



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor El-Ramey called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Assistant Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney R. Brian Shutt, Public Works Director Larry Peters, Town Planning Consultant James Fleishman and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Town Manager Titcomb stated that there were two corrections on the heading of the minutes, the dates should have been September 8, 2020 instead of August 4, 2020. Corrections were made by Town Clerk Burch on final documents that will require signatures from Town Council.

Councilmember Danowski asked that item # 2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and if item # 6 be modified by adding item 6a. Discussion on restoration of B Road.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were public comments in person by the following: Marianne Miles, Robert Miller and Cassie Suchy. Town Clerk Burch read the following into the record by the following: Lesley Rauberts and Andrew Somar.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. September 8, 2020 Loxahatchee Groves Water Control Dependent District Annual Landowners Meeting
 - b. September 8, 2020 First Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Herzog 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.

2. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-23 authorization the Line of Credit (BankUnited)
PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Danowski wanted to know, what would the emergency credit be used for. Town Manager Titcomb responded to her question. She then asked why it is just coming before Town Council. Town Manager Titcomb also responded to her question.

Councilmember Maniglia asked does the line of credit has to be used in a case of Mother Nature. Town Manager Titcomb responded her question.

Mayor El-Ramey asked had the Town had a line of credit and were the feeds comparable. Town Manager Titcomb and Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia responded to her question.

There were public comments made by the following: Marianne Miles and Todd McLendon.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2020-23 authorizing issuance of Emergency Line of Credit not to Exceed 500,000.00 dollars; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

QUASI-JUDICIAL-PUBLIC HEARING

3. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-09 approving The Noah's Ark Preschool Amendment and Rezoning.

Town Attorney Shutt swore in all participants and read Ordinance No. 2020-09 approving The Noah's Ark Preschool Amendment and Rezoning into the record also explaining the of Quasi-Judicial.

James Fleischmann, Town Planning Consultant presented the item to Town Council.

Councilmember Maniglia stated that this is a non-profit is there some kind of discount to use this school for Town residents. Josh Nicholas representative of The Noah's Ark Preschool responded to Councilmember Maniglia's question.

Mayor El-Ramey asked does the Preschool pay a fee instead of taxes. Mr. Fleischmann responded to her question.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Herzog seconded by Councilmember Shorr to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09 on second reading approving The Noah's Ark Preschool amendment and rezoning; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-22 approving The Noah's Ark Preschool Site Plan.

Councilmember Shorr asked Town Attorney Shutt did the easement need to be all inclusive of recreation, utilities and maintenance need to be across the board in the future. Town Attorney Shutt responded.

Vice Mayor Herzog asked about parking. Mr. Nichols, representative for The Noah's Ark Preschool responded to Vice Mayor Herzog's question.

Councilmember Danowski asked about traffic study and Mr. Nichols stated that there was a traffic statement and Mr. Fleischmann responded 13 people per trip over beyond.

Mayor El-Ramey asked about easement, fees/taxes and hours of operation. Mr. Nicholas responded to her questions.

There was public comment made by the following: Cassie Suchy

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve Resolution No. 2020-22 with mentioned additional conditions stated by the Town Attorney; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

Before Town Council moved to the Regular Agenda, Town Manager Titcomb stated that Lt. Turner from Palm Beach County Sheriff Office wanted to give the Town Council an update. Lt. Turner addressed Town Council. He spoke about the Fireworks ordinance, drinking/drugs, crime levels are down, spike in ATV accidents, September's monthly report. Councilmember Maniglia asked about the ticket book. Lt. Turner responded to her question.

There was consensus by Town Council to move forward with Town Staff working with Lt. Turner and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office to bring forth the finding at the 1st meeting in November.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5. Approval of Special Mowing Projects Contractor(s) – Temporary Deployment vs Long Term Rotational Contracts to Bid.**

Larry Peters, Director of Public Works presented the item.

There was consensus by Town Council to have staff to bring at the October 20th meeting a plan and scope of work for landscaping.

- 6. Discussion of products/quotes received to scope work for bids of council priorities - Road Repairs & Resurfacing.**

Larry Peters, Director of Public Works presented the item.

There was public comment made by Marianne Miles.

There was consensus by Town Council to have staff to bring back to the next meeting of October 20th scope of work (patch work), pricing for sealing, 3rd option stated on page 8, engineering done in house, price compared to prep in-house/outourcing, performance contract and grantee regarding road repairs and resurfacing.

- 6a. Discussion of Restoration of B Road.**

There were public comments made by Marianne Miles in person and Town Clerk Burch read into record public comment by Geoff Sluggett.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve to extend the meeting from 10:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

There was consensus by Town Council to do a resolution regarding restoration of B Road resident's easements.

7. Approval of Canal Vegetation Services Provider(s) – Piggyback SFWMD and other submittals and quotes.

There was consensus by Town Council to have Aquatic Vegetation Control, Inc. and Lake and Wetland Management-Palm Beach, Inc. both present to Town Council at the October 20th meeting.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to extend the meeting from 11:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to extend the meeting from 11:30 p.m. to midnight; it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember (Seat 1)

- How we going to protect people
- Glad we are moving forward on OGEM
- Reimbursement for property that are being damaged by people who are having accidents
- Sod Farm (wetland bank)
- Pond on Tangerine (screening)

Laura Danowski, Councilmember (Seat 2)

- RV ordinance
- Having open Code Enforcement cases on the website
- Charter Review
- Cut-through
- Thanked Larry Peters for roadway information

Lisa El-Ramey, Mayor (Seat 3)

- Propose to reduce groom's quarters

There was consensus by Town Council to have Town Attorney Shutt look into groom's quarter resolution.

There was consensus by Town Council to have Town Manager Titcomb goals of what he will be measured on by October 20th meeting.

Robert Shorr, Councilmember (Seat 4)

- Parade/Flagpole Ceremony to be held on Sunday, November 15th at 9:30 a.m. to Noon.
- Surtax
- Itemized bill for Town's lobbyist

There was consensus by Town Council for Town Attorney Shutt to come up with a recreational easement.

Marge Herzog, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)

- Glad about the weed whacking & canal cleaning
- Update on tire amnesty

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager/ ATM

- Indian Trail Improvement District – Cut through

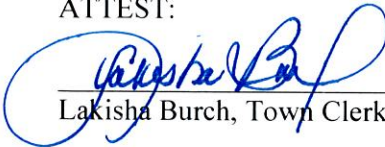
There was consensus by Town Council for Town Manager Titcomb and Town Attorney to move forward on research and craft a short term interlocal agreement with Indian Trails and look into all options.

Town Attorney

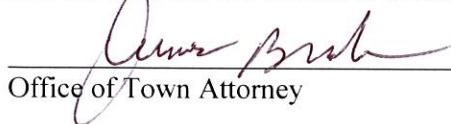
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

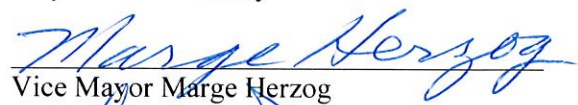

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


Office of Town Attorney

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