



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 21, 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, Public Works Director Larry Peters and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

There were no additions, deletions or modifications of the agenda.

Comments from The Public on Non-Agenda Items

Due to FL Governor Executive Order(s) modifying Public Meetings rules and Palm Beach County Declarations on social distancing for the COVID-19 pandemic - THIS MEETING IS CLOSED to in-person attendance above 10 persons, presenters, committee, council and staff included.

Public Comment for this meeting may be received by email, or in writing to the Town Clerk's Office up until 6:30 PM day of meeting. Comments received will be received/filed and acknowledged as part of the official public record for the meeting.

There was public comment by the following: *Todd McLendon, John Ryan and * Cassie Suchy

*Denotes received email for public comment but not read into read.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

1. Budget Workshop: discussion of available resources and constraints of existing rates, impact of Covid-19 and limited reserve balances; service delivery alternatives; prioritization of required maintenance programs and necessary capital investment; and potential future funding mechanisms.

Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Town Council outlining the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia also stated that she would like for Town Council to consider and to make specific decision regarding the following:

- Available resources within constraints of existing rates & impact of Covid-19 combined with limited reserve balances.
- Service delivery alternatives.
- Prioritization of required maintenance programs and required and/or desired capital investment.
- Potential funding mechanisms

There was discussion among Town Council regarding the Town's budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Town Council expressed their individual concerns and interests and then came to the consensus on the following.

There was consensus by Town Council on the following:

- To review the Solid Waste ordinances- focusing on possible changes to waste streams related to both residential and non-residential.
- Look into policy that provides mechanism to facilitate neighborhood projects willing to self-fund with 100% assessments as opposed to waiting for the 50/50 % road assessments.
- Re-frame Public Works role and responsibility to more "back to basics" maintenance and housekeeping with more use of contractors for specific projects and programs.
- Focused projects for the 2020-2021 FY (All should be scoped and priced for budget consideration) ◦ Core borings and cost to patch and fix all OGEM roads ◦ Signs and bollards for trails and easements ◦ Culvert repairs ◦ Seven weirs and pump ◦ Finish 4.1 miles of road rock ◦ Use Surtax monies for town wide projects ◦ Consider postponing TPA grant match ◦ Not ready for borrowing

TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

- Councilmember Danowski thanked Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia for the work that was done on the Budget presentation. She also thanked Mr. Peters.
- Councilmember Maniglia would like item that was presented to Town Council regarding fencing on B Road (addresses 3120, 3174 and 3176) on easements drainage project.

- Vice Mayor Herzog would like for the item regarding the maps footprint of the town too be bought back before Town Council. Also wanted the Town Attorney address ways that landowners' rights can be protected regarding easements and right-away.
- Councilmember Shorr stated he likes the projects that Town Council has just came to a consensus to move forward on and thanked staff.
- Mayor El-Ramey thanked Francine and Larry. She also stated that she would like to see some relief for the private roads.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager Titcomb gave a special thanks to Francine and other staff members who have worked on this Budget project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


R. Brian Shutt, Town Attorney

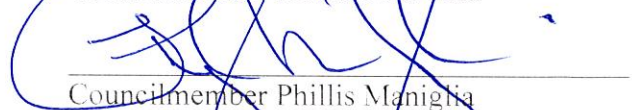
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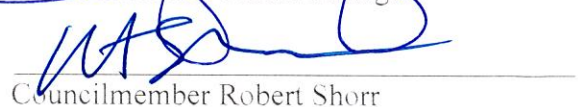


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