



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY OPEN DISCUSSION WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

*Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office
Meetings are also available on YouTube.*

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Town Manager Ramaglia, Town Attorney Lenihan, Public Works Director Peters, and Town Clerk Burch.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were public comments made by the following: Frank Schiola, Virginia Standish, and Cassie Suchy.

Mr. Schiola spoke about the maintenance of the Town. He states that there is nothing getting done. Why is maintenance not getting done but most importantly let's get it done. Mr. Peters, Director of Public Works stated that he would not like to respond. Town Manager Ramaglia responded that she would respond. She also stated that she would have liked it for Mr. Schiola would have come and spoke with her before airing this in this type of forum. She also gave an update of what has been taking place in the Public Works Department. Mr. Schiola stated that he would make an appointment to speak with Town Manager Ramaglia. Councilmember Maniglia stated that she thanked Mr. Schiola for bringing this topic up and she feels that since meagering she feels that our Public Works' department should be focusing strictly on maintaining the Town. Vice Mayor Shorr stated that road maintenance is the priority of Public Works'. He also spoke about the trees. There continued to be discussion between Mr. Schiola and the Town Council.

Virginia Standish spoke about where the Town is in discussion with FPL about repairing culverts that have been damaged. There continued to be discussion between Ms. Standish and the Town Council.

Councilmember Herzog spoke about FPL poles that needs to be removed.

Cassie Suchy spoke about mowing the lawn and easements. Contractors need to be aware of easements on private property. Speaking about the pavement on B Road where the sinkhole was, she took a picture of it and will send it to the Town Hall. When mowing/tree trimming.

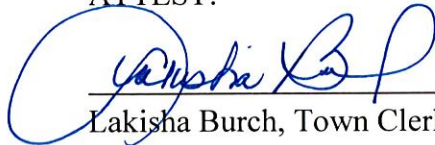
Vice Mayor Shorr asked how we are going to handle this, Town Manager Ramaglia responded.

Mayor Danowski spoke about prescriptive easement works. Town Attorney Lenihan responded by giving what the meaning of prescriptive easement is and how it works. There continued to be discussion among Mayor Danowski and Town Attorney Lenihan. Councilmember Maniglia stated that she has a perfect example of this topic. Town Attorney Lenihan stated that she didn't have enough information to comment on her question. Vice Mayor Shorr asked a question regarding this, and Town Attorney Lenihan responded to his questions.

ADJOURNMENT

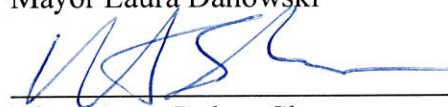
The workshop was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

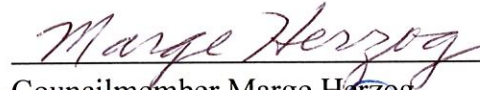
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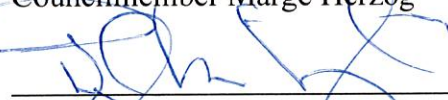

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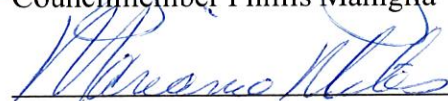
**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**


Mayor Laura Danowski


Vice Mayor Robert Shorr


Councilmember Marge Herzog


Councilmember Phillis Maniglia


Councilmember Marianne Miles



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danowski called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Danowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Danowski led a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Laura Danowski, Vice Mayor Robert Shorr, Councilmembers Margaret Herzog, Phillis Manaiglia, and Marianne Miles. Town Manager Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Public Works Director Larry Peters, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was a public comment made by Virginia Standish.

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation from Ashbritt, Inc. (Debris Site/SWA designated Facilities) update.

Mr. Thompson from Ashbritt, Inc. and Mr. Archambo presented the item to the Town Council giving an update about Debris Site/SWA designated Facilities. Mr. Thompson

Councilmember Maniglia asked when they were looking for property for the debris site plan and if the property was in Code Enforcement. Town Manager Ramaglia responded to her questions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miles seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to receive and file; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Shorr stated he was confused- stated that many months that it has taken - there is no process for Town Council to approve.

Councilmember Herzog asked how long the site will be activated. Mr. Thompson responded to her question.

