

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING MAY 16, 2023

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Danowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Danowski led a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Laura Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Margaret Herzog, Phillis Maniglia, and Marianne Miles, Town Manager Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Public Works Director Larry Peters, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITION, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Town Manager Ramaglia stated that staff had invited people from the Coalition to speak at this meeting and she wasn't sure if anyone from the Coalition was here to speak.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve the agenda as written was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Danowski explained that the Coalition was and regarding. Town Manager Ramaglia stated that she had handed out their (the Coalition) thoughts on the RV Program.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion of the Recreational Vehicle Program.

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Town Manager Ramaglia introduced the item by stating that there are five (5) discussion questions and that everyone had a number from 1-5, that the Town Council would come down from the dais and participate with the 5 groups for 10 minutes each then rotate. Then go back to the dais to pull it all together. Each group from 1 through 2 got into groups around the chambers to meet and discuss the topic questions. The Town Council met with each group regarding the discussion questions.

The Town Council discussed each of their questions and concerns that were given to them via each group.

Councilmember Herzog spoke about the limit of two RVs, nursery usage of RV, of trash, sanitation issues and trash issue is more of a problem than the RVs.

Councilmember Miles thanked everyone for coming out. She stated that many people are concerned about family members staying in the RVs if they want to stay longer than 179 days, also year-round rentals, renting of 1-4 RVs, rental of owners' personal RVs. Everyone seems to agree of hooking them up to septic, and Code Enforcement.

Councilmember Maniglia summarized her conversation with the groups by stating that family usage of RVs was a topic, no more than 4 RVs on a property, RVs foundation for equestrian housing, workforce housing and gave the pros and cons of RVs and solutions. She continued to express her thoughts regarding the topic.

Vice Mayor Shorr thanked everyone for coming out, and truly appreciated the outcome. He stated that three main topics were year-round housing for family, nursery (security/caretaker), and equestrian year-round housing for off season. He continued to summarize his thoughts of what came out of the groups.

Mayor Danowski commented WOW, thank all for coming out. She stated that ideas came out that the Town Council and Town Staff would not have come up with. She then expressed her comments and thoughts regarding the RVS. She then asked how many were willing to come back to see what the Town put together as a draft, many stated they would. She also asked what a good deadline would be to have these rules in place. Town Attorney Lenihan responded to questions stating something should be done by the August meeting. Mayor Danowski then stated that trash was a main concern. She then thanked everyone for coming and sharing. She then commented about the anonymous email that came in. Mayor Danowski asked was there were any additional questions. Councilmember Maniglia asked if she could ask a question, she asked what the plans for family members that are/would be staying in the RVs during the hurricane. There were public comments answering this question. There continued to be additional questions and comments by the public and the Town Council. Mayor Danowski asked how everyone knew about this meeting, the public answered. Mayor Danowski then stated that all of the social media, and other outlets need to continue to be utilized and application needs to be rewritten. There continued to be discussion among the Town Council, Town Staff, and the Public.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at ____ p.m.

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ATTEST:

Mayor Laura Danowski

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr

Councilmember Margaret Herzog

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia

Councilmember Marianne Miles