



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Margaret Herzog, Phillis Maniglia, and Marianne Miles (attending by phone), Town Manager James S. Titcomb, Assistant Town Manager Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan, Public Works Director Larry Peters, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

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

Phillip Olavarria, District Chief of the 2nd Battalion, introduced himself to the Town Council. There was discussion among the Town Council and District Chief Olavarria.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was public comment made by Virginia Standish.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.
 - a. October 5, 2021, Community Resident Workshop
 - b. October 5, 2021, Town Council Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve the Consent Agenda item 1 a and b; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of renewal and amendment to Master Contract for Palm Beach Aggregates.

PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Maniglia asked that item 2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. She then asked Town Attorney what the changes are and where they highlighted. Town Attorney Lenihan responded that this is a renewal and amendment and everything else in the agreement stands. Councilmember Maniglia thanked the Town Attorney and stated that was her question.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2021-54 authorizing the entry agreement with Palm Beach Aggregates, LLC; authorizing the Mayor to execute necessary documents in forms acceptable, to the Town Manager and Town Attorney to implement the intent of this resolution; authorizing the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to take such actions are necessary to implement this resolution; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Shorr asked what happens if the road is not on the list, what happens. Public Works Director Peters responded. There was discussion among the Town Council and Mr. Peters.

PRESENTATION

3. Update from Coastal Recycling and Waste (John Casagrande)

Mayor Shorr stated how the section would be conducted.

John Casagrande, Vice President for Coastal Waste and Recycling presented the item to the Town Council stating that there is no official presentation just wanted to discuss some issues that has been going on either through Town Council or Town residents such as cost. He stated that he and Town Staff had a meeting and came up with some of the items that are on the whiteboard to see how we can up with a solution which will be beneficial to the residents by looking at vegetation, and recycling. Asst. Town Manager Ramaglia stated that she feels that a reminder of the first ordinance may need to be given which was given by Town Attorney Lenihan. After getting a refresher update from the Town Attorney, Asst. Town Manager Ramaglia addressed the Town Council. Councilmember Maniglia asked could the public see the board. Town Manager Titcomb responded no but will make sure it is available. Commissioner Maniglia expressed her concern and stated that she is unhappy with us not having a recycling truck. Vice Mayor Danowski also expressed her concerns. Asst. Town Manager Ramaglia responded. Councilmember Herzog stated that she is from a county up north where they recycled everything on a Saturday morning and that it was worth it. She stated likes the central drop off but would feel better knowing that the big bine was to generate some financial gain for the Town and have more control of what is coming and going instead of dumping in the garbage truck and receiving no monies at all. Councilmember Miles asked was the truck a new or used truck. Mr. Casagrande responded, he also responded to Councilmember Maniglia's earlier question. Councilmember Miles then continued to make her comments. Mayor Shorr also expressed his thoughts about the extra trips on the road and other concerns. There continued to be discussion among the Town Council and Mr. Casagrande. There was also conversation among the Town Council, Town Staff and Mr. Casagrande regarding vegetation. Town Attorney Lenihan thanked Mr. Casagrande for meeting with staff multiple times to get this information to Town Council.

There was consensus by Town Council to keep track in a data base regarding green tags and give a breakout on vegetation. It was also decided to have a community wide pickup.

There was public comment from Cassie Suchy.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Discussion of scope and direction on Cost Sharing for the following:
 - a. Bridge Culvert Replacement at 25th Place North and C Road

Public Works Director Peters presented the item to the Town Council regarding the replacement of the bridge culvert at 25th Place North and “C” Road. He stated that he has gotten 3 quotes for this location. Vice Mayor Danowski stated she has no problem with the Town paying like for like but then stated if someone moves at the property and tries to change the cost should be taken care by them. She also asked for an explanation for the cost difference, she also asked Mr. Peters what he would choose. Mr. Peters responded to Vice Mayor Danowski’s question by stating he would choose Johnson-Davis. Councilmember Maniglia made comments regarding this matter and also stated that she would go with Johnson-Davis and agree we need to extend our pipes. Councilmember Miles stated that she also agrees going with Johnson-Davis but like BHT Earthworks, Inc. price and what she would like to see happen is going to the property owners. Councilmember Herzog also stated that we should go with Johnson-Davis and why is the Town paying for this when other residents had to go get a loan. Mayor Shorr stated his comment stating we have the money to do, and he continued to express his thoughts. He asked Asst. Town Manager Ramaglia how this cost sharing work would. He agrees with Councilmember Miles to have our residents pay the least cost. There continued to be discussion among the Town Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve the Johnson-Davis bid with reinforcement pipe 60x40 with the price of 61,400 dollars, if residents doesn’t pay then go with the 60x30 pipe with the price of 57,400 dollars; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peters will get with Johnson-Davis and Staff will speak with the residents.

- b. Referendum Road Paving.

Town Attorney Lenihan stated that these six roads were approved for cost sharing voted by a referendum question and will bring back the financing of it back to the Town Council. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve agenda item 4b with the stipulation of Los Angeles Drive being paved until after the issue with the drainage have been resolved; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Titcomb stated that there was one more item in Town Staff comments that would need to be discussed and maybe timely so could there be a motion to extend.

Motion was made by Councilmember Herzog 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 Manager Titcomb passed out two documents Town of Loxahatchee Groves (Potential) 2021-2022 State Legislative Appropriations Requests and the Town of Loxahatchee Groves 2021 Fiscal Year Budget (FY 22) Proposed Capital Plan Population spreadsheets. He then continued to explain the item. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to extend the lobbyist Sluggett and Associates for the next five (5) months; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

There was consensus by Town Council to authorize the Town Manager, Mayor, and Lobbyist to meet directly with the State Representative.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Bollards
- Thanked everyone for putting all the referendum roads on the paving list.
- Any time there is opportunity to enhance the roads by our Southern Blvd corridor that the Town asked the businesses to support paving either in front or behind their businesses.
- Hurricane Season
- Coastal

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Roadway standard
- Dust control
- Newsletter
- Workshop for the residents
- Excavator

Motion was made Mayor Shorr 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.

Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

- America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Congratulated to Town Clerk for her appointment as Palm Beach County Municipal Clerk President
- What are we doing for Government Week?
- TPA of Palm Beach virtual meeting on the 26,27 an 28th – Problem with Southeast Florida Truck Park issues.
- Parade in Wellington- December 12th – Town Clerk will make sure Town Council is entered to participate in parade.

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Gave phone number 561-229-1568 Shan Moore Regional Supervisor for FPL Storm Secure Storm Underground.

- Reminder for the Holiday Gratitude Basket/ Toys for Tots
- Veteran's Day Parade

Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Thanked Logan the Eagle Scout for the Veterans bench and flags in front of Town Hall.
- Drainage projects- get a list.
- Excavator – County has a GradeAll for auction- Is there money in the budget for equipment this year.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to purchase a GradeAll from the Palm Beach County auction not to exceed \$ 50,000.00; it was voted as; **MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.**

- Coffee With the Mayor.
- Drainage RFP (Request for Proposal)- There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Councilmember Herzog seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski 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

- FLC State/County Ethics Course in person at the Village of Palm Springs
- Was contacted by Indian Trail Improvement District about unpermitted cross over between 161st and 162nd. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

Assistant Town Manager

No comment.

Town Attorney

- Wanted to know if Town Council received the requested assessment opinion that was asked for her to look into.

Public Works Director

No comment.

Town Clerk

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Mayor Robert Shorr

Vice Mayor Laura Danowski

Councilmember Margaret Herzog

Councilmember Marianne Miles

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia