



TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office
Meeting is also available on YouTube.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shorr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Shorr led a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Shorr, Vice Mayor Laura Danowski, Councilmembers Phillis Maniglia, Marianne Miles (via Zoom) and Margaret Herzog, Town Manager James Titcomb, Asst. Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Esq., Public Works Director Larry Peters, Town Planning Consultant James Fleischmann, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve the agenda with the modification reorganizing the item to be heard in this order items 1,4,3, and 2; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were public comments made by the following: Virginia Standish and Kevin Babington (read into record by Town Clerk Burch).

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of "Fireworks" local bill for limited exemptions.

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

FINAL BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING

2. Pursuant to F.S. 200.065(2)(d) & (e), the following announcement must be made:

“The Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida’s rolled back rate is **2.8181** The percentage increase in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2021/20211 is **6.45%** and the Town’s millage rate to be adopted is **3.0000** mills”. **MOVED TO BE HEARD LAST.**

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item to the Town Council. He also read into record the following: “The Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida’s rolled back rate is **2.8181** The percentage increase in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2021/20211 is **6.45%** and the Town’s millage rate to be adopted is **3.0000** mills”. Asst. Town Manager Ramaglia presented the Town Council an update of what changes had been made since the First Budget Hearing which was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2021and an overview of the upcoming budget. There was discussion among the Town Council, and Town Staff.

- a. Approval of **Resolution No. 2021-49** adopting the final 2021-2022 millage rate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Mayor Shorr to approve Resolution No. 2021-49 establishing and adopting the Final Millage for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida pursuant to the Budget Summary for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of **Resolution No. 2021-50** adopting the final 2021-2022 operating budget.

There was public comment by Virginia Standish.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2021-50 adopting a Final Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Nay: Vice Mayor Danowski. Motion passed 4-1.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Approval of second reading of **Ordinance No. 2020-03** Comprehensive Plan amendments proposed by the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, to amend the Town of Loxahatchee Groves comprehensive plan to: (1) amend map #flu 1.10 future land use of the future land use element to add the Okeechobee rural 5 overlay; (2) amend table 1-8 future land uses of the future land use element to increase the intensity of the commercial low (cl) land use category and add the Okeechobee rural 5 (or 5) land use overlay; (3) add objective 1.16 and supportive policies to the text of the future land use element to regulate land use and intensity of use along the Okeechobee Boulevard and Southern Boulevard corridors; and (4) revise map #trn 2.3 existing functional classification and maintenance responsibility of the transportation element and add map #trn 2.3.1 proposed roadway classification, table 2.1 local road functional classification system, and policies 2.2.5 and 2.5.4 to the transportation element to clarify the functional

classification of town roads; providing for codification; providing for conflicts, providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Town Planning Consultant Fleischmann presented the item to the Town Council. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

Town Attorney Lenihan read Ordinance No. 2020-03 into the record.

There was public comment made by Nina Corning, Fran Holden, Deborah Marshall, Virginia Standish, Cassie Suchy, and Wilme Gesell (read into record by Town Clerk)

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Mayor Shorr to postpone on second reading Ordinance No. 2020-03 on or before a year; and ask the state for an extension and during that time ask Treasurer Coast Regional Planning Council to review the overlay, the overlay design, give comments to Town Council and give residents of this town more time and an opportunity to ask questions and let the Town Council know what the results are; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Approval of the TPA/ILA agreement with Palm Beach County. **MOVED TO BE HEARD AFTER ITEM # 1.**

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item to the Town Council and stating the changes to the item's backup. Town Manager Titcomb also passed out a copy of an email from Mr. Uhren, P.E. Executive Director of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency. Mary McNicholas, Town Lobbyist, gave an overview of the item, she also read into the record the email from Mr. Uhren, P.E. and Patricia Barr, PE, of Simmons & White, Town's Traffic Engineers also addressed the Town Council. There was discussion among the Town Council, Town Staff, Ms. McNicholas, and Ms. Barr.

There were public comments made by the following: Cassie Suchy and Daniel Phan.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Miles to not move forward with the TPA/ILA agreement; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, and Councilmember Miles. Nays: Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, and Maniglia. Motion fails 2-3.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to bring back a finalized ILA with all the very official nouns and verbs and the number, the final cost for what the Town is responsible at either the maximum amount or the minimum amount to be discussed and decided on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia will bring back a number of what a potential annual cost maybe with staff changes; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Okeechobee Overlay/Code Enforcement
- Culverts
- Signs for the Trails/access for Fire Rescue
- Thanked Council for not squishing the TPA grant.
- Standardizing roads at 18 ft.
- Thanked everyone for working together.

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Thanked everyone for tonight.
- See a lot more respect on the dais.
- Glad we got through the budget.
- Look forward to Veteran's Day.

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Tough night for her/new appreciation of the internet.
- Please watch what you read and post.
- Upcoming Election/watch your words.

Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

- Please to see things move smoothly.
- Thanked staff for having what was needed when needed.
- Thanked everyone for reaching out to the Council.

Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Temporary use/ULDC
- Grader/Grading Schedule

Motion was made Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to extend the meeting; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

- Property Owners who spoke earlier at the Community Resident Workshop.
- Thanked the staff.
- Mention Charter Review meeting tomorrow.

Assistant Town Manager

- Stated she appreciated the apology.

Public Works Director

- Announced to the Council that Michael Capocéfalo has resigned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Mayor Robert Shorr

Vice Mayor Laura Danowski

Council Member Marge Herzog

Council Member Marianne Miles

Council Member Phillis Maniglia