering signs. Town Attorney responded.
- Power blips- asked Pikes if it is related.
- Nice to see the 25 mph signs going up.
- Status of the Gruber culvert, Mr. Peters responded by stating it is a 3-week delivery - Mr. Matos responded tomorrow will find dirt and block both sides of the bridge.
- C road and Okeechobee - digging by some company

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- FPL has a program- surge protector - 12.95 a month.
- Backpack Drive
- Francine and staff - Happy about Code Red communication with the residents (great excuse) supportive of what Town Hall does. Need to reach out to get to the neighborhood
- Canals look great- Good job.

Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Water quality
- Thanked to Town staff for the list.
- Canal banks

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

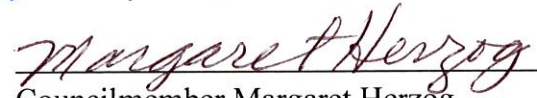
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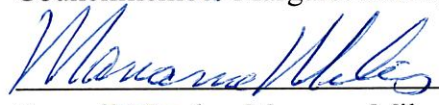
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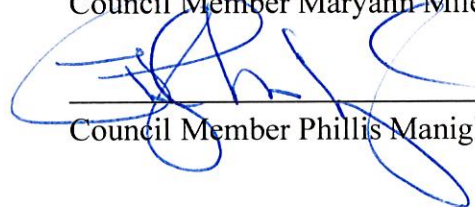

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