



TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 20, 2021

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shorr called meeting to order at 6:00 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 Phillis Maniglia, Marianne Miles and Margaret Herzog, Town Manager James Titcomb, Assistant Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney James Bracko, Public Works Director Larry Peters, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS & MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Town Clerk wanted to state that the Additions, Deletions & Modification to the Agenda was omitted from the agenda.

Vice Mayor Danowski spoke about speaking in the microphones due to residents complaining of not being able to hear. Town Manager Titcomb responded to her comment.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were public comments made by Nina Corning and Mary McNicholas.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Update on Traffic Counts & Speed Study- Simmons & White.
Brian Kelly, Traffic Engineer from Simmons and White, presented the item to Town Council regarding an overview of their recent speed study and traffic counts which will also include

discussion of signalization at intersection of D Road and Okeechobee. There was discussion among the Town Council, Town Staff, and Mr. Kelly.

There were public comments made by Nina Corning and Todd McLendon.

There was consensus made by Town Council to wait on the final report to see how they will move forward.

Mr. Kelly stated that the study should be completed in about two weeks- May 4th.

2. Update and discussion on Phase II Footprint-Cost Estimate.

Randy Wertepny, Town Engineer from Keshavarz & Associate presented the item to Town Council to update Phase II of the maintenance map, roads, local roadways-level 3 residential. There was discussion among the Town Council, Town Staff, and Mr. Wertepny.

There were comments made by Nina Corning, Todd McLendon, Mary McNicholas, Cassie Suchy, and Virginia Standish.

There was consensus by Town Council not to move forward on the Phase II footprint. Town Manager Titcomb to create a narrative of Right-a-Way vs. Easement, list roads to go on website, and circulate key maps.

3. Discussion on OGEM Repairs.

Public Works Director Peters presented the item to the Town Council. Council has previously directed staff to seek contractors to perform road repairs for the 12 miles of OGEM roadways in need of repair, reconstruction, and/or sealing. Previous discussions have included the following considerations:

- a. "A" Road demonstration project/Town's standard
- b. Other OGEM segments.

Craig Elmore, owner of the Hardrives, Inc. addressed the Town Council and there was discussion among the Town Council, Town Staff, and Mr. Elmore.

There were public comments made by the following: Todd McLendon and Cassie Suchy.

Motion made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Herzog to direct staff to issue a purchase order to Hardrives, Inc. pursuant to the Town's existing piggyback contract to furnish all labor and equipment to perform Option 2 and use "A" Road from Okeechobee Blvd. to North Road as a pilot of this option with 2" shoulder no to go on private property without owners' permission; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, and Miles. Nay: Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 4-1.

4. Discussion of Easements.
 - a. Multi-use
 - b. Utility
 - c. Existing-catch basin

Town Attorney Bracko presented the item to the Town Council. There was discussion among the Town Council, and Town Staff regarding the different types of easements.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

There were public comments made by the following: Nina Corning, Jonie Hopkins, Katie Lakeman, and Virginia Standish.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve the Roadway/Multi-Use Trail/Drainage/Utility Easement with the removal of Multi-Use Trail and allow Town Attorney and Staff to correct any and all scribblers error; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

Glen Torcivia introduced Elizabeth Lenihan.

5. Update and discussion of Culvert repairs or replacement.

Public Works Director Peters presented the item to the Town Council. Mr. Peters presented three proposals for repair and or replacement of the culvert at Collecting Canal and "C" Road which were the following:

DS Eakins	<i>Replace the existing culvert with a 96" CAP pipe.</i>	<i>\$155,164.60</i>
	Does Not Include: Permits, Permit Fees, As-builts, Survey, Removal/Replacement of trees/plants, disposal/Replacement of unsuitable materials, VMS boards, Notification of Residents or Specific Dewatering Permit. 18 days completion schedule.	
Johnson Davis	<i>Install Twin 72" CAP Inverts will match inverts and elevation of existing CMP Culvert.</i>	<i>\$157,000.00</i> (reduced from \$159,069)
	Does not include Permits or Permit Fees except for NOI, Dewatering Permit, Density Testing, Construction Survey and Certified As Builds, Pre-Construction Video, Portable Sanitary Facilities.	
WBI	<i>Replacement of existing 60-inch Culvert at Collecting Canal Road & C Road.</i>	<i>\$138,900.00</i>
	Does not include handling of guard rail, utility conflicts, all permit fees and administration fees associated with permitting, and revision of submittals.	