Councilmember Miles asked if the first priority is picking up vegetation. Mr. Thompson responded, yes.

Town Manager Ramaglia asked when they would be coming back. Mr. Thompson responded. Mr. Archambo stated that he would provide information for hurricane preparedness.

There was a public comment made by Cassie Suchy.

2. Presentation of Quarterly Reports by the following:
 - a. Node0 (*report only*)
 - b. Engineering- Tara Barber

There was a public comment made by Paul Coleman.

Tara Barber of Engenuity presented the report to the Town Council. Mayor Danowski commented that one size does not fit all, she also asked about Floodplain Development and Ms. Barber responded. There was a discussion among the Town Council, Ms. Barber, and Town Staff.

- c. Planning and Zoning-James Fleischmann, Town Planning Consultant from Land Research Management.

James Fleischmann, Town Planning Consultant, presented the item to the Town Council. Councilmember Maniglia asked about lot split. Town Manager Ramaglia responded, she also stated that we are transitioning some of Jim's work. There was a discussion between the Town Council, Mr. Fleischmann, and Town Staff.

- d. Palm Beach Fire Rescue- District Chief Vomero

There was a public comment made by Paul Coleman.

District Chief Vomero presented the item to the Town Council (report is available in the Town Clerk's Office) by giving an update on the quarterly fire report. There was a discussion among the Town Council and District Chief Vomero.

Motion was made by Councilmember Herzog seconded by Councilmember Miles to receive and file documents distributed by District Chief Vomero; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office-Capt. Turner

There was a public comment made by Cassie Suchy.

Captain Turner presented the item to the Town Council (report is available in the Town Clerk's Office) by giving an update on the police quarterly report. There was a discussion between the Town Council and Captain Turner.

f. Public Works Department

There was a public comment made by Cassie Suchy.

Mario Matos, Assistant Public Works Department gave an update on the Public Works Department for the last quarter (report is available in the Town Clerk's Office). There was a discussion among the Town Council, Mr. Matos, and Town Staff.

g. Code Enforcement-Andrew Armenti, Code Enforcement Officer

Andrew Armenti, Code Enforcement Officer presented the item to the Town Council (report is available in the Town Clerk's Office). There was a discussion among the Town Council, Mr. Armenti, and Town Staff.

h. Town Attorney- Elizabeth Lenihan, Town Attorney

Town Attorney Lenihan presented the quarterly report from the Town Attorney by giving an update. There was discussion among the Town Council, Town Attorney Lenihan, and Town Staff.

i. Finance- Chris Wallace from Munilytics

Town Manager Ramaglia stated that Mr. Wallace was ill and asked that his report be postponed until the November 7th meeting. She also gave an update on the audit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Maniglia asked that items 4 and 5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2023-66** authoring the extension agreement with Loxahatchee Groves CERT Team, Inc.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve item 3 of the Consent Agenda; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2023-70** approving the removal and replacement with Waiver of Specimen Trees at Groves Town Center Pod B Phase IIB. **PULLED FROM CONSENT**

Town Attorney Lenihan stated that the word waiver in the agenda is a misnomer, their approvals. Mr. Fleischmann clarified that by stating that it's a vegetation removal permit. There was discussion among the Town Council, Mr. Fleischmann, and Town Staff.

There was a public comment made by Cassie Suchy.

James Fleischmann, Town Planning Consultant presented the item by stating that the owner of the property identified as Pod B with the Groves Town Center Multiple Land Use Planned Unit Development, Solar Sport Systems, Inc., has applied for approval of two Vegetation Removal Permit Applications (Pod B Phase IIA and Pod B Phase IIB) to remove native trees on the property

in preparation for development of the Floodplain Compensation Area and Dry Pond. There was discussion among the Town Council, Mr. Fleischmann, and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve Resolution No. 2023-70 approving the removal and replacement permit for Specimen Trees at Groves Town Center Pod Phase IIB; it was approved as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Nays: Mayor Danowski and Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 3-2.

5. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2023-71** approving the Removal and Replacement With Waiver of Specimen Trees at 14120 6th Court. **PULLED FROM CONSENT**

Councilmember Maniglia rescued herself.

