



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

*Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office
Meetings are also available on YouTube.*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danowski called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Danowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Danowski led a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Laura Danowski, Vice Mayor Robert Shorr, Councilmembers Margaret Herzog, Phillis Maniglia, and Marianne Miles, Town Manager Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Attorney Glenn Torcivia, Public Works Director Larry Peters, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Councilmember Maniglia noticed scribbler's error regarding Ordinance No. 2023-07 should be Ordinance No. 2023-06.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Councilmember Herzog to approve the agenda as is with the correction to Ordinance No. 2023-07 to Ordinance No. 2023-06; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was a public comment from Cassie Suchy.

REGULAR AGENDA AND PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2023-07 06** on second reading adopting Revised Recreational Vehicle Program Requirements.

There were public comments made by Paul Coleman, John Havens, Ken Johnson, Todd McLendon, Brian McNeil, Minish Sood, Cassie Suchy, and Town Clerk Burch read the from the following into the record Anita Brady, Jodi Jensen, Evelio Santos, and Diane Laudadio.

Town Manager Ramaglia stated that in 2020 Ordinance 2020-07 was passed and due to that ordinance, it has been hard to enforce that Ordinance. She continued to state why the RV ordinance has been brought back to the Town Council for modifications. She stated that this ordinance was done to address the current issues in which this ordinance has caused. She then presented Kaityn Forbes. Kaityn Forbes presented the update and Forbes Ordinance No. 2023-06.

Vice Mayor Shorr stated that the RV ordinance has been in effect since 2020, he also asked about the notification to the public regarding the RV ordinance. Town Manager Ramaglia responded to his question. He also continued to give his view on the ordinance. Stated that this is not just about equestrians. It's been around, it has benefits.

Councilmember Maniglia stated that this has nothing to do with agricultural but greed, has to do with people who sit on our dais that doesn't understand. She continued to express her views on this topic.

Councilmember Miles stated that we have been discussing RVs for a long time. Lot of false accusations and rumors that has gone on out here.

Councilmember Herzog stated she has difficulty with the number of RVs that are being proposed, doesn't want to be surrounded by 5 acres who could have up to 4 RVs. Feels we should go back to 2. Not let random people come in to do random things with water, sewer, etc. no more than 2 on 10 acres. If we are trying to accommodate equestrians -they knew they couldn't do it in Wellington, why are they doing it here. She feels this ordinance needs to be looked into some more. She is currently not in favor of.

Mayor Danowski asked about vacant lot in the RV ordinance. Ms. Forbes responded. Asked has any revision been done to the RV application. Ms. Forbes stated that it will not be done until after passing the ordinance. Mayor Danowski commented on the need of quarters for a loved one, she completely agrees with this. Wants Code Enforcement to monitor this, there is still a need for additional changes, yes. She then told a story.

Vice Mayor Shorr stated the way he understood it that you pay 250.00 to get your site improved by the Building Official, when the RV comes in you have to pay a 100.00 fee, it is a two-step process. The way the ordinance is written it starts when the tenant gets here. He comments on page 5 last sentence double of (one needs to be stricken). He wanted a clear definition of yard or set back. Ms. Forbes responded. Town Manager Ramaglia stated there is no reference only yard sales.

Each Town Councilmember gave their individual suggestions of how they feel that the size of the acreage should be for the number of RVs to be on the property. There continued to be discussions among the Town Council regarding the changing of Ordinance No. 2023-06.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Shorr seconded by Mayor Danowski to approve Ordinance No. 2023-06 on second reading repealing Section 20-50 "Recreational Vehicles" of Article

20- “Residential Zoning Districts” and establishing Article 92 “Recreational Vehicles” within Part III “Supplemental Regulations” within the Unified Land Development Code with the correction of the four scribbler’s error, changing the chart to 1to 2.91 acres (1 RV), greater 2.9 to 4.82 acres (2 RVs), and greater 4.9 up to four seasonal , ; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr. Nays: Councilmembers Herzog and Maniglia. Motion failed 3-2.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miles seconded by Mayor Danowski to approve Ordinance No. 2023-06 on second reading repealing Section 20-50 “Recreational Vehicles” of Article 20- “Residential Zoning Districts” and establishing Article 92 “Recreational Vehicles” within Part III “Supplemental Regulations” within the Unified Land Development Code with the correction of the four scribbler’s error, changing the seasonal permit chart to 1 acre (1 RV), 2 to 4.8 acres (2 RVs), and greater 4.9 (4 RVs) ; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr. Nays: Councilmembers Herzog and Maniglia. Motion failed 3-2.

Town Manager Ramaglia asked for clarification on direction from the Town Council. She asked so will we now actively enforce the existing RV ordinance from 2020-07 without any change in the fee or the application. Mayor Danowski responded by stating enforce the old one, no application change, no fee changes and then she asked about enforcement. Town Manager Ramaglia responded that this is complaint driven. There continued to be discussion among the Town Council and Town Manager.

DISCUSSION

2. Presentation regarding the new Form 6 reporting requirements for elected officials.

Town Attorney Torcivia presented the item regarding the Form 6 reporting requirement for elected officials and its impact. There was discussion between the Town Council and Town Staff.

There was a public comment made by Cassie Suchy. Town Attorney Torcivia responded.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

No comment.

Town Attorney

No comment.

Public Works Director

Larry Peters presented the item to the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Shorr asked if this presentation was about roads or culverts, then he asked about 161st N., and the emergency culvert on Lakeside. Mr. Peters responded. There continued to be discussion between the Vice Mayor Shorr and Town Staff.

Councilmember Maniglia asked for the pricing on Collecting Canal. She asked Town Manager Ramaglia where this money would come from, Ms. Ramaglia responded. She asked a question

from a resident- she stated that the gentleman stated he owned up until the middle of the road and doesn't want road paved. Ask does he has all easements for west G and Folsom. There continued to be discussion between the Town Council and Mr. Peters.

Councilmember Miles asked if you have a private or Town bridge culvert are you allowed to have it be overgrown with trees and vegetation into or around the culvert. Mr. Peters responded that it should be maintained. There continued to be discussion between Councilmember Miles and Mr. Peters.

Mayor Danowski asked what the protocol is to recover fill that has fallen into canal where banks restored that's now sitting in the bottom of canals as a blockage. Mr. Peters responded. There continues to be discussion between the Mayor and Mr. Peters.

There continued to be discussion from the Town Council and Town Staff.

Town Clerk

Asked the Town Council would they consider going to one meeting per month. There was discussion among them. Then it was decided that starting November they would go to one meeting per month.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Happy with the turnout of tonight's meeting, appreciate the people who came out tonight.

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Disappointed about tonight's outcome regarding the RV ordinance.

Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

- Landowners will have a meeting this Thursday and will have a representative from the South Florida Water Management District.

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Stated that he shouldn't be surprised by the outcome.

Mayor Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting but was disappointed with the outcome of the RV ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk




Mayor Laura Danowski



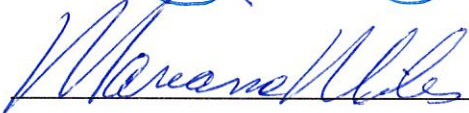
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