



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor El-Ramey called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor El-Ramey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor El-Ramey led a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Lisa El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Councilmembers Phillis Maniglia, Laura Danowski, and Robert Shorr, Town Manager James Titcomb, Asst. Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Esq., Public Works Director, Larry Peters, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Town Manager requested that item #4 under Public Hearing be removed from the agenda and continued to the March 16, 2021 agenda and to add a presentation from Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) after public comment on the agenda.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia and seconded by Councilmember Danowski to continue Item #4, under Public Hearing to the March 16th agenda and add the presentation from PBSO after Public Comment. Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Maniglia, Danowski, and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were comments made by the following: Virginia Standish and Ruth Menar.

PRESENTATIONS – ADDED TO THE AGENDA

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Annual Report

Captain Craig Turner of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office provided the Town Council with a presentation of the 2020 Annual Report for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. He mentioned crime in the county overall decreased and provided statistics for 2020. Councilmember Shorr inquired about how citations are documented versus stops. Councilmember Danowski asked Captain Turner to define egregious. Councilmember Maniglia inquired about how the Town received revenue from the citations from Palm Beach County and can the revenue information be added to the annual report. Councilmember Miles inquired about citations being written on paved roads versus dirt roads. Councilmember Miles inquired about compared to other smaller cities where does Loxahatchee Groves stand. Councilmember Maniglia inquired about patrons loitering at convenience stores and drinking alcohol.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-07 authorizing the entry by the Town into Agreements with Vendors for Goods and Services Utilizing the Village of Wellington's Annual Asphalt Milling, Resurfacing and Sealcoating Contract; authorizing the mayor to Execute necessary documents in forms acceptable to the Town Manager and Town Attorney to take necessary action to implement such Cooperative Purchasing Agreements.
2. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-08 supporting the Village of Wellington's local bill on fireworks.
3. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-11 appointing Katie Lakeman as a regular voting member of the Town's Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway Advisory Committee, to serve a term that expire on the sunset date of May 4, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski and seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to Consent Agenda. Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Maniglia, Danowski, and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-06 amending its Code of Ordinances by enacting Chapter 7 "Animals" to provide for regulations regarding animals. **PULLED FROM AGENDA TO BE HEARD AT THE MARCH 16TH TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Presentation of "Dust Control" and "Sand Glue".
 - a. Global Environmental-Brian McNeil
 - b. Soil2o – Paul Christle
 - c. Presentations was given by Brian McNeil from Global Environmental and Paul Christle from Soil2Pro

The town has been discussing various “Dirt Glue” and “Dustless” products/processes/prices from various vendors for some time now. We have arranged two presentations to let council take into consideration products that harden, better maintain and, or reduce dust fly on our dirt road grids.

Global Environmental Solutions, a US-based company specializing in equestrian soil stabilization and dust mitigation needs. Founder and primary R/D resource is Chris Rider. Chris has worked side-by-side with Brian McNeil locally preparing a Dirt Glue sample created in his driveway for demonstration, he is very familiar with the status of our local roads.

Local resident Mr. Brian McNeil (owner E=MC Equestrian Arenas & Surfaces) a member of the RETGAC Committee, has offered guidance with any install and, or just serve as a local technical resource for the town, assist the crew with any test-bed prototype of the product, and answer council questions on the options.

Paul Christle represents a dustless product company “Soil2O” who will speak on their product qualities and options for application on our dirt roads grid. Public Works presented back-up materials originally in October for these various road treatment options, however council voiced interest in direct conversations on the product(s) to use here.

Mayor El-Ramey inquired about the longevity of the product through grading. Mr. McNeil stated that the product will last through grading. Councilmember Maniglia asked would the manufacturer be willing to put down test strips at no charge. Vice Mayor Herzog inquired about how the products holds up in the rain. Mayor El Ramey inquires about the potency of the product in the rain. Councilmember Shorr inquired about the cost of the product. Councilmember Maniglia asked about the training of Public Works staff to use the product. Councilmember Maniglia discussed what roads the test application should be applied. There was a consensus by Council to move forward with the product and gave Town Manager Titcomb direction to meet with Mr. McNeil and staff to come up with a proposal to bring back before for discussion at the March 16th Town Council Meeting.

Public Comment: Todd McClendon and Virginia Standish

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia for B Road North to do a test application of the GES Product in the 100-75-50-25 percent breakdown for a two-mile stretch. Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Maniglia, Danowski, and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-12 acceptance of a dedication of land located in the vicinity of theoretical 145th Avenue North & theoretical 43rd Road North, Loxahatchee Groves, FL.

On January 26, 2021, Town staff met with the potential (contracted) Buyers of the (4) properties informally known as “Little Turtle Creek LLC” (LTC) to discuss a proposed dedication Property for Right of Way purposes. The Property is located in the vicinity of 145th Avenue North & 43rd Road, North, Loxahatchee Groves, Florida. The actual location(s) are

described on the Sketch and Legal Description labeled as Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and made a part hereof.

