



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES  
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Shorr called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Shorr led Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor led a prayer.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS**

Councilmember Maniglia asked a question regarding reconsidering a motion and six (6) months waiting period. Town Attorney Lenihan responded to her question.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog 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.**

Town Manager Titcomb introduced the new Building Official from SAFEbuilt Anthony Giardino Mr. Giardino addressed the Town Council.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were public comments made by following: Michael Newkirk, Frank Schiola, and Virginia Standish.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to receive and file letter given by Mr. Schiola that he receives from Coastal Recycling and Waste; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

- a. May 18, 2021, Town Council Workshop/Special Meeting
- b. June 1, 2021, Community Resident's Workshop Meeting
- c. June 1, 2021, Town Council Regular Meeting

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

2. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-41 Triple A Sod – Roadside sodding from ITID contract.  
**PULLED FROM AGENDA**

Vice Mayor Danowski asked about the piggyback of Triple A Sod, and she also asked did we approach A Garden Center who is a local vendor. Town Staff responded to Vice Mayor Danowski's question. Councilmember Maniglia asked about the formal agreement. Town Attorney Lenihan responded.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2021-41 for agreement with AAA Garden Center to provide and install sod throughout the Town pursuant to "Best Interest" provisions of the Code of Ordinances; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Approval of 3-yr financing agreement of Kubota tractor, council approved purchase 4.20.21.  
**PULLED FROM AGENDA**

Councilmember Maniglia stated what her issue is that almost every culvert in this town has been mangled by the mower. She continued to express her thoughts. She then asked Public Works Director Peters going to do protect the mower's arm and blade. Mr. Peters responded to Councilmember's Maniglia's concerns. Mayor Shorr asked about the delivery time. Mr. Peters responded.

**There was a consensus by the Town Council to lower the reserve for the Thang-A-Ma-Digger to 85,000.00 dollars.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to approve the Resolution No. 2021-45 approving the lease-purchase of the equipment through Leasing 2, Inc; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### PRESENTATION

4. Kim Delaney, Director of Strategic Development and Policy, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council /TCRPC.

Kim Delaney, Director of Strategic Development and Policy, Treasure Coase Regional Planning Council/TCRPC presented to Town Council a PowerPoint presentation by introducing what is the Treasure Coase Regional Planning Council/TCRPC is, her role in the company and how they may help the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. Councilmember Maniglia asked her has she reviewed our overlay, is there a cost if asked to review. Ms. Delaney responded that they would review. There was discussion among the Town Council, Town Staff, and Ms. Delaney.

#### FIRST BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING

5. Discussion of proposed tentative millage rate and proposed FY 2021/2022 Budget.

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item to the Town Council. He also read in the record in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 200.065 sets forth the procedures to follow for each local government in adoption of the annual property tax millage, levy, and budget. In accordance with these regulations, the millage rate is applied to the June 24, 2021, certified total taxable value of \$388,826,388 to calculate the ad valorem revenue for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. The proposed millage rate of 3.0 mills is the same as it was in Fiscal Year 2020/2021 as well as the same as the preliminary TRIM rate adopted on July 6, 2021. Although the same rate as in the prior year, this same proposed millage rate is 6.45 % above the rollback rate of 2.8181 mills. The proposed millage rate generates property tax revenues of \$1,166,479 which is an increase of \$90,110 from Fiscal Year 2021/2022 property tax revenues (these amounts are at 100% without consideration to discounts and collection fees. As budgeted by law at 95%, revenues are \$1,108,154 representing an increase of \$76,356). The proposed budget for all funds totaling \$5.2 million (excluding transfers between funds) maintains funding for existing levels of service. Council held budget workshops jointly with the Finance Audit and Advisory Committee (FAAC) on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the proposed operating and capital budgets. This is the first public hearing on the proposed budget and the corresponding ad valorem millage rate in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 200.065. The second public hearing and adoption is to be held on September 21, 2021. Asst. Town Manager Ramaglia also address the Town Council by giving an overview the upcoming Fiscal Year's budget. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff regarding the items 5a, 5b, 5c,5d, 5e, and item 6.

