



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF SILENCE

There was a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Shorr, Vice Mayor David DeMarios (called in), 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 Danowski asked that item 2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and items 8,9 and 10 be moved up before items 6 and 7.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to pull item 2 from Consent Agenda for discussion and move items 8,9 and 10 to be discussed before the Presentations' items 6 and 7; it was voted as follows: Aye: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The public is encouraged to offer comments on any non-agenda item. Generally, remarks by an individual will be limited to one time, up to three minutes or less. The Mayor or presiding officer has discretion to adjust the amount of time allocated.

There was public comment from Ron Jarriel.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of November Meeting Minutes
 - a. November 5, 2019 Resident Community Workshop
 - b. November 5, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting
 - c. November 19, 2019 Town Council Workshop/Special Meeting
2. Approval of Town Council Rules of Engagement. **PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Danowski pulled this item from the Consent Agenda for discussion among the Town Council. Councilmember Danowski asked about adding a section 5.3 and about the 6.1 Town Seal. Town Clerk Burch responded to Councilmember Danowski stating the Town Clerk was the custodian of the official Town seal. Town Manager Titcomb also spoke about the Town official logo. Councilmember Danowski also asked about removal of a Committee member. Councilmember El-Ramey, Mayor Shorr and Town Attorney Shutt responded to Councilmember Danowski's concern.

Councilmember Maniglia expressed her concerns regarding the Rules of Engagement for Town Council, that she feels is unnecessary but asked where the policy and procedures for Town Staff was. Town Manager Titcomb responded to her concern stating that the policy will come before Town Council at the next Town Council meeting which is scheduled for December 17th.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember El-Ramey to approve the removal of boards and committees from section 10 and approve the Rules of Engagement as is; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Local Mitigation Strategy
4. Appointment of Veronica Close as an alternate for Planning Zoning Board
5. Authorize the Mayor to send letter to TPA regarding Okeechobee Blvd.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember El-Ramey to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item number two (2); it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

It was a consensus by Town Council to have Lt. Craig Turner to present an update report from the Palm Beach County Sheriff Office.

Lt. Craig Turner presented an update report to Town Council. There was discussion among Town Council and Lt. Turner. Town Council thanked Lt. Turner.

6. Presentation of FY 2017-18 Audit from Terry Morton from Terry Morton, Nowlen & Miner.
 - a. Approval of Budget Amendments

Terry Morton from Nolen, Holt and Minor, the Town's official auditors presented the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and the (Independent) Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District FY 2018 audit reports (CAFR). Town Assistant Francine Ramaglia also presented and requested the approval of the budget amendments. There was extensive discussion among Town Council, Mr. Morton and Town Staff.

There were public comments made by Ron Jarriel and John Ryan.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to have a Special Meeting on December 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to receive and approve the audit report to be presented to the state; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember El-Ramey seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve Resolution No. 2019-70 Budget Amendment; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentation of Health Insurance Renewal – Gehring Group

Town Manager Titcomb addressed the Town Council with some clarifying some issues.

Klif Gehring from Gehring Group Insurance, the Town official health and insurance benefits manager agency presented the latest health insurance and related products, including cost updaters for the renewal enrollment period for town employees, which begins effective January 1, 2020. Mr. Gehring also presented Accounts Manager Kenia Murillo. There was extensive discussion among Town Council, Mr. Gehring and Town Staff.

There was public comment made by Ron Jarriel.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve Florida Blue Blue Care 16253, Guardian Basic Life Benefit and Short- and Long-Term Disability Benefit; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING-Moved to be presented before items 6 and 7.

8. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-10 Mayor term limits.

Town Attorney Shutt read Ordinance 2019-10 approving Mayor term limits into the record.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2019-10 Mayor term limits; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-11 Term limits.

Town Attorney Shutt read Ordinance 2019-11 approving Term limits into the record.

Motion was made by Councilmembers Maniglia seconded by Councilmember El-Ramey to approve on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2019-11 Term limits; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA- Moved to be presented before items 6 and 7.

10. Approval of Town Council Meeting Schedule from January – June 2020

Town Clerk Burch presented the item to the Town Council.

There was public comment made by Ron Jarriel.

