



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor El-Ramey called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Town Attorneys Glen Torcivia and James Brako, Public Works Director Larry Peters and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

Councilmember Maniglia commented on the volume of the audio. Town Manager Titcomb responded to her concerns.

Mayor El-Ramey announced that if you are going to speak you will need to speak into the microphone.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Town Clerk Burch stated that item 5 First Reading of Ordinance 2020-11 had some additions added and the new version will the updated version was distributed to Town Council.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Herzog seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve the changes and accept 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.

Glen Torcivia from Torcivia, Dolan & Goddeu P.A. presented the Town's new attorney Mr. James Brako. Mr. Brako gave a brief introduction.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Aquatic Vegetation Control, Inc. (15 minutes) **PRESENTER DID NOT SHOW UP**
2. Presentation by ~~Land~~ Lake & Wetland Management- Palm Beach (15 minutes)

Stu Fisher, owner of Lake & Wetland Management gave a brief history of his company and introduced his staff to Town Council and answered all Town Council's questions and concerns.

Councilmember Danowski asked does the company has snake equipment to clean out the culvers. Mr. Fisher responded yes.

Councilmember Maniglia asked what is plan of how canals will be cleaned and also how do they handle nurseries that are piped into the canals. Mr. Fisher responded to her concerns.

Vice Mayor Herzog asked what type of equipment used. Mr. Fisher responded.

Councilmember Shorr asked once emergency is addressed how are they going to be maintained. Mr. Fisher responded.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to move forward with Lake & Wetland Management to provide canal vegetation service by piggyback based on contract with South Florida Water Management District with option to renew in a year; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-07 amending Part II "Zoning Districts", Article 20 "Residential Zoning Districts" by enacting Section 20-050 "Recreational Vehicles"; amending Article 175 "Floodplain Management"

Town Attorney Brako read Ordinance No. 2020-07 amending Part II "Zoning Districts", Article 20 "Residential Zoning Districts" by enacting Section 20-050 "Recreational Vehicles"; amending Article 175 "Floodplain Management" into the record.

There was discussion among the Town Council regarding changes that needs to be made regarding the Ordinance.

There were public comments made by the following: Robert Austin and Virginia Standish.

There was consensus by Town Council to bring back to the next regular schedule Town Council meeting as a First Reading with corrections.

4. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-10 amending Article 20 "Residential Zoning Districts", Section 20-010 "General Provisions" to modify the requirement regarding the number of stalls necessary to have "Grooms Quarters" residential uses on the property.

Town Attorney Brako read Ordinance No. 2020-10 amending Article 20 "Residential Zoning Districts", Section 20-010 "General Provisions" to modify the requirement regarding the number of stalls necessary to have "Grooms Quarters" residential uses on the property into the record.

There was discussion among Town Council and Town Staff.

There was public comment by Virginia Standish.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve on First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-10 amending Article 20 "Residential

Zoning Districts”, Section 20-010 “General Provisions” to modify the requirement regarding the number of stalls necessary to have “Grooms Quarters” residential uses on the property; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-11 amending Candidate Qualifying Period.

Town Clerk Burch presented the item to Town Council with an explanation of why the Qualifying Period has been change.

Town Attorney Brako read Ordinance No. 2020-11 amending Candidate Qualifying Period.

Councilmember Shorr asked why we are going against our Charter by moving our Qualifying Period. Town Attorney Brako responded to Councilmember Shorr. There was discussion among Town Council and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve on First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-10 amending Candidate Qualifying Period; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Discussion for permitted access ILA w Indian Trail Improvement District (ITID) for 43rd Rd N.

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item to Town Council regarding the cut-through at 43rd Road North.

Mayor El-Ramey asked Town Attorney Brako has he had a chance to review this issue. Town Attorney Brako responded to her question.

Town Clerk Burch read into record public comment by Christine St. John.

Councilmember Maniglia stated that the Town needs to get with residents and see what they would like to do regarding this issue. Town Manager Titcomb responded and stated he had reached out to the resident that wrote the public comment.

Councilmember Shorr stated that a letter from the Mayor to Indian Trail Improvement District (ITID) stating could this be postponed for about six (6) months and let the Town iron out, something in writing with a timeline, give the residents in the area an option to annex out of the Town and enter an Interlocal Agreement with ITID -providing access to Town from ITID. He continued to express his other concerns regarding this issue.

Vice Mayor Herzog expressed her concerns regarding solid waste (Coastal) issues with this closure and she stated that she spoke with Bill Hammond regarding that area. Town Manager Titcomb also commented on Vice Mayor Herzog’s comment.

Councilmember Maniglia asked she would like to know what the residents would like and are there fees when and if this Interlocal Agreement is made.

