



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2020**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shorr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Shorr led Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Shorr, Vice Mayor David DeMarios, Councilmembers Laura Danowski, Lisa El-Ramey and Phillis Maniglia, Town Manager James Titcomb, Town Attorney R. Brian Shutt and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

Councilmember Maniglia asked if item # 2 could be moved to the next regular Town Council Meeting due to the current crisis.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember El-Ramey to move item # 2 approval of purchasing of a town Traffic Message Board to the next regular Town Council Meeting; it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers El-Ramey and Maniglia. Nay: Councilmember Danowski. Motion passed 4-1.

Vice Mayor DeMarios stated that he had an issue regarding appointing the Mayor by ballot and if done by ballot would it be public records. Town Attorney Shutt responded to his concerns stating that it is up to Town Council how the appoint can be done and that all documents are public record. There was further discussion among Town Council regarding how the suggestion of ballots came on ballot. Town Manager Titcomb addressed the issue regarding the ballots stating that it just a different tool that could be used.

Councilmember El-Ramey asked to defer item # 1 to the first regular Town Council meeting that is scheduled to be held on May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember El-Ramey seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to defer item # 1 to the first regular Town Council Meeting that is scheduled to be held on May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor DeMarios asked could he be allowed to make closing statement. Town Manager Titcomb responded.

There was consensus by Town Council to allow Vice Mayor DeMarios to be first to comment under Public Comment Non-Agenda.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT MARGE HERZOG

Town Clerk Burch administered the Oath of Office to the new Councilmember-elect Marge Herzog.

APPOINT SEAT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to appoint Marge Herzog as Mayor and Lisa El-Ramey as Vice-Mayor of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves; Town Clerk Burch did roll call and it was voted as follows; Ayes: Councilmember Maniglia and Herzog. Nays: Mayor Shorr and Councilmembers Danowski and El-Ramey. Motion failed 2-3.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Mayor Shorr to appoint Robert Shorr as Mayor of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves; Town Clerk Burch did roll call and it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor Shorr and Councilmember Danowski. Nays: Councilmembers El-Ramey, Herzog and Maniglia. Motioned failed 2-3.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to appoint Lisa El-Ramey as Mayor and Marge Herzog as Vice Mayor of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves; Town Clerk Burch did roll call and it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers El-Ramey, Herzog and Maniglia. Nay: Councilmember Danowski. Motion passed 4-1.

APPOINT SEAT OF VICE MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to appoint Lisa El-Ramey as Mayor and Marge Herzog as Vice Mayor of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves; Town Clerk Burch did roll call and it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers El-Ramey, Herzog and Maniglia. Nay: Councilmember Danowski. Motion passed 4-1.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vice- Mayor DeMarios made his final statement as a seating member of the Town Council by thanking the public, Town Council and Staff. Town Manager Titcomb stated once this crisis is over that a more formal ceremony will be held in his and Vice Mayor Herzog's honor.

Town Clerk Burch received and read into the record the public comments from the following: Paul Coleman
Nancy Fried and Todd McLendon.

Town Manager Titcomb addressed this issue of the public being in attendance due to COVID-19.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-01 Amending Chapter 34 "Planning and Development" Amending Chapter 34 "Planning and Development", Article II Planning and Zoning Board", Section 34-25 "Composition and Term of Office". – **PULLED FROM AGENDA**

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Approval of purchase of a town Traffic Message Board. - **PULLED FROM AGENDA**

TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Herzog stated that it feels good to be back on board, stated it was great having Town Manager on board and that she looks forward to serving as Vice Mayor with Mayor El-Ramey.

Councilmember Shorr asked about an ordinance regarding previous Council. Town Clerk Burch responded. He continued by congratulating Mayor El-Ramey and Vice Mayor Herzog on their new appointments and looks forward to a great year.

Councilmember Danowski thanked staff for putting the meeting together and making sure that guidelines are being followed, keeping Town's business moving forward and looking forward to being on Council.

Councilmember Maniglia thanked Vice Mayor Herzog for running for Council and stated that she is glad to see a couple of women seating at the helm of this Council.

Mayor El-Ramey thanked Vice Mayor DeMarios on his tenure on the Council, Councilmember Shorr for his service as Mayor and setting the bar, she also thanked staff and stated that she looks forward to serving as Mayor.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager Titcomb expressed his thanks to Town's staff for their work during this pandemic and conditions in which this has caused such as smaller staff. He also stated a few benefits from this situation has produced permits being online (which allows people to submit permit related information). He also gave an update of where things are at regarding Town business. He also thanked Vice Mayor DeMarios.

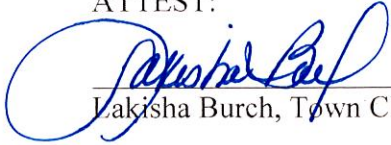
Town Attorney Shutt commented and gave an update about questions that was asked regarding sewer lines, mandatory hook up and firing of firearms. There was discussion among Town Council and Town Attorney. Councilmember Maniglia specifically asked how a noise ordinance would fall into this matter. Town Attorney Shutt responded to her question.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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FLORIDA**

ATTEST:


Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

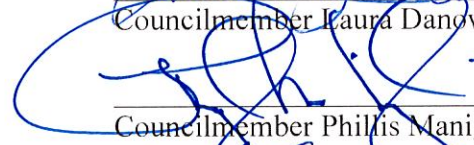

James Brako, Town Attorney



Mayor Lisa El-Ramey


Vice Mayor Marge Herzog


Councilmember Laura Danowski


Councilmember Phillis Maniglia


Councilmember Robert Shorr