



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY OPEN DISCUSSION WORKSHOP
APRIL 5, 2022**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were public comments made by the following: Thais Hagan, Katie Lakeman and Todd McLendon.

Ms. Lakeman asked for an explanation of why the C Road canal bank appears to be sliding around 22 hundred block on C Road. Mr. Peters, Director of Public Works responded by stating that the roadway berm has diminished canal bank is not the proper slope and is currently trying to be fixed, but there have been some glitches, so the process has not gone as quickly as expected. Ms. Lakeman thanked Mr. Peters for his hard work but wanted it on the record that she has pointed this out before. Mayor Shorr asked Mr. Peters what the timeline is, what is the plan moving forward. Mr. Peters responded that is about 300-foot section that was proposed to be fixed. Grading 3 days a week working on the canal bank, timeframe doesn't have a specific one as of yet. Mr. Peters continued to give update about canals and their upkeep.

Councilmember Maniglia asked about how the workforce is being distributed and equipment. Mr. Peters responded by stating where and in what conditions all the equipment was in. Councilmember Maniglia addressed the remaining Council about our 3-year buying. She suggested maybe changing the 3-year buying restriction or should we hire a third-party company. Council Maniglia asked for a consensus to go out for a third-party company to help with the work. Town Attorney Lenihan responded that staff would try to develop a scope for this. There was discussion among Town Council and staff. Ms. Lakeman asked could this be done before the rain starts. Mayor Shorr asked that staff continue to stay on top of this.

Mr. McLendon did a follow-up on Ms. Lakeman concern regarding the canal banks speaking about the contract that was entered into years back regarding this matter. Mr. McLendon spoke about campaign signs that was picked up and other signs being left that was not removed. Stating that signs can't be removed by its content, and he would like for staff to pick up all signs not just campaign signs. He also stated about the waiver of significant fines for a code enforcement case. He would like for Council to look into this matter. Councilmember Maniglia stated she would like clarification again on how and why that happened. She also stated that Council didn't even vote on it. Town Manager Titcomb responded stating that Town's code prevents Council from voting on code matters. He also stated that it was an un-prosecutable case and paper money and there is a request out for the records on the case which describes why the Town took the position it did on this case. He then continued to explain code cases that are before the Special Magistrate. Councilmember Maniglia stated what she is confused about is that the case went through Special Magistrate, and Special Magistrate gave a final order. Town Manager Titcomb stated that it was his position as Council's Executive Officer to request vacating that particular case because there was a specific opportunity that was launched by potential sale of the property, because the

case pre-dates him and have gone through multiple attorneys. Councilmember Maniglia asked do we have a collect what the case cost the Town in attorney fees and staff. Town Manager Titcomb responded that we cut our losses.

Mayor Shorr asked that our new Assistant Public Works Director introduce himself. Mr. Matos introduced himself and gave a little about his background and gave an update on what projects are accruing in Public Works. He also stated that he was excited to be here to help Mr. Peters and gave his contact information where he can be reached. Vice Mayor Danowski asked where he was from, and Mr. Matos responded. Councilmember Maniglia asked did he have canal experience and what is the lot size from his previous job. Mr. Matos responded, he feels that his Public Works experience will be help him in his position. There was continued conversation among Mr. Matos and Councilmember Maniglia. Councilmember Miles asked about the removal of rocks from a project that is being done. Mr. Matos responded to Councilmember Miles' concern.

Ms. Lakeman asked about large signs that are advertising Nursey, she thought there were regulations regarding that. Councilmember Maniglia asked the Town Attorney. Town Attorney Lenihan responded that she has not looked into signs but will get with Code Enforcement. Town Manager Titcomb stated he was aware and was looking into the matter. Councilmember Maniglia spoke about the sign ordinance. Mr. McLendon responded stated that size and location can be regulated but not content. Town Attorney Lenihan stated that she would speak with the Palm Beach County. Mayor Shorr stated maybe an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) can be done for Okeechobee and Folsom. Mayor Shorr also asked about driveways off Okeechobee Blvd. Town Manager Titcomb responded.

Ms. Hagen asked who signed off on Florida Power & Light doing work on private property. Mr. Peters responded that the permits in which was signed off on was within Town's easement. It is not permitted to work on private property with Town easement. Mr. Peters stated that residents can call him if they have any questions. He did not give permission for them to work on private property. There was discussion among Town Council and Mr. Peters. Ms. Hagen also stated that someone asked the FPL representee who gave permission, and they responded the Town. Mayor Shorr responded to Ms. Hagen that if there are questions to reach out to Mr. Peters and FPL representatives.

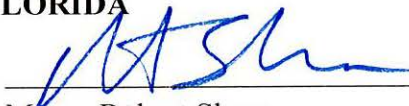
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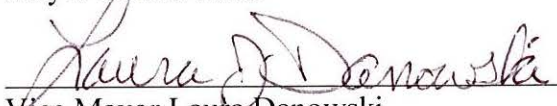
The workshop was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lakisha O. Burch, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**


Mayor Robert Shorr


Vice Mayor Laura Danowski


Council Member Marge Herzog



Council Member Maryann Miles



Council Member Phillis Maniglia