



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shorr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Maniglia asked about voting when a Councilmembers who are not physically present at meetings. Town Attorney Shutt responded to Councilmember Maniglia's question stating that there are some Attorney General opinions out there regarding this topic. Not a while settled area of the law, he then went to explain. He also spoke on past practices and stated that past practice here has been to allow a Councilperson to participate by phone unless it is Quasi-Judicial. Also stated that some rules should be established. Councilmember Maniglia stated that she was personally not comfortable with this and has nothing to do with Councilmember El-Ramey. There was further discussion among the Town Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Vice Mayor DeMarios to allow Councilmember El-Ramey to participate in full by phone except where not permitted by law; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

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 were public comments made by the following: Ron Jarriel

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes from Town Council Community Conversation
2. Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2019 Town Council Workshop/Special Meeting
3. Resolution No. 2019-49 Town Attorney's Legal Service Contract
4. Town Attorney's August Invoice
5. Bond Council Agreement

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Discussion of proposed tentative millage rate and proposed budget,

Francine Ramaglia, Assistant Town Manager presented the item to the Council. She stated that we had several resolutions that would set our millage rate, assessments and operating budget. This budget is an equivalent budget. Ms. Ramaglia stated that all rates have been kept the same to come up with a plan this year and stated that the operating budget and capital improvement will be done separately.

Councilmember Maniglia asked were we in the red regarding the road rock budget and Ms. Ramaglia responded, yes and further went to explain. There was discussion among the Council regarding this topic.

Vice Mayor DeMarios asked about the money in the Transportation account. Ms. Ramaglia and Town Manager Titcomb responded to Vice Mayor DeMarios' concerns. There was discussion among Town Council.

Ms. Ramaglia addressed all concerns that was brought forth by the discussion that was had by the Town Council. Town Manager Titcomb also commented on the discussion and Vice Mayor DeMarios' questions. Ms. Ramaglia stated that all balances were talked about at mid-year. She also spoke about FAAC recommendations regarding reserves, rock spending and capital plan. Ms. Ramaglia stated that this years' budget is 5.8 million dollars.

There was discussion among Town Council, Town Manager Titcomb and Ms. Ramaglia regarding the tentative millage rate and proposed budget.

Councilmember Danowski asked about what the scope of the Bond Counsel is looking for, Ms. Ramaglia responded to Councilmember Danowski's question.

Mayor Shorr asked about the 500,000.00-emergency loan for storms, Ms. Ramaglia responded.

7. Comments from Public regarding the proposed tentative millage rate and budget.

There were public comments made by the following: Ron Jarriel and Marianne Miles.

8. Resolution No. 2019-46 adopting the tentative millage rate for 2019-2020.

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item to the Council. Town Attorney Shutt read the resolution into record.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve Resolution No. 2019-46 adopting the Tentative Millage rate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia.

9. Town Manager announcement of the percentage by which the adopted tentative millage rate exceeds the roll back rate.

Town Manager Titcomb read announcement into the record.

10. Resolution No. 2019-48 adopting the tentative budget for 2019-2020.

Francine Ramaglia presented the item. Town Attorney Shutt read Resolution No. 2019-48 into the record.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor DeMarios to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-48 Tentative Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Resolution No. 2019-47 Solid Waste Assessment.

Francine Ramaglia presented the item. Town Attorney Shutt read Resolution No. 2019-47 into the record.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve Resolution No. 2019-47 approving the assessment rate for residential Solid Waste Collection Services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia.

12. Resolution No. 2019-DD10 Road and Drainage Acreage Assessment.

Town Attorney Shutt read Resolution No. 2019-DD10 into the record.

Motion was made by Board of Supervisor Maniglia seconded by Board of Supervisor El-Ramey to approve Resolution No. 2019-DD10 relating to the provision of district services, including water control maintenance and repair of drainage and roadways; approving the assessment rate for district special assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019; imposing a district special assessment for the provision of district services; approving the assessment roll; approving the district budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be adopted as part of the Town's budget; it was voted as follows: Board Chair Shorr, Board Treasurer Danowski, Board of Supervisors DeMarios, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Resolution No. 2019-DD11 OGEM Debt Service.

Francine Ramaglia, Assistant Town Manager presented the item. Town Attorney Shutt read Resolution No. 2019-DD11 into the record.