James Fleischmann, Town Planning Consultant presented the item by stating that the owner of the property located at 14120 6th Court North, SC Stables LLC, has applied for Council approval to remove a specified native tree in preparation for the assignment of an Equestrian bona fide agriculture Use Code by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miles seconded by Mayor Danowski to approve Resolution No. 2023-71 approving the Removal and Replacement permit of Specimen Trees at 14120 6th Court; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Maniglia recused herself.

REGULAR AND PUBLIC HEARING

6. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2023-07** amending Chapter 34 “Planning and Development”, Section 34-1 “Designation of the Planning and Zoning Board As the Local Planning Agency and the Town Council as the Land Development Regulation Commission” To amend the Designation of the Land Planning Agency, Providing for Conflict.

There were public comments made by the following: Paul Coleman, Cassie Suchy, and Manish Sood. Town Clerk Burch read into the record public comments from the following: Fran Holden and Diane Laudado.

Town Attorney Lenihan read Ordinance No. 2023-07 into the record.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Mayor Danowski to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Shorr to deny the approval of Ordinance No. 2023-07 amending Chapter 34 “Planning and Development”, Section 34-1 “Designation of the Planning and Zoning Board As the Local Planning Agency and the Town Council as the Land Development Regulation Commission” To amend the Designation of the Land Planning Agency, Providing for Conflict; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

7. Update on Canal Bank Restoration.

Mr. Peters, Director of Public Works and Jeff Kurtz, Project Coordinator, presented the item to the Town Council.

Councilmember Miles asked about the cost. Mr. Peters and Mr. Kurtz responded. There continues to be discussion among Councilmember Miles and Town Staff.

Councilmember Maniglia expressed her concerns regarding this matter. She wants to see three bids with the same scope of work. She is sick of feeling like things are being shoved down her throat. Town Manager Ramaglia responded. There continued to be discussion.

Vice Mayor Shorr asked about the timeline. He also expressed his view on this matter. There was a discussion between Vice Mayor Shorr and Town Staff.

Mayor Danowski expressed her views on the matter as well as Councilmember Herzog.

There was a public comment made by Cassie Suchy.

Motion was made by Mayor Danowski seconded by Vice Mayor Shorr to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate a contract up to the 200,000 dollars to make the necessary repairs to get this road back open and enter into the contract to be ratified by the Town Council later; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding Election and the impact of Form 6.

Town Clerk Burch presented the item to the Town Council. Town Clerk Burch announced that she was NOT discussing Form 6 this evening it would be discussed on October 23rd by Town Attorney Torcivia. She stated that tonight's discussion would be related to the overall effect of the implementation of Form 6 has been across the board. She continues to explain to the Town Council.

9. Discussion of Town Council Priorities/Upcoming Agenda Items.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to the Town Council holding the 21st of November for the EAR. She also stated that some Council members has stated that that time will be difficult to attend. She also spoke about trying to get Senator Harold and Representative Roth, but their schedule in Tallahassee is the same as our meeting, but Rana from Mr. Book's office asked if we would be willing to arrange a Special Meeting if necessary. Mayor Danowski asked about the fee schedule. Town Manager Ramaglia responded. There continued to be discussion between the Town Council and Town Staff.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager
No comment.

Town Attorney
No comment.

Public Works Director
No comment.

Town Clerk
No comment.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Herzog
No comment.

Councilmember Maniglia

- Calls about mosquito spray.
- FPL -underground
- Picking cones out of the canals
- Thank you for the ordinances.

Councilmember Miles
No comment.

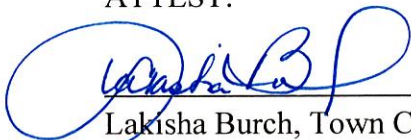
Vice Mayor Shorr

- Paving - RFP results-Town Attorney no scope- Town Manager- scope keeps growing asked about the other sections. Town Manager responded to Vice Mayor Shorr's question. There was discussion among Vice Mayor Shorr and Town Staff.

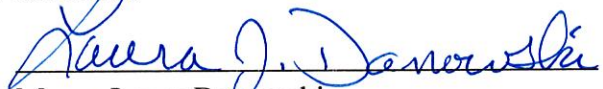
ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

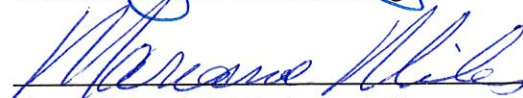
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