



Town of Loxahatchee Groves

Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

(Times established by Resolution No. 2014-08... commencing at 7:00 p.m., and ending no later than 10:30 p.m., which can be extended by motion of the Council.)

Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, 101 West "D" Road

Mayor David Browning (Seat 4)
Vice Mayor Ronald D. Jarriel (Seat 1)
Councilman Tom Goltzené (Seat 5)
Councilman Ryan Liang (Seat 3)
Councilman Jim Rockett (Seat 2)

Town Manager William F. Underwood, II
Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple
Town Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.

MINUTES

1. OPENING

- a. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Browning called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor David Browning, Vice-Mayor Ron Jarriel, Councilmen Tom Goltzené, Ryan Liang, and Jim Rockett. Also present were Town Manager William F. Underwood, Town Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, and Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation – Mayor Browning
- c. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Councilman Goltzené made a motion to approve the Agenda, as presented. Councilman Liang seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed 5/0.

2. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *NONE*

4. PRESENTATIONS - *NONE*

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS - *NONE*

Mayor Browning took a moment to let everyone know that he and his wife Sharyn read *Bunny Cakes* to the Kindergarten class at the Loxahatchee Groves Elementary School.

6. RESOLUTIONS (*All Items Below Inclusive*)

- a. AGENDA ITEM REPORT - Traffic Signal at Okeechobee Boulevard and D Road Simmons & White, Inc.

Town Manager Underwood reported how the new agenda format will work and explained the Simmons and White proposal.

- b. Discussion on Simmons and White, Inc. Proposal, and the Town Capital Improvement Plan identified a traffic light at Okeechobee Blvd. and D Road.
- c. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15: (Traffic Engineering Services Proposal - Simmons & White, Inc.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROPOSAL FROM, SIMMONS AND WHITE, INC., FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATING TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD AT "D" ROAD INTERSECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: Councilman Liang made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-15. Vice-Mayor Jarriel seconded the motion. Discussion.

Council discussed the need for the traffic light; the petition which had been presented to Council having only twenty-five percent (25%) of the signatures being residents of Loxahatchee Groves, and that fifty percent (50%) would warrant a more serious review; and meeting with Palm Beach County Commissioners concerning the traffic light.

Many members of the audience spoke with - concerns for resident health and safety and the importance of the traffic light; urges to the Council to reconsider and request that Palm Beach County fund the light; opposition of the traffic light; a possible conflict of interest from one of the Council members voting on the traffic light; betrayals to the residents if the Town spends money on the traffic light; and the need to own and control Okeechobee Boulevard.

Mayor Browning noted there is no one on the Council who would financially benefit.

Town Attorney Cirullo read the title of Resolution No. 2014-15.

Council discussed the continued maintenance and repairs for a traffic light; what would happen to the light once Okeechobee Boulevard was widened; wait time for installation; traffic circles; alternate locations for the traffic light; and extending the school light in lieu of the light flashing yellow after 6:00 p.m.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 3/2, with Mayor Browning and Councilman Goltzené casting the dissenting votes.

7. ORDINANCES – NONE

8. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE – *Town Manager Underwood*

- a. **AGENDA ITEM REPORT:** Updates on various activities and issues concerning the Town.

Town Manager Underwood briefly reviewed the bullet points of his Agenda Item Report (AIR) update sheet, and answered questions posed by Council basically concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps.

Mayor Browning asked Town Manager Underwood to conduct research for additional information.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **AGENDA ITEM REPORT:** Discussion on status of the Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce Building.

Town Manager Underwood advised Council that plans for the acquisition of the Chamber of Commerce Building was under way.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. AGENDA ITEM REPORT: IGC Rotation Schedule

Town Manager Underwood reviewed the Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) rotation schedule for meeting attendees.

Vice-Mayor Jarriel likes the June 16, 2014, revised rotation schedule the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District sent out, and advised he would take this quarter rotation schedule.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

a. Public

Roslyn Owen, 13859 22nd Road North, was told by Braeden Garrett, Town Planning Technician, to come to Council concerning a setback request she has.

Town Manager Underwood stated that Ms. Owen would have to apply for a variance, which will commence the process.

Phyllis Maniglia, 359 West D Road, stated there was still a serious problem in the Palms West Plaza with drinking and crime. She requested Town Manager Underwood come up with some remedies, or write a letter to Mr. Yee, the Landlord, to clean up the Plaza and hire security. The stores are losing business, and the garbage is bad as well.

Marge Herzog, 966 A Road, concerning the face of Loxahatchee Groves, wanted to ask the Council, what Council Members went to the various board meetings. The Town does not have representation, with such entities as the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and Western Communities Board. Also, the Land Owners will be hosting a forum for various candidates, and if anyone has questions they can be sent to Ken Johnson.

Ken Johnson, 15409 Collecting Canal Road, felt the Town has major problems with traffic control, especially with cut through traffic, and traffic enforcement. The Town needs to be more proactive as to what is going to happen to the taxpayers in Loxahatchee Groves. The Town needs to do something now, and needs the traffic light. Mr. Johnson wanted to know what has been done in asking Palm Beach County to fund the light. He felt progress is coming and we are in the crosshairs. Mr. Johnson also wanted to know if there any ordinance concerning the height of building, signage, billboards, lights or size of buildings.

b. Town Attorney

Nothing further, as noted by the end of the meeting, but he did not want to interrupt.

c. Town Council Members

Councilman Goltzené noted this was an efficient meeting. Thanks to everyone.

Vice-Mayor Jarriel also commented on the short meeting, and complimented Town Manager Underwood on the Agenda and to keep up the good work.

Councilman Liang felt this beats our previous record, and he was happy about that. He thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Rockett also thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Browning noted the Town will need a traffic light at D Road and Okeechobee Boulevard, but he does not want the Town to pay for it. If the developments continue, eventually there will be five (5), six (6) lane road by 2035 to handle the traffic from the Acreage. Palm Beach County would have to approve the light. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will be conducting the meeting for Minto West Development on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Mayor Browning adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.



Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk



David Browning, Mayor



These minutes were approved during the January 6, 2014 Town Council Meeting.