There was discussion among the Town Council, Town Staff.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

There was consensus by the Town Council to have all vendors come back with a quote for a 60' by 80 ft pipe and slip line.

6. Selling of the Thing-a-Ma-Digger (Wheeled Excavator).

Public Works Director Peters presented the selling of the Thing-A-Ma-Digger (Wheeled Excavator) to the Town Council. There was discussion among Town Council, and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to move forward with the Bidera, LLC with a 90,000 reserve; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmember Herzog, and Maniglia. Nay: Councilmember Miles. Motion passed 4-1.

7. Discussion of Long Reach Mowing/Edging Tractor.

Public Works Director Peters presented the item to the Town Council. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

Motion was Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Danowski to approve the purchase of a Kubota M65-111SHDC Mower, with a 60' Rotary head, a 69' Buzzbar head, and quick hitch kit, through Leasing 2, Inc. three (3) year plan at 55,425.92 per year; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Shorr, Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion of Budget calendar/schedule.

Town Manager Titcomb presented the item to the Town Council speaking about the Budget calendar and schedule. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

Motion was made by Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.; 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)

- Committees
- “C” Road and Silver Lake 100 acres-easement- Town Engineer Randy Wertepny responded to Councilmember Maniglia’ s question. There continued to be a discussion among Councilmember Maniglia and Mr. Wertepny. She also asked about ingress/egress in which Town Attorney Bracko responded.
- Dustless product is here-water truck is not working so what is the schedule. Public Works Director Peters responded.
- Spraying of the canal.
- Donated to the Scholarship Fund
- Like our Town Attorney

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Spoke on behalf of the Town Attorney
- Coastal- full voicemail – Town Manager Titcomb responded.
- Thanked the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager – stated that if residents have an issue, please contact her.

- Phase II of maps-compensation to landowners

Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

- Good to have the Town Engineer to be at the meeting.
- Light pattern at “B” Road
- Resident complained about trailers behind their property.
- Loxahatchee Groves Landowners Association meeting April 29, 2021

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Traffic at the corner of “B” Road and Southern Blvd.

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

Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Ordinance for Town’s boundaries associated with the Okeechobee overlay-Town Manager Titcomb responded.
- Public Works-hiring of employees (grader) Town Clerk Burch responded to the Mayor.
- Approval of ½ day for grader to work.

There was consensus to give staff direction to allow approval of ½ day on Saturdays for grader to grade roads.

- 50/50 Cost Sharing

There was consensus to look into the 50/50 cost sharing.

- Pastor from local churches to led pray.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

No comment.

Assistant Town Manager

No comment.

Town Attorney

- Spoke about Dr. Larson closing on his home and continued to give an update on Little Turtle Creek.

Public Works Director

No comment.

Town Clerk

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned 11:22 p.m.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Mayor Robert Shorr

Vice Mayor Laura Danowski

Councilmember Marge Herzog

Council Member Phillis Maniglia

Council Member Marianne Miles

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ADJOURNMENT

Comment Cards:

[Note public comment rules are modified during the COVID-19 pandemic, see above.](#)

Anyone from the public wishing to address the Town Council, it is requested that you complete a Comment Card before speaking. Please fill out completely with your full name and address so that your comments can be entered correctly in the minutes and give to the Town Clerk. During the agenda item portion of the meeting, you may only address the item on the agenda being discussed at the time of your comment. During public comments, you may address any item you desire. Please remember that there is a three (3) minute time limit on all public comment. Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which included testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office (561-793-2418), at least 48 hours in advance to request such accommodation.