



TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF COMMUNITY RESIDENT WORKSHOP
JUNE 21, 2022

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Shorr, Vice Mayor Laura Danowski, Councilmembers Phillis Maniglia, Marianne Miles, and Margaret Herzog, Interim Town Manager Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Esq., Absent: Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vice Mayor Danowski thanked staff for the Loxahatchee Groves Family Fun Day event.

- Shout to resident Karen Plant for promoting the event on social media

Councilmember Maniglia

- Palm Beach County Sheriff Office (PBSO) Helicopter in the area this weekend for an accident that ended on South C Road and Southern Boulevard. She would like to find out from PBSO if the storage facility hindered the search.

There were public comments from Virginia Standish.

Virginia Standish

- Correct meeting date
- Questions she is asked as a real estate agent.
 - Potential buyers want to know why they cannot have trucks/waste facilities while others do.
- Suggestions/Incentives for bona fide agricultural people who keep trees on their property
- No Crossovers on Okeechobee
- No Walkways/bikes/horses
 - Stall mate- What are we doing to make the community accessible to walk/ride
- Land clearing/registration
 - Penalty for clearers not just the owner. Town Manager Ramaglia advised that the ordinance establishes the hauler permit requires a report on the 5th of the subsequent month and provide a log with an affidavit and load ticket.

She noted that all the reports are not received in a timely basis, and we have to go out to scout them out.

Councilmember Maniglia mentioned that Code Enforcement was supposed attend meetings; she has not seen them in meetings. She would like to see Code Enforcement management attend at least (1) one of the (2) two meetings a month.

Town Manager Ramaglia said the company has been asked to attend the meetings; provide an annual report and she noted that some of those reports are being reviewed now and can shared at the next Council meeting. She noted that 106 code cases were opened, 77 closed, 29 remain open; and four (4) went before the magistrate this year. She noted the primary reasons for cases being opened for Food and Drug Administration (FDAs), Clearing, Building permits and Business Tax Registration (BTRs).

Mayor Shorr commented a lot is happening and Council does not receive a report on it. Ms. Ramaglia commented we will be posting on the website.

Councilmember Maniglia

- Permit Box
 - Ms. Ramaglia advised that an ordinance is being worked on that is similar to manure permitting for land clearing.

Mayor Shorr inquired about a Public Works update.

Mario Matos, Assistant Public Works Director

- Road condition complaints
 - South C Road
- Clearing ditches for drainage
- Road Maintenance/Washouts
 - North E Road - need to finish; pretty much done on D Road North of Southern Boulevard close to Royal Palm; there was a big washout next to Boonies; just need to add sod.
 - A Road was done
 - Manure showed up again on A Canal close to Okeechobee Boulevard; trying to extract it from the canal. Vice Mayor Danowski inquired about game cameras. Town Manager Ramaglia mentioned that we have talked to PBSO about putting up cameras and we have to follow back up with them; She mentioned that cameras were donated however PBSO said we cannot use them we have to stay with their program. Councilmember Maniglia inquired who the neighbors are in the area as they may have cameras. She would like to talk with Mr. Matos later about it. Mr. Mato commented it always shows up off North A.

There was discussion between Town Council and Mr. Matos on manure.

Mayor Shorr

- Hurricane prep
- Councilmember Miles
- Notifying residents on A Road about dumping
- She asked Ms. Ramaglia if an alert can be sent out. Ms. Ramaglia advised it can be sent out to A Road and the whole Town. She noted information was just sent out to nurseries for registering. Councilmember Maniglia inquired if PBSO can park in the area and watch if they are not on a call. Ms. Ramaglia noted that there are certain hours allowed for dumping; there would be fines. Councilmember Maniglia inquired if PBSO has the authority to pull over trucks and ask if they are a vendor in the Town. Ms. Ramaglia mentioned that a number of conversations have been had with PBSO and their ability to enforce our livestock waste ordinances and they are not able to; they believe it is a Code Enforcement violation that we have to manage and address.

There was discussion between Town Council and Town Manager Ramaglia on hauling hours and having another conversation with PBSO and Code Enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Robert Shorr, Mayor

Laura Danowski, Vice Mayor

Phillis Maniglia, Council Member

Marianne Miles, Council Member

Margaret Herzog, Council Member