



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY RESIDENT WORKSHOP
May 17, 2022**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Town Manager Jaime Titcomb advised Mayor Shorr that he would be hosting the Community Resident workshop until 6:30 p.m.

There were public comments from Jo Siciliano and Manny Hernandez.

Ms. Siciliano made the following comments:

- Water canals
- Meters for those who use the canal water
- C51- Canal Algae

Vice Mayor Danowski made the following comments:

- Flow meters
- Testing canals
- Measuring flow was placed on the task list

Councilmember Maniglia made the following comments:

- Her discussion with Mario in Public Works regarding vegetation
- Landscapers backflowing in the canals
- Getting rid of chemicals by 2025
- The Town being greener
- Water intake

There was discussion among Town Council, Ms. Siciliano and Larry Peters Director of Public Works.

Councilmember Maniglia asked Mr. Peters to send another letter to residents giving them 30 days to respond to the withdrawal permits; if there is no response the Town can turn them off.

Mr. Peters made the following comments:

- He threatened to turn them off
- Speaking with some of the nurseries, and some are rented.

Councilmember Maniglia asked Mr. Peters to check with SFWMD regarding meters and whether any laws would be broken if the Town places a meter on the residents' intake.

Town Council Discussion on flow meters and permits.

Mario Matos, Assistant Public Works Director commented about:

- Changes in flow

Ms. Siciliano made the following comments:

- Assisted living/Hotel
- Permitted/allowed uses

Manny Hernandez commented about:

- Control of Water
- Illegal dumping

There was discussion among Town Council and Mr. Hernandez

Mr. Titcomb advised Mr. Hernandez contact Public Works to coordinate with the department to investigate illegal dumping.

Mr. Titcomb requested a 60 second recess before the formal meeting.

Mayor Shorr responded okay.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

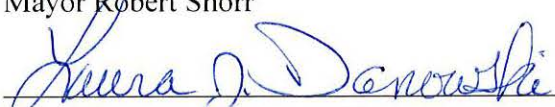


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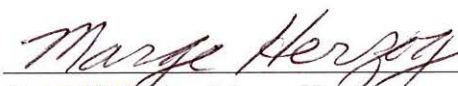
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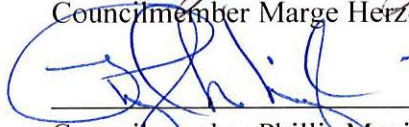
Mayor Robert Shorr



Vice Mayor Laura Danowski



Councilmember Marge Herzog



Councilmember Phillis Maniglia



Councilmember Marianne Miles



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2022**

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Town Manager Jaime Titcomb advised that Councilmember Miles would be joining by phone but there was a quorum in person.

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, Marge Herzog, and Mairanne Miles (By Phone). Town Manager James Titcomb and Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Esq., and Public Works Director Larry Peters. Absent: Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Vice Mayor Danowski asked that item #7 be moved before item# 4.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski, seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to move item #7 before item #4 and to approve the agenda; it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve Resolution 2022-23:** Master Agreement Amendments for **Palm Beach Aggregates** Rock & Materials Contract for Rate card/rates, fuel charge adjustments and other updates.
2. **Approve Resolution 2022-19:** SWA Piggyback Debris Monitoring Contract:
Thompson Consulting Services, Inc. Debris Monitoring Contract.
3. **Approve Resolution 2022-20:** SWA Piggyback Emergency Debris Removal Contracts:
 - 3a. **Phillips & Jordan, Inc.**
 - 3b. **Ashbritt, Inc.**
 - 3c. **Crowder Gulf Joint Venture, Inc.**
 - 3d. **DRC Emergency Services, Inc.**

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 Maniglia, Herzog, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **Approve Resolution 2022-21:** Adopting an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the Town and Palm Beach County for determining timeline and scopes for future implementation of TPA Awarded Okeechobee Improvement Grants. **MOTIONED TO BE HEARD AFTER ITEM #7.**

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item before Council, and he clarified that this item is not synonymous with the Okeechobee Overlay. He noted the financing spreadsheet placed before the Council and what it entails. He mentioned that Morton Rose Director of Palm Beach County Engineering is present.

