



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL FY 24 BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 23, 2023**

*Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office
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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.

PRESENT

Mayor Danowski, Vice Mayor Shorr, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Town Manager Ramaglia, Chris Wallace of Munilytics, Project Coordinator Jeff Kurtz, and Town Clerk Burch.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were public comments made by the following:

Todd McLendon commented about the assessment for trash pickup, stating that franchise take care of roads, vacant property has residential cans, etc. He also spoke about the Law Enforcement contract.

Virginia Standish asked a few questions such as which project is a rollover, new copy of gas map (gas tax), how this town compares to other towns-what account for salary, capital improvement to put in brand new gates, pumps systems, and weirs. Town Manager Ramaglia responded to the questions that Ms. Standish presented to the Town Council regarding the gates, pumps, and weirs having an opportunity to apply for another grant from the State. She continued to address the Town Council.

Town Manager Ramaglia responded to the questions that Ms. Standish presented to the Town Council regarding the gates, pumps, weirs stating that we have an opportunity to apply for another grant from the State, she also stated that we are trying to receive a Rural Designation. Councilmember Maniglia asked the Town Manager to explain the reimbursement. Town Manager Ramaglia responded. Councilmember Maniglia asked for clarifications on Rural designation. Town Manager Ramaglia responded to her question. There continued to be discussion among the Town Council and Town Manager Ramaglia.

Ms. Kane, Finance Audit and Advisory Committee (FAAC) Chair addressed the Town Council stating that FAAC was asked to make recommendation on four (4) areas -she stated she compared to two (2) neighboring districts- the recommendations are as follows: to leave the millage at 3.00 mills, Cost of Living (COLA) at 5% for staff salary (because the cost of living in Palm Beach County has increased), Solid Waste assessment should stay at 400.00, and the acreage assessment should also remain at 200.00 per acre.

Mayor Danowski asked who is considered in the COLA and about the Town's reserves. Chair Kane responded to Mayor Danowski's questions.

Councilmember Maniglia asked about staff's COLA, garbage (Town is sub-dividing the garbage) Chair Kane responded to Councilmember Maniglia's questions.

Councilmember Herzog also asked about COLA for all members of staff. Town Manager Ramaglia responded.

Councilmember Miles commented about COLA being at 3% as it was last year.

Vice Mayor Shorr passed out a summary regarding the District (2017) which included salaries. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff regarding the information. He stated the following: leave more money in reserves, keep biting elephant but get some results, and prepare for next year.

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

Chris Wallace from Munitytics addressed the Town Council regarding the FY 24 budget. There was a discussion among the Town Council, Mr. Wallace, and Town Staff regarding the FY 24 budget and changes.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Mayor Laura Danowski

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr

Council Member Marge Herzog

Council Member Phillis Maniglia

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