- a. Summary presentation of the FY22 proposed tentative millage rate and budget overview. Town Manager announcement of the percentage by which the adopted tentative millage rate exceeds the roll back rate.
- b. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-42 adopting the tentative millage rate for FY 2021-2022.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2021-42 adopting the tentative millage for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, directing the advertisement for the second Public Hearing on September 21, 2021; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.**

- c. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-43 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2021-2022.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve Resolution 2021-43 adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget including balances brought forward and related fiscal policies; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.**

- d. (d. & e.) Budget and policy exhibits attached.

6. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-44 adopting the Solid Waste Assessment.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to extend the meeting to 11:30; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2021-44 adopting the final FY 2021-2022 non-ad valorem assessment rates, budgets, and assessments rolls for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Nay: Mayor Shorr. Motion passed 4-1.**

*Town Council Recesses to convene as the Dependent District Board of Supervisors at 11:05 p.m.*

*The Board of Supervisors for the Dependent Water Control District was called to order at 11:05 p.m. by Chair Danowski.*

7. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-DD05 adopting the Road & Drainage Acreage Assessment.

Town Attorney Lenihan addressed the question that was asked of her regarding the assessment for the Road & Drainage Acreage Assessment. There was discussion among the Board and Town Staff.

**Motion was made by Board of Supervisor Maniglia seconded by Board of Supervisor Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2021-DD05 adopting the Road & Drainage Acreage Assessment; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Board of Supervisors Herzog, Maniglia, Miles, and Shorr. Nay: Chair Danowski. Motion passed 4-1.**

*Dependent District Board of Supervisors adjourns to reconvene as Town Council at 11:23p.m.*

#### PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR AGENDA

8. Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-07 on second reading amending Section 100-005 “Local and Collector Roadways, generally” Of Part IV “Parking and Loading, Access and Subdivision, Sight Distance” Of Its Unified Land Development Code to provide for a maximum speed limit of 25 Miles per hour on roadways within the Town boundaries other than Okeechobee Boulevard and Southern Boulevard.

Town Attorney Lenihan read Ordinance No 2021-07 into the record.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to approve the on second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-07 amending Section 100-005 “Local and Collector Roadways, generally” Of Part IV “Parking and Loading, Access and Subdivision, Sight Distance” Of Its Unified Land Development Code to provide for a maximum speed limit of 25 Miles per hour on roadways within the Town boundaries other than Okeechobee Boulevard and Southern Boulevard; 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)**

- Trauma Hawk update-Town Manager Titcomb gave an update.
- Bellsouth and Comcast working with Florida Power & Light.
- “C” Road & 24<sup>th</sup> Culvert (Mr. Harris)-bring back in October.

**There was a consensus by Town Council to have Mr. Peters to bring back information regarding the “C” Road & 24<sup>th</sup> the first meeting in October.**

- “D” Road- MOT (Hardrives doesn’t use MOT)- why Hardrives are not hiring MOT-There was discussion among Councilmember Maniglia and Mr. Peters.

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

- Thanked staff.

**Laura Danowski (Seat 2)**

- Gave thanks to Francine and Jamie regarding the budget.

**Marianne Miles (Seat 3)**

- Thanked Francine and staff.
- Assessments/Taxes-as Town Council try to do the best they can do.

**Marge Herzog (Seat 5)**

- Lost during 9/11.
- Thanked staff.

**Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)**

- Annexation-review
- Indian Trails-moved forth to Tallahassee for incorporation.
- Employees
- Charter Review- 4-year terms
- Trails
- Thanked Francine.

**TOWN STAFF COMMENTS**

**Town Manager**

- Emailed that went out in being involved in Florida League Legislative Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

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Mayor Robert Shorr

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Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

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Vice Mayor Laura Danowski

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Council Member Marge Herzog

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Council Member Marianne Miles

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Council Member Phillis Maniglia