Town Attorney Lenihan noted that there will be two edits made to the fiscal year funding timeframe on page 354 of the agenda, the dates should be 2023 and 2025. On page 355 section 2.1A word right-a-way will be added to the first sentence.

Morton Rose Division Director Palm Beach County presented the item and provided background information on the item.

Town Manager Titcomb advised that Palm Beach County is the only eligible agency, and it is the County's right-a-way, and the County is in charge of the right of way and the transportation acceptations; he mentioned that the County and TPA have been gracious with the Town in sequencing to afford the Town more time and worked to push out the funding.

There were public comments made by Nina Corning, Paul Coleman, Mary McNicholas. Comments were emailed in by Darcy Murray, Kevin Brennan, Deborah Marshall, Lisa Cruz, Joe Faires, Fran Holden, Michael Cacioppo, Sue Cacioppo, Laura Cacioppo, Joseph Arthur and Nancy Friend.

Mayor Shorr commented on the price tag to the Town and said that he does not support it. He mentioned the point scale for applying for future TPA grants.

Councilmember Miles commented that she is not flip flopping on her decision. She noted the speed limit in Town off Okeechobee Blvd set to slow traffic down; liability issues for the Town and noted that residents are not going to spend funding on a road that the Town does not own. She does not want to move forward; she would like to find out how much it cost for a light for the Town.

Vice Mayor Danowski mentioned that she asked staff to make a finance mechanism for this project. She noted the fiscal year funding the Town would be paying. She mentioned the Comprehensive Plan for trail crossings created by resident Keith Harris in 2013 and said that the Town could do the trails. She would like to see setbacks for trails, and requirements for a fence incorporated into the Okeechobee Overlay. She thanked staff for their time and effort in this, but she does not support it.

Councilmember Maniglia mentioned that without the TPA the Town could not do the Overlay and said that she will vote against it.

Councilmember Herzog commented on the expenditures, the penalty, and advised that the Town would be facing more than just a penalty based on their gratitude and behaviors on their no support. She said that she supports it.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr, seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to reject the ILA: it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski and Councilmember Miles. Nays: Councilmembers Herzog and Maniglia. Motion passed (3-2).

Town Attorney Lenihan asked Council to give staff directive on the next steps to return the TPA grant since Council would not be moving forward with the ILA.

Motion was made by Mayor Shoor, seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski giving staff directive to inform the TPA that the Town would not be moving forward with requesting the grant: it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski and Councilmember Miles. Nays: Councilmembers Herzog and Maniglia. Motion passed (3-2).

Councilmember Herzog commented on placing this before the residents to vote on.

Councilmember Maniglia commented that she agrees with Councilmember Herzog.

Mayor Shorr advised point of order; the right thing to do is inform TPA.

5. Discussion - Town Council Projects and Priorities Lists for FY2022-2023

Francine Ramaglia, Assistant Town Manager discussed the list of most common priorities area and how the Town would spend the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. She mentioned the meeting held yesterday about placing the priorities in categories.

Vice Mayor Danowski provided Council with a list of items and timeline priorities.

There was discussion between the Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia, Town Manager Jaime Titcomb, and Town Council.

6. Town Manager Recruitment Process Updates, Solicitation Ad and Info Package

Town Attorney Lenihan noted that Council gave directive on May 3rd to finalize and advertise the Town Manager position. She mentioned that it was placed on the Town website, Florida League of Cities, and Florida City/County Management Association on May 5th and the Palm Beach County League of Cities on May 9th with submissions be due on May 24th at 4:30 p.m. She noted that 5 applications have been received and 3 out of the 5 are out of state applicants. She mentioned the one formal panel interview set for June 21st at 6 p.m. She explained the interview process and provided Council with interview sample questions and guidelines.

There was discussion among Town Council and Town Attorney.