Motion was made by Board of Supervisor Danowski seconded by Board of Supervisor El-Ramey to approve Resolution No. 2019-DD11 relating to the debt service payment for Capital Improvements for North "A" Road, North "C" Road, South "C" Road, North "D" Road and Unit 1 Development ; confirming the assessment amounts to be levied for each assessment to fund capital improvements funded by District-issued debt for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and establishing the maximum assessment rates for future years; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; imposing the debt services special assessments for fiscal year 2019-2020; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Board Chair Shorr, Board Treasurer Danowski, Board of Supervisors DeMarios, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion passed unanimously.

There were public comments by Ron Jarriel and Marianne Miles.

There was discussion among Town Council regarding the OGEM road loan.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Awarding of the Solid Waste Contract.

Francine Ramaglia, Assistant Town Manager presented the item to Town Council. As directed at the Town Council August 20th meeting, staff spoke with both Coastal and Waste Pro with respect to providing solid waste services to the Town beginning October 1, 2019. Town Manager Titcomb also commented regarding the Solid Waste Services Contract.

There were public comments by the following: David Friedman, Ron Jarriel, Marianne Miles and Virginia Standish.

Tim Bowers, Municipal Marketing Manager from WastePro presented a five- minute presentation to Town Council.

John Casagrande, Vice President of Business Development of Coastal Waste & Recycling presented a five-minute presentation to Town Council. There was discussion among Town Council and Mr. Casagrande.

There was discussion among Town Council regarding the Solid Waste Contract.

Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Vice Mayor DeMarios to award the 7-year with a 2 years renewal contract proposed by Coastal Waste & Recycling and at the next meeting bring forth a written contract for Town Council's approval; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor DeMarios, Councilmembers Danowski, El-Ramey and Maniglia. Motion was passed unanimously.

There were additional comments given by Town Council regarding the future with the new Solid Waste Collection contract.

There was public comment by Angelo Rossi.

Town Councilmembers

Councilmember Maniglia commented about roads but specifically "E" Road, vegetation, lighting ordinance and pot holes.

Councilmember Danowski commented on the Western Community Committee Meeting the topics that were discussed are the Census, State Road 7, PBSO (regarding burglaries).

Vice Mayor DeMarios commented on process of getting an emergency meeting to be held. Town Attorney Shutt addressed Vice Mayor DeMarios concern. There was discussion among Town Council regarding this matter.

There was consensus to have a policy or resolution to address how to call a special meeting.

Councilmember El-Ramey spoke about Town Hall cost and camera to address vehicles that use roads as cut throughs and the Bahamian Storm Drive

Mayor Shorr mentioned the neighborhood cleanup, the census and the upcoming Visioning session. Town Manager Titcomb gave an overview of the Visioning survey.

Vice Mayor DeMarios asked with all Town Councilmembers being in attendance how would this work regarding the Sunshine in Government. Town Attorney Shutt responded to Vice Mayor DeMarios.

Councilmember Maniglia asked about the Town's website and when will the website be up and running. Town Manager Titcomb responded to Councilmembers Maniglia's question.

Councilmember Danowski stated that the facilitator should run the meeting and that Councilmember should mingle with the residents.

There was consensus by Town Council to have the residents Workshop after the Final Budget Hearing and Meeting.

Staff Reports

Town Manger Titcomb spoke about the 2020 Census Collecting Committee that will be meeting on September 17th. Also mentioned the Coffee with the Deputies event that will be held on September 14, 2019.

Councilmember Maniglia asked about a calendar that list all meetings. Town Manager Titcomb addressed her concerns.

Adjournment

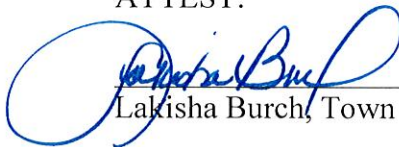
There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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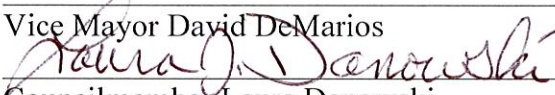


Mayor Robert Shorr

ATTEST:



Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Vice Mayor David DeMarios


Councilmember Laura Danowski

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



R. Brian Shutt, Town Attorney



Councilmember Lisa El-Ramcy



Councilmember Phillis Maniglia