Town Council is considering acceptance of the said Property for the intended purposes it will provide public ingress/egress and services access to property owners who may be impacted by recent and intended private road closures undertaken by the Indian Trail Improvement District, commonly referred to as ITID; and removal of the public portion way of access by the town on the LTC property in the past.

Town Attorney James Brako read into the record the Resolution approving the acceptance of the dedication of land located in the vicinity of theoretical 145th Avenue North & theoretical 43rd Road North, Loxahatchee Groves, FL from contract purchasers Dr Kenneth A and Ivy Larson and Gail Ingram. Councilmember Maniglia inquired about who is paying for the clearing, rock, excavation, and other items for the property. Councilmember Danowski thanked the Larson and Ingram family for cooperating and why the 30 feet roadway. Vice Mayor Herzog inquired about the title company giving residents access that is required. Councilmember Maniglia asked Town Attorney Brako to define an Easement of Prescription. Councilmember Shorr inquired about the easement in the back of the house. Councilmember Shorr inquired about ensuring language in the contract to ensure access roads are passable while the road is under construction per Exhibit A. Vice Mayor Herzog inquired about the numbers of the new roads that are being created. Mayor El-Ramey requested the Town Manager or Town Attorney provide a background on this issue and the hesitancy of the seller. Councilmember Maniglia requested an estimate for how much it will cost the Town to clear, rock, and excavate the road prior to Town Council approval. Councilmember Herzog asked what the timeline is for closing on the property.

Public Comment: Virginia Standish, Todd McClendon. Dr. Kenneth Larson

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia and seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to bring back Resolution No. 2021-12 to the March 16th meeting with the following amendments: 2 estimates for road construction from outside vendors, providing access and maintaining existing egress, and Town Attorney research feasibility of time impact to the private owners on 43rd Road N. Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Shorr, and Maniglia. Nays: Councilmember Danowski. Motion passed 4-1.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Provided information on the Silver Lake property located in Westlake which is adjacent to the North end of the Town. Thanked Public Works Director, Larry Peters for the mirrors and requested a Caution Horses sign be added. Stated that the individuals that are spraying canals are performing the task from their trucks.

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Inquired about the Code Compliance enforcement process regarding violations, Code Enforcement Special Magistrate, and liens on property.

Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Requested that staff follow up with the City of Westlake on obtaining traffic light on D Road. Informed staff that the canals looked great after vegetation was removed. Inquired about the status of the Simmons and White traffic study. Assistant Town Manager Rama provided an update on the traffic study. Inquired about road paving. Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia gave a update and asked if the council would like to have all proposal brought before them for discussion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski and seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to extend the meeting; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Maniglia, Danowski, and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

- Informed staff the removal of the vegetation from the canals look great and keep up the good work. Resident is concerned about the messy condition on B Road when workers leave empty food and drink containers at the location and not property dispose of them. State the garbage cans on Okeechobee are not being emptied in a timely manner. Would like to see monthly updates on what the Town Council is working on as far as budgeted items on the Town's social media outlets. Inquired about the military flags on Town Hall property

Mayor El-Ramey (Seat 3)

- Inquired about the patch material cost. Inquired about the correlation of a reroofing and FDA requirements for the permitting process. Town Manager Titcomb explained that there is some work that has been done in the Town without permits and there are cases that when a legitimate permit is applied for it triggers certain code requirements on the property.
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TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

- Town Manager James Titcomb congratulated Town Clerk, Lakisha Burch on receiving the Master Municipal Clerk Designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Provided information on how staff determines what items are going on the Town Council agenda.

Public Works Director

- Public Works Director Peters announced new Public Works employees have been hired.

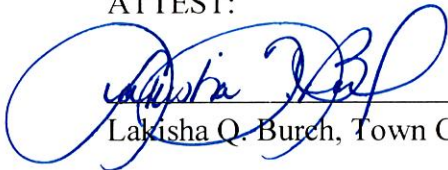
Town Clerk

- Town Clerk Burch reminded everyone that the municipal election is Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

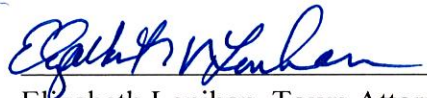
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk

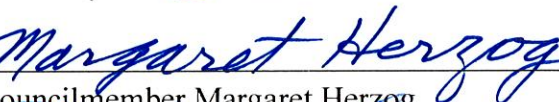
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


Elizabeth Lenihan, Town Attorney

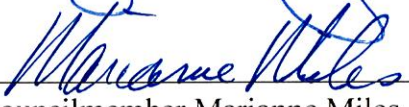
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