Town Attorney Lenihan asked Council if the Town would consider paying for travel and relocation expenses.

There was consensus not to pay for travel expenses for the interview.

Mayor Shorr inquired if the decision must be made this evening on relocation expenses for the job offer.

Town Attorney Lenihan responded no; it is something to keep in mind.

7. **Approve Resolution 2022-22:** Designating Town Scholarship Committee Program, with direction setting timeline, jurisdictional parameters, and Committee Members appointment.
MOTIONED TO BE HEARD ITEM #4

Mr. Titcomb presented the item before Council and advised that there are a couple of typography errors in the backup material.

Mayor Shorr inquired if there were any public comments.

Mary McNicholas commented that she was fortunate to begin the scholarship program and explained why. She mentioned that she was advised by the previous Town Attorney that Scholarship program had to be a formalized processed. She noted the type of applicants allowed to apply; and the various reasons for turning it over to a nonprofit. She mentioned that this is a passion of hers and noted that there are so many constraints that must be done within Sunshine Law, meetings, staffing, and the bureaucratic system.

Vice Mayor Danowski commented to wrap up this year's scholarship, place it on the Town's website, advertise for 60 days, receive applications, and review them, and award funds at the beginning of the school year as this will allow time to think about how to fix and make changes.

Councilmember Maniglia inquired if Council could solicit funds for the scholarship.

Town Attorney Lenihan responded yes.

Councilmember Maniglia inquired who will do the work.

Vice Mayor Danowski advised that the application needs to get out and come back; review the applications and award the money. This gives Council 3 months to determine how to do it better or hand it over.

Councilmember Maniglia asked Vice Mayor Danowski if she wants staff to prepare everything.

Vice Mayor Danowski responded no.

Councilmember Maniglia commented that she does not think that staff will do it.

Vice Mayor Danowski clarified the process.

Town Attorney Lenihan explained the next steps. She noted that at the next meeting there would be an appointment resolution to appoint the scholarship committee, then there would need to be a meeting to review the program; make changes; staff would upload the approved application and program guidelines on the website and social media. Then the scholarship committee would appoint the selection committee; the selection committee would meet to do the award.

Vice Mayor Danowski inquired if the selection committee would be made up of teachers, principals, and educators.

Town Attorney Lenihan responded yes.

Councilmember Herzog advised that Loxahatchee Groves Landowners Association (LGLA) was approached regarding candidates having money left over from their campaigns once they are done; from what they were told the candidates must donate to a nonprofit as they cannot donate to the Town. The LGLA has agreed to help the candidates meet what they are required to do. She commented to free up the hands of the committee and let the committee do the jobs that they have shown they can do rather quickly. The mentioned that the LGLA is there to help if help is needed and wanted.

Councilmember Miles asked Town Attorney Lenihan if the issue is with Sunshine Law.

Town Attorney Lenihan responded yes.

There was discussion among Town Council and Town Attorney.

Mayor Shorr commented on the staff time to create, advertise, and have the committee meet in Sunshine verses having staff put the application on the website and consult with Mrs. McNicholas if there is something that came up it should be added to the application. He noted the three schools located within the Town boundaries and suggested leaning on them each year to provide application review. He commented on fundraising and if the Town could be added to the budget.

Town Attorney Lenihan responded this was not the intent; she has not checked whether the Town can budget for it.

Mayor Shorr recommended adding \$4,000 to the budget if possible and fundraise to offset those cost. He mentioned leaning on Mrs. McNicholas expertise and experience during the application process or give it over to the schools to come up with someone.

There was discussion among Mrs. McNicholas, Town Council and Town Attorney.

Vice Mayor Danowski mentioned that there is \$3,100 in the fund.

Assistant Town Manager Francine Ramaglia said that is correct; once all the pledge deposits have been received and placed in the bank.

Vice Mayor Danowski mentioned a private funding event she held and advised that \$700 will handed over tonight for the scholarship funding.