Councilmember Danowski asked what type of outreach had been done to inform residents in the area. Town Manager Titcomb responded to her question stating that no formal outreach had been done he then went to explain what had been done. Mt. Titcomb also stated he has spoken to some of the residents individually. There were additional comments among Councilmember Danowski and Town Manager Titcomb and Town Council.

Mayor El-Ramey stated that an official form of communication is needed, she was not in favor of annexation, get residents in that together and discuss what their legal options are and of the mindset to keep access through 43rd not 140th and if there are any fees Town should be responsible. Town Manager Titcomb responded.

There was public comment made by Cassie Suchy.

There was consensus by Town Council to solve own problem without using Indian Trail Improvement District (ITID) by having Town Staff look try to work through Town roads, ask for timeline. Town Manager to give an estimate of time at the November 3, 2020 meeting.

7. Discussion/direction for Veterans Day Special Event Permit for Parade & Flagpole dedication.

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item.

There was discussion among Town Council and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia move forward only with the Veterans Day Flagpole dedication. Motion failed for a lack of second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Danowski to move forward with the Veterans Day Parade and Flagpole dedication as presented and scheduled; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Councilmember Shorr and Danowski. Nays: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog and Councilmember Maniglia. Motion failed 2-3.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Danowski for Town to support the Flagpole dedication by providing Certificate of Insurance, chairs, electric and open restrooms to the public; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Councilmember Shorr, Councilmember Danowski. Nays: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog and Councilmember Maniglia. Motion failed 2-3.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Shorr for the Town to support only the Veterans Day Flagpole dedication by providing Certificate of Insurance, electric and opening restrooms to the public; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Nay: Mayor El-Ramey. Motion passed 4-1.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

8. Discussion on quotes for scope work on Road Repairs & Resurfacing council priorities.
 - a. Repair and/or Replace Guardrail, quotes for contractor.

Larry Peters, Director of Public Works presented the item.

It was stated that the scope of work and instructions that was given at the previous meeting were not followed or met and that it needs to be redone.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to come back with the scope of work from the previous meeting; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski and Maniglia. Nay: Councilmember Shorr. Motion passed 4-1.

There were public comments made by the following: Laura Cacioppo, Cassie Suchy and Virginia Standish.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approval all locations for alt. a recycled (good0used) at the lump sum of 16,786.00 by

Sunshine Guardrail; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember (Seat 1)

- Recreational Trails
- Piping Gate (height)
- Johnson/Davidson contract
- Move forward with Attorney General's opinion regarding agreement with Palm Beach County Sherriff
- Hours of Town Hall
- Library

Laura Danowski, Councilmember (Seat 2)

- Improve Permit Process
- Commented on the Veterans Parade/Flagpole ceremony

Lisa El-Ramey, Mayor (Seat 3)

- Coastal Recycling and Waste
- RETGAC – signs (trail)
- Status of Building Official
- Welcomed Mr. Brako

Robert Shorr, Councilmember (Seat 4)

- Update on Cost Sharing
- Easements
- 25-mile speed limit
- Coastal- contract
- Charter Review committee

Marge Herzog, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)

- Hyde Park (one-way)
- Funding (set a-side)
- Coastal

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

No Comment.

Town Attorney

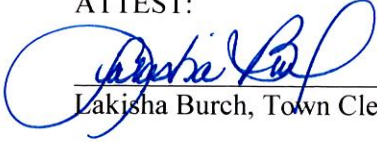
No Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

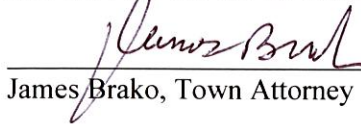
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ATTEST:



Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

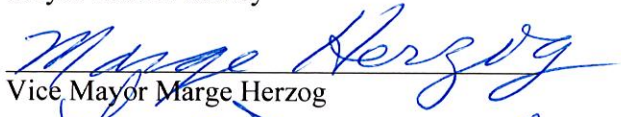
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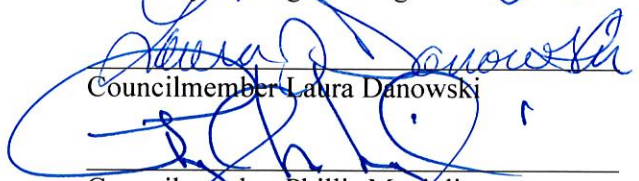
James Brako, Town Attorney



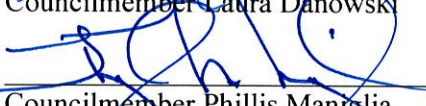
Mayor Lisa El-Ramey



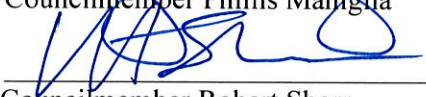
Vice Mayor Marge Herzog



Councilmember Laura Danowski



Councilmember Phillis Maniglia



Councilmember Robert Shorr