



TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL FINAL HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Chris Wallace from Munilytics, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Town Manager Ramaglia requested that item 1 Presentation from Ashbritt, Inc. be removed from the agenda and be presented at the October 17, 2023, meeting.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve the agenda with the modification of removing item 1 from the agenda; 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 from Cassie Suchy. Town Clerk Burch read into the record public comment from Keith Harris.

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation from Ashbritt, Inc. (Debris Site/SWA designated Facilities) update.
PULLED FROM THE AGENDA TO BE HEARD AT THE OCTOBER 17TH MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Mayor Danowski to pull items 2 and 3 from the Consent Agenda; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2023-60** Approving the Removal and Replacement With Waiver of Specimen Trees at 14717 Collecting Canal. **PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve Resolution No. 2023-60 approving the removal and replacement with waiver of Specimen Trees at 14717 Collecting Canal; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Report and Ratification of Road Materials Purchased from Palm Beach Aggregates for Emergency Road Rebuilding Equal to or Greater Than \$25,000. **PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Danowski recused herself because she owns a home on Hyde Park Road. Councilmember Maniglia recused herself because she sold a house on Farley.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miles seconded by Councilmember Herzog to accept report and ratify emergency purchases with Palm Beach Aggregates exceeding 25,000 dollars and an additional 9,000 dollars for Hyde Park, Carey, Edith, Farley, and Fox Trail; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Mayor Danowski and Councilmember Maniglia rescued themselves.

FINAL BUDGET HEARING AND PUBLIC HEARING (Quasi-Judicial)

There was a public comment made by Jane Harding. Town Manager Ramaglia responded to Ms. Harding's question.

Chris Wallace presented the item.

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

Mr. Wallace reviewed the changes that were requested by the Town Council at previous meetings. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

4. Pursuant to F.S. 200.065(2)(d) & (e), the following announcement must be made:

The Town Manager read below into the record.

"The Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida's rolled back rate is 2.5359, the percentage increase in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 is 18.3% and the Town's millage rate to be adopted is 3.00 mills".

- a. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2023-63** Adopting the Final Millage Rate for FY 2023-2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Herzog seconded by Mayor Danowski to remove the Town Council legal fees of 100,000.00 dollars to reserve; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Herzog seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve Resolution No. 2023-63 establishing and adopting the final millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consideration of *Resolution No. 2023-64* Adopting the Final Budget for FY 2023-2024.

Motion was made by Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve Resolution No. 2023-63 adopting the final budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with adjustments; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of *Ordinance No. 2023-04* on Second Reading Approving the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve on second reading *Ordinance 2023-04* adopting the annual update to the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan consistent with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes with 320,000 dollars adjustment changes discussed in the millage and operating budget and addition of rock in 2025; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of *Resolution No. 2023-62* Approving Alternate Offsite Location of the Lockhart Fire Hydrant/Water Line to the Yee's Corp Property.

Mr. Robert Sherman and James Lockhart (owner of Lockhart Self-Storage) presented the item to the Town Council. There was a discussion between the Town Council and the Town Staff.

Motion was made by Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to receive and file document from Lockhart Storage; 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 Mayor Danowski to approve Resolution No. 2023-62 approving alternate offsite fire hydrant location for Lockhart Self-Storage; 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 Stabilization and Roadway Paving/Repairs.

Mario Matos, Assistant Public Works Director presented the item to the Town Council regarding update on canal bank stabilization and roadway paving and repairs. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff

Vice Mayor Shorr asked that communication be done to whomever is the finish person on the dirt bank before the sod comes to pretend it's their front yard, to make sure that it is smooth, just please make sure they take the steps that is needed to make this smooth. He also stated that there needs to be more people hired. Mr. Matos responded.

8. Discussion and Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2023-06** Adopting Revised Recreational Vehicle Program Requirements.

Town Manager Ramaglia addressed the Town Council then she turned the item over to Ms. Kaitlyn Forbes with Transystems/SEPI presented the item to the Town Council regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-06 adopting revised Recreational Vehicle Program requirements. The Town Council gave their individual thoughts regarding the RV Program. There was continued discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

The were public comments made by the following: Robert Austin, Jane Harding, L. Henderson, Misha Sood, and Cassie Suchy.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve Ordinance No. 2023-06 on first reading repealing Sec. 20-050 "Recreational Vehicles" of Article 20- "Residential Zoning Districts"; and Establishing Article 92 "Recreational Vehicles" within Part III "Supplemental Regulations" with the Unified Land Development Code with changes noted tonight and not changing any storage rules at this time; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Nay: Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 4-1.

Town Manager Ramaglia addressed the Town Council regarding dates to move this Ordinance forward. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

9. Discussion of Agricultural and Agritourism.

There was a public comment made by Diane Loudo.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Shorr 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.

Town Attorney Lenihan presented the item to the Town Council regarding the changes to the Town's Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). Following new legislation, the Town Council gave staff direction to address off-site impacts from agritourism uses. Pursuant to Section 570.85, F.S., the Town is prohibited from regulating agritourism activities; however, the Town may address substantial off-site impacts of agritourism activities. The proposed changes to the Town's Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) include adding agritourism as a permitted use in the Agricultural Residential (AR) zoning district, subject to certain regulations as provided by Florida law; and amending Article 65 related to agricultural uses to

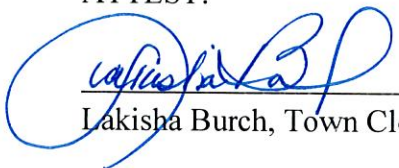
Mayor Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Thanked everyone for their comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

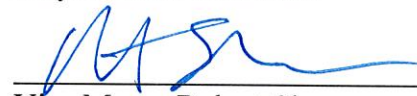


Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

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also include agritourism uses. The purpose of the proposed changes to the Town's ULDC is to identify agritourism uses, consistent with Florida Statutes; identify what substantial off-site impacts are and how to prevent, correct, or mitigate such impacts; and to identify the limitations of regulatory relief afforded to agritourism uses, consistent with Florida Statutes. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

- Palm Beach County's Agritourism Summit
- SAFEbuilt Contract

Town Attorney

No comment.

Public Works Director

No comment.

Town Clerk

No comment.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Update of removal of sign at Publix Shopping Center.
- Update from Florida Power & Light (FPL)

Councilmember Margaret Herzog (Seat 5)

- Historical Legacy-may not move forward.

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Collecting Canal-ATVs is destroying it.
- Mobile Homes
- People living on vacant lots that do not have water and sewer.

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

- Vegetation growing on the canals.
- Code Enforcement go into plaza to maintain handicap spots.

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Approve of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Paving Request for Proposal (RFP)