There was discussion among Town Council and Town Attorney on the resolution.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski, seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve the Resolution 2022-22: it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmember Miles. Nays: Councilmembers Maniglia and Herzog. Motion passed (3-2).

Mayor Shorr advised put the committee together and get the application out as soon as possible.

8. Upcoming Meetings **Calendar** and town schedule.

Town Manager Titcomb advised that calendar was added for Council convenience.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

- Captain Turner advised that he covered the monthly report at the prior meeting.
- Councilmember Maniglia requested to meet with Captain Turner regarding residents with mental health issues next week. She inquired if there were any accidents since the speed limit changed off Okeechobee Boulevard.
- Captain Turner advised that he have to pull the data.
- Town Manager Titcomb noted that Palm Beach County Rescue (PBCR) was present earlier.
- Public Visioning Hearings:
 - May 25th at the Royal Palm Civic Center.
 - June 11th at the Village of Wellington.

Town Attorney

- Vice Mayor Danowski inquired on the code complaint process for weekends.
- Town Attorney Lenihan advised that an email could be sent and noted that a voicemail could be left. If concerned call the Town Manager. There was discussion among Town Council, Town Manager, Town Attorney and Captain Turner.

Assistant Town Manager

- Treasure Coast presentation
- There was discussion among Town Planner, Town Council, and Assistant Town Manager.

Public Works Director/ Assistant Public Works Director

- Backhoe delivery/return of the rental excavator
- Councilmember Maniglia inquired on equipment located at Public Works for auction. There was discussion among Town Council, Town Manager, and Town Attorney.

- Vice Mayor Danowski inquired on Public Works staff protocols for equipment maintenance. Mr. Peters explained the process.
- Mr. Matos commented on equipment use and hurricane season.

Engineering/Planner

- Ordinance that includes Okeechobee Overlay
- Handout that identifies the corridor of Okeechobee Overlay

Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

- Tires dropped off near her 966 A Road Property. She requested Mr. Peters to have someone come and pick them up.
- Debris build up on A Road and the Okeechobee Canal
- Collecting Canal Road
- Stated she hopes that the Okeechobee Overlay meeting is not a disaster like the TPA was tonight; that was an embarrassment to the Town
- The lake dug on the property located North of 3000 A Road. Town Manager Titcomb advised he will check to see if a permit was pulled.

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Okeechobee Overlay
- Votes/Decisions of Council members
- Council Voting with Council members not present

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Position as a Councilmember
- Roads
- FPL Lines/Right-of-Ways; She request residents to contact staff or Councilmembers with questions.
- Town Manager prospects
- She thanked Council for allowing her to attend the meeting remotely.

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- \$700 raised for Scholarship Program; She thanked the Town vendors and participants.
- Morley Slchoss – Poker Run article in Sunsports Magazine

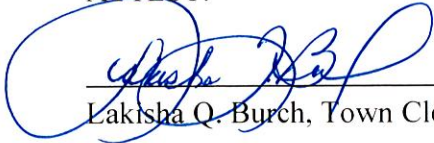
Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Easement Policy/permissions
- Town Attorney Lenihan advised that the policy could be brought back with a paving plan
- Council issues: he thinks the Town is moving in a great direction.
- Equipment from County thrift store.
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ADJOURNMENT

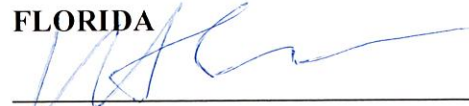
There being no further business the Town Council meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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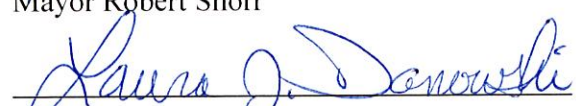


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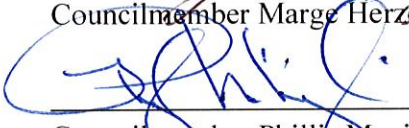
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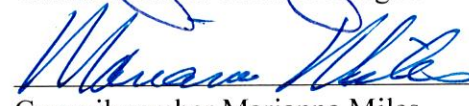
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