



TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 18, 2023

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danowski called the meeting to order at 6:36 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 Elizabeth Lenihan, Public Works Director Larry Peters, Town Planning Consultant James Fleischman, and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

1. Presentation by John Archambo formerly of the Solid Waste Authority.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to the Town Council regarding Solid Waste.

John Archambo introduced himself and then presented his view on the Town's solid waste. He also spoke about the solid waste contract. He stated that there was no success in any interest in recycling. He explained the pros and cons of going out to bid for solid waste.

There were public comments by Ken Johnson, Cassie Suchy, and Virginia Standish.

There was a consensus for staff to speak with Coastal and bring back anything that will lower the price.

2. Presentation by Town's lobbyist Ronald L. Book from Pittman Law Group (7:30 p.m.).

Ronald L. Book, P.A., Town Lobbyist, and his lobbying team via Zoom addressed the Town Council by giving funding request update and the four-week report for the 2023 Session. There was a discussion among the Town Council, Mr. Book, and Town Staff.

There was a public comment by Virginia Standish.

3. Discussion on Regulation of Agricultural Related Uses.

As the Town Council is considering amendments to its Comprehensive Plan regarding future land use categories, it is important to understand the regulation of agricultural uses and uses that may be related to agriculture.

Ruth Holmes, attorney from Torcivia, Donlon, Goddeau, Ansay, P.A. addressed the Town Council on the following areas: Right to Farm, Agritourism, and Livestock Waste. There was discussion among the Town Council, Ms. Holmes, and Town Staff.

There were public comments made by Nina Corning and Virginia Standish.

4. Discuss and give staff direction related to committees, standing or ad hoc, to include:

Town Attorney Lenihan presented the items.

- a. Changes to the Code
- b. Changes to the Rules of Procedure

Town Attorney Lenihan addressed 4a and 4b to the Town Council stating she would have something for the May 2nd meeting.

There was a discussion between the Town Council and Town Staff.

- c. Establishing any new committees (Housing/RV)

There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff.

There was consensus by the Town Council to have a workshop meeting before a meeting at 5:00 p.m. or on a Saturday, copy of RV ordinance.

There were public comments made by Robert Austin and Jodi Jansen (via email).

- d. Whether to continue with appointments under current code/resolution provisions or wait until the new code provisions are adopted.

Town Attorney Lenihan stated that is planned to bring back the Finance Audit and Advisory Committee (FAAC) and Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) committee members for approval of the Town Council. There was a discussion between the Town Council and Town Staff.

Town Council stated that they would all contact their committee representatives to make sure they are willing to continue to serve.

5. Update on Road Paving Project.

Public Works Director Peters addressed the Town Council with an update on the upcoming road paving project and the status of gathering easements. There was discussion among the Town Council and Town Staff. Town Manager Ramaglia stated that a paving plan meeting could be done, and everyone can come.

There was a public comment by Nina Corning.

6. Discussion of Council Priorities.

Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item and stated what is currently on the upcoming agenda and changes that will need to be made. There was a discussion between the Town Council and Town Staff.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

- Stated that there would be a meet and greet for District 6 Commissioner Sara Baxter.

Town Attorney

No comment.

Public Works Director

No Comment.

Town Clerk

No comment.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Thanked Councilmember Herzog for mentioning the crossing.
- Asked about the Grading Schedule and how are the residents that live on dirt roads coming along.

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

No comment.

Margaret Herzog (Seat 5)

- Asked Public Works Director Peters about the safety signs for the horses.
- Asked the status of employees in the Public Works department (Dependent Water District).
- Announced the LGLA (Loxahatchee Groves Landowners Association) will have a meeting on April 27th and the former Town of Loxahatchee Groves Mayor David Browning will be speaking.
- Asked if Big Dog Zoning can be challenged.

Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

- Asked how his fellow Councilmember feels about Code Compliance- Is it proactive or reactive.
- Work Order Program (Brightly)
- Stop signs on Okeechobee Blvd.
- Culverts

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Microphones
- Upcoming meetings
 - April 27, 2023, Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
 - May 9, 2023, Finance Audit and Advisory Committee Meeting
- Annexation

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Mayor Laura Danowski

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr

Councilmember Margaret Herzog

Councilmember Marianne Miles

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia