



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor El-Ramey called the 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 Marge Herzog, Councilmembers Laura Danowski, Phillis Maniglia and Robert Shorr, Town Manager James Titcomb, Assistant Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney James Brako, Public Works Director Larry Peters and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Danowski asked if items 1, 2 and 5 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Warrant DD-09, transfers between Town of Loxahatchee Groves and Loxahatchee Water Control Dependent District.
4. Town Purchasing Policy Manual - Legal and language updated for sufficiency and adoption.

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

1. Renewal and Extension of Sluggett & Associates (Lobby/Gov-Relations) Contract.
Pulled from Consent Agenda

Councilmember Danowski stated her reasoning for pulling this item from the Consent Agenda and asked if the Sluggett & Associates contract could be modified by going back to an hourly rate.

Councilmember Maniglia also expressed her concerns regarding the item stating that Sluggett & Associates are hardworking people, always working on behalf of the Town and because of their work things are turning around for us as a Town.

Vice Mayor Herzog stated that she didn't have a problem with the contract and asked if they could do a list of things they worked on during the month.

Councilmember Shorr apologized for not returning phone calls but commented that Sluggett & Associates are a great asset but would like for them to go back to an hourly wage.

Mayor El-Ramey commented that Sluggett & Associates are an extension of staff, they value they bring to the table and to keep contract the same way.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Herzog seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to accept as written in the Sluggett & Associates contract and make general listing of work done on behalf of the Town; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog and Councilmember Maniglia. Nays: Councilmembers Danowski and Shorr. Motion passed 3-2.

2. Renewal and Extension of Johnson & Davis (Engineering Road Services) Contract.
Pulled from Consent Agenda

Councilmember Shorr read into record why the contract is on the agenda. Town Manager Titcomb responded to Councilmember Shorr's comment by stating it is to extend out adopted contract. Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia also expanded in explaining.

Councilmember Maniglia commented that needed to be revisited and that the Town should have choices.

Mayor El-Ramey stated all contracts should be looked at.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Shorr to approve the extension of Johnson-Davis contract for one year ending May 2021; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr.

5. Receive and File- Vendor Payments in FY 2020 between \$10,000 and \$25,000. **Pulled from Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to receive and file the Vendor Payments in FY 2030 between 10,000 and 25, 000 dollars; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Discussion/direction on pre-vetted public agency ("piggyback") contractual services to save time, costs and deploy critical services for Building, Permits, Inspections & Code Enforcement and roadway, canal and public works work and engineering.

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item to Town Council and Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia also gave an explanation to the item.

Councilmember Danowski asked how many budget cycles it would be before results would be noticed. Town Manager Titcomb responded to Councilmember Danowski. Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia also spoke about the Code Enforcement component.

Vice Mayor Herzog asked how many people are staffed by the County and if the Town were to contract these services out, are we equipped to accommodate the staff. Town Staff responded.

Councilmember Shorr asked about fee structure-limited by state statutes. Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia addressed his concerns.

Councilmember Maniglia stated that Code Enforcement is the weakest link.

Mayor El-Ramey asked that the item be bought back at the workshop and a lot of calls have been received from the residents-cost to the Town.

Town Council reached a consensus for Town Staff to bring back with more details in a formalized structure and have contractors come a speak before Council.

7. ITID option(s) on 43rd Rd N. interim subdivision agreement(s) for access and services.

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item and gave an update. Town Attorney Brako also gave comments regarding the item.

Councilmember Shorr stated he is in support of temp agreement, not a long-term agreement between Town and Indian Trails Improvement District (ITID).

Vice Mayor Herzog stated the Town should move quickly and she supports a short-term agreement.

Councilmember Maniglia stated she also agrees with a short-term agreement.

Councilmember Danowski commented regarding land purchase on the east side and an agreement no longer than 3 months.

Mayor El-Ramey stated she agrees of short-term agreement (define needs of maintenance access point on the west).

Town Council reached a consensus for Town Staff to enter into an inter-local agreement with Indian Trails Improvement District (ITID) and have item come before Town Council every three months.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember (Seat 1)

- Employees
- Vehicles in the canal
- Dustless products

Laura Danowski, Councilmember (Seat 2)

- Updates on Community Piles
- Properties that have filled in swells
- Update on Attorney General (AG) opinion regarding Palm Beach County Sheriff Office (PBCSO)

Lisa El-Ramey, Mayor (Seat 3)

- Status on title search
- Status on mowing contracts
- Date for Facebook launch
- Sheriff reports
- Status of OGEM RFP

Town Council reached a consensus to moved forward on a medical overlay

Robert Shorr, Councilmember (Seat 4)

- F Road (washout)
- Task List
- Tires

Marge Herzog, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)

- Appreciation of berm being restored on A Road
- ALDI

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

No Comment.

Town Attorney

No Comment.

Public Works

No Comment.

Town Clerk

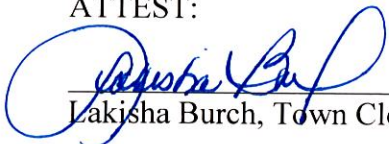
- Town Clerk Burch asked Town Council about having an event regarding feeding families in Loxahatchee Groves.

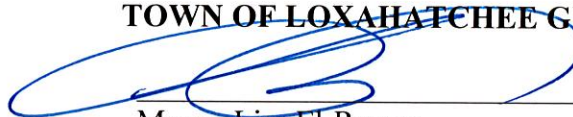
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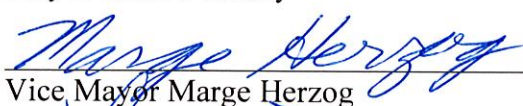
There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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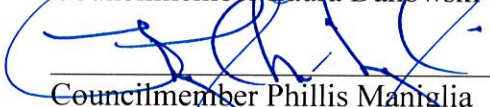
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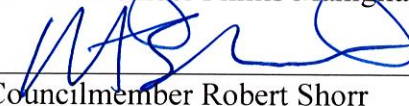

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk


Mayor Lisa El-Ramey


Vice Mayor Marge Herzog


Councilmember Laura Danowski


Councilmember Phillis Maniglia


Councilmember Robert Shorr

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


James Brako, Town Attorney