Councilmember Maniglia asked about the second meeting being a meeting where the Town Council could vote. Town Manager Titcomb addressed her concerns. There was discussion among the Town Council and staff.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember El-Ramey to approve the Town Council Meeting dates from January-June 2020; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember El-Ramey to approve that the 2nd meeting of the month to be workshop only unless Town Council come to a consensus at the 1st meeting of the month that the second meeting of the month should be notified as a Workshop/Special Meeting; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor David DeMarios and Councilmember E-Ramey. Nays: Councilmembers Danowski and Maniglia. Motion passed 3-2.

Town Councilmembers Comments

Motion was made by Councilmember El-Ramey seconded by Councilmember Danowski to extend the meeting to eleven o'clock (11:00 p.m.); it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmember Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Maniglia made the following comments: asked questions to the Public Works Director, Sheriff speed, water truck, truck- Nelson mule and stop road work on November 1.

Councilmember Danowski made the following comments: financial advantage to pay Sheriff office on their taxes, painting party to paint the speed bumps, website and code enforcement.

Councilmember El-Ramey made the following comments: thanked staff on the B Road project, asked to get B Road residents together and speeding fine on dirt roads.

Vice Mayor DeMarios thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Shorr spoke about monthly reports on some of the programs.

Town Staff Comments

Town Clerk Burch stated that Qualifying Period is December 3rd at noon until December 10th at noon, she also stated that one person has filled out a Statement of Candidate form.

Adjournment

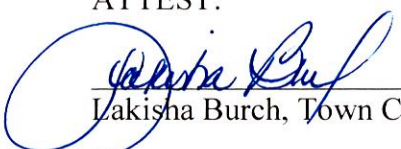
There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

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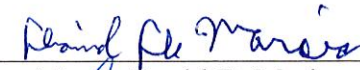
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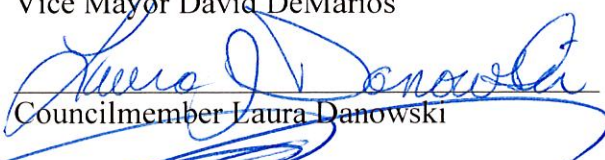
Mayor Robert Shorr



Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

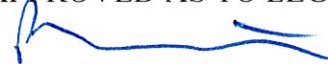


Vice Mayor David DeMarios

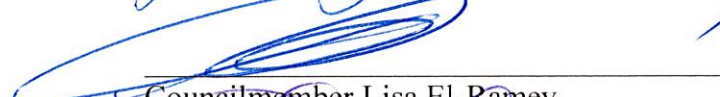


Councilmember Laura Danowski

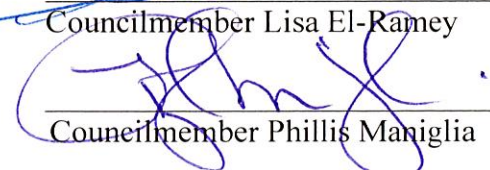
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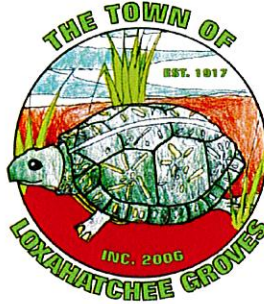
R. Brian Shutt, Town Attorney



Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey



Councilmember Phillis Maniglia



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF RESIDENT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the Community Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

This Community Conversation Workshop was scheduled for Town Residents to address the Town Council with their concerns and questions regarding the governing of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were public comments made by the following:

Cassie Suchy spoke about easement on B Road- she also passed out documents to the Town Council. Town Clerk Burch received the documents to be placed as public record. There was discussion among Town Council and Ms. Suchy.

Simone Fernandez spoke about protocol (case by case) regarding B Road.

Ken Johnson spoke about the following: property stolen and road width.

John Ryan spoke about roads surveys.

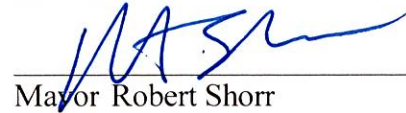
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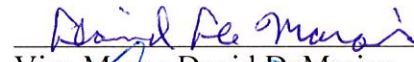
There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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ATTEST:

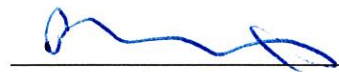

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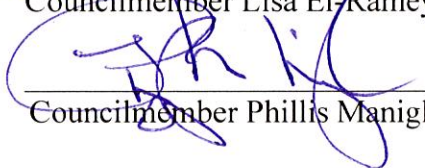

Mayor Robert Shorr


Vice Mayor David DeMarios

Councilmember Laura Danowski

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


R. Brian Shutt, Town Attorney


Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia