

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

June 2, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.



TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Mayor Lisa El-Ramey at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor El-Ramey led the pledge of allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence was taken.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Lisa El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Marge Herzog, Councilmembers Laura Danowski, and Phillis Maniglia, Robert Shorr, Town Manager James Titcomb, Town Attorney R. Brian Shutt and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Lopez.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Received email from Mr. Hartwoods regarding continued issue on Timber Lane.

Received PBSO Monthly Update Report.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to adopt the agenda with Additions/Deletions/Modifications of Agenda; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmember Danowski, Councilmembers Maniglia, Councilmember Shorr Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - a. January 7, 2020 Resident Meeting Minutes
 - b. January 7, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve both January 7th Meeting Minutes; it was voted follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Approval of SECOND Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 Amending the Code of Ordinances by Repealing Chapter 2 “Administration, Article V “Procurement” and Enacting a New Article V “Procurement” Regarding Procurement Requirements; Providing for Conflict, Severability, Codification and an Effective Date.

Edits made by Town Attorney was a deletion of the word resale, has been removed. Also, under direct acquisitions the Town manager shall provide a report on a monthly basis to Town Council that was approved by the Town Manager that was not previously brought to the Town Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve Ordinance 2020-02; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Approval of design changes for B and D Roads drainage projects.

Larry Peters Director Public Works gave the background on all three projects.

Councilmember Maniglia would like us to reevaluate road projects.

Councilmember Shorr spoke about that the changes made since and thought and believes it's a good amount to spend for what is going to be done.

Vice Mayor Herzog and Councilmember Danowski both spoke to the vendor and were assured that this project is necessary.

Town Council decided to separate each purchase order for discussion with motions for each one.

- Staff recommends a purchase order be written to WBI, in the amount of \$ 9,166.67, for change orders for Big Dog Ranch Drainage.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve purchase order to be written to WBI in the amount of \$9,166.67, for a change order on Big Dog Ranch Drainage; it was voted follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski and Shorr. Nays: Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Larry Peters Director Public Works spoke on Altman Farms Drainage project, that a recommendation from the Town's Engineer (Keshavarz) on asphaltting the apron of the driveway to allow the drainage to cross the driveway without deteriorating the driveway.

- Staff recommends a purchase order be written to WBI, in the amount of \$ 3,550.00, for a change order for Altman Farms Drainage.

Motion was made by Councilmember Herzog seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve purchase order to be written to WBI in the amount of \$3,550.00, for change order on Altman Farms Drainage; it was voted follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Peters Director Public Works gave the background the projects. Installed multiple drainage structures one was a 10ft swale with sod. Wanting to put in posts to prevent the destruction of the swale with bollards.

Mayor El-Ramey we have a fence and sod contract, question why we are not utilizing to save money.

Councilmember Shorr stated that it's because we have to dig out and WBI is equipped to do all parts of the project is why we have stayed with their company.

- Staff recommends a purchase order be written to WBI, in the amount of \$ 9,400.00, for change orders for B Road post protectors and sod replacement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to postpone purchase order to be written to WBI in the amount of \$9,400.00, for change order on B Road post protectors and sod replacement; it was voted follows: Ayes: Councilmember Maniglia. Nays: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski and Shorr. Motion failed 1 to 4.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve purchase order to be written to WBI in the amount of \$9,400.00, for change order on B Road post protectors and sod replacement; it was voted follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Councilmembers Danowski and Shorr. Nays: Vice Mayor Herzog and Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 3 to 2.

DISCUSSIONS NOT ON AGENDA

CONSENSUS: to have a presentation from GES regarding dirt glue, patching and or grading roads.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Shorr for a short recess for 5 minutes: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

4. Discussion on Presentation on Bond Issues from Bond Council, Steve Sandford.
5. Discussion on Presentation on Road Projects

CONSENSUS: Have DPW Larry Peters what the big number is to restore the canal system to its full and correct function. Getting some real hard dollar numbers, working with some other drainage districts to get some knowledge to determine what the full physical impact it will be on the Town in order to do a Pilot Program Project.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Shorr

- Task list from May Meeting, wanted it to be a working live document.
- Brought up to Sheriff Bradshaw about a work truck being donated to the town, why haven't we followed through? Town Manager brought up that there are hidden issues that need to be worked out first.
- Library in the Town (would require a referendum, change to the Charter) could save taxpayers Library Tax. Council would like to ponder that issue. Town Manager needs to get some research into it.
- Keshavarz did the maintenance maps but we need an update on that to know how to move forward.

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

Vice Mayor Herzog

- Wants to give committee list over to the Town.
- Okeechobee corridor overlay study, Town Manager mentioned that we need to reschedule another workshop that was canceled via Covid-19.
- Is there any way to control the land clearing that has been going on in the Town? Town Manager responded on the fact that residents are applying for one thing and doing something else, in which has triggers Town needing to look more closely into the Code.
- Mass trash pile pick up issues. Town Manager addressed the fact that only 6cubic yards per week, not all at one time can only be put out.
- Spoke with Presbyterian Church to be in communication with Community of Hope so that there is no back up traffic on Okeechobee Blvd.
- Information about fazing back open to the public. Town Manager addressed getting a more interface with the public digitally via streaming and Zoom. Also, that we are following the County and State protocols.

Councilmember Danowski

- Would like to consider termination project with Munilytics due to nothing really been produced by them in an unprofessional way in reporting.

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

- Is the Town going to participate in a 4th of July parade this 2020 year or due to Covid-19 can we not? The Council wants it to be brought up at the next meeting.

CONSENSUS: To move 4th of July Parade to Labor Day weekend.

- Look into addresses: 13095 Okeechobee Blvd, 2572 F Road, Casey Rd, 13225 Okeechobee Blvd (due east of Portuguese Club), TMZ Landscape Nursery

Councilmember Maniglia

- Priority on OGEM roads, need to start patching roads.
- Wants to reappoint same current Committee Members.
- Equestrian Trails want to open the gates and send the letter and a sign that says no unauthorized motor vehicles. Town Manager says good project for RETGAC.
- Wants to get Grass Carp to clean the canals. Councilmember Herzog suggests no due to needing to have a permit and a guarantee that they will be contained.
- Wants 2 voting meetings a month with an hour prior to the meeting.
- Need to double down on Code Enforcement.

Mayor El-Ramey

- Signs need to be cleaned up in the Town that are in a public right-a-way, that don't belong.
- Garbage issues need to be sent to be funneled to Coastal, get it documented if there is a issue.
- Code Enforcement needs to get back up and running.
- Tre removals – have incoming companies maybe register with the Town.
- Road master plan topic for next Town Council Workshop Meeting

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Attorney

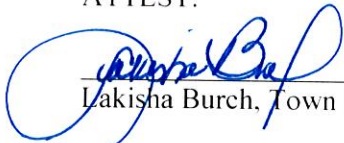
- Shade Meeting request by Seth Briar before Regular Town Council Meeting 7/7/20.

CONSENSUS: To appear at Shade meeting prior to be Regular Town Council Meeting 7/7/20

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 pm; it was voted follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

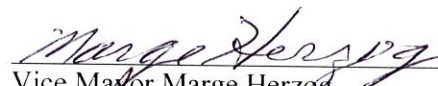

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


R. Brian Shutt, Town Attorney

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