



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY OPEN DISCUSSION WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

*Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office
Meetings are also available on YouTube.*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Town Manager Ramaglia, Town Attorney Lenihan, Public Works Director Peters, Incoming Public Works Director Richard Gallant, and Town Clerk Burch.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were public comments made by the following: Paul Coleman, Ken Johnson, Teri Mitze, Todd McLendon, Brian McNeil, Matt Rhinehole, and Virginia Standish.

Mr. Ken Johnson spoke about the following: CERT Team (Community Emergency Response Team)- Mr. Johnson gave a brief overview of what CERT is, he also asked for volunteers. He announced that the next meeting will be held on January 4, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Palms West Presbyterian Church located at 13689 Okeechobee Blvd. Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470. He also spoke about the cross section at B Road and Southern Blvd.

Ms. Virginia Standish asked what the update on the culvert is damaged by Florida Power & Light (FPL). Town Ramaglia and Public Works Director Peters responded to Ms. Standish's question. She also spoke about the commercial on Southern Blvd. Councilmember Maniglia commented on Ms. Standish issue regarding the handicap parking spot. Town Manager Ramaglia responded. There continued to be discussion between Councilmember Maniglia and Town Manager Ramaglia. Councilmember Miles stated that at the previous meeting when speaking on the topic of handicap signs she asked who governs the signs. Town Manager Ramaglia responded.

Mr. Paul Coleman stated that he is the new Vice President of the Loxahatchee Groves Landowners Association and is requesting that the Town Council allow the LGLA to hold a Candidate's Forum in January at Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers and waive the fees/cost associated with this meeting. Town Ramaglia responded. There was discussion among the Town Council. Councilmember Herzog stated that on December 18th the LGLA will have their annual Holiday Party.

There was a consensus among the Town Council to waive the fees/cost and directed staff to do what is necessary to make sure that this matter is completed.

Todd McLendon asked about the removing of signs in the right a way on Okeechobee Blvd.
Town Clerk Burch responded to his question.

Brian McNeil spoke congregated the Public Works Department and Solar Sport, spoke about the safety on B Road edges that are collapsing.

Ken Johnson made an additional comment about FPL.

Terry Miste, District Aide of State Representative Rick Roth address the Town Council reading into record a statement from Mr. Roth's regarding Agritourism.

Mr. Rhineholes addressed the Town Council with questions and concerns regarding the upcoming agenda item Agritourism.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Mayor Laura Danowski

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr

Councilmember Marge Herzog

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia

Councilmember Marianne Miles