

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES**  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

**This is not the official minutes.**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.**



**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor El-Ramey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor El-Ramey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor El-Ramey led a prayer.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Lisa El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Marge Herzog, Councilmembers Laura Danowski, Phillis Maniglia and Robert Shorr, Town Manager James Titcomb, Assistant Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney R. Brian Shutt, Public Works Director Larry Peters and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Town Manager Titcomb stated that staff would like to pull item 14 from regular agenda to a future meeting.

Councilmember Maniglia asked that item 4 be pulled from Consent Agenda and that item 14 be pulled for a later date.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember Shorr to have item 15 be discussed instead of first reading; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski and Shorr. Nye: Councilmember Maniglia. Motion passed 4-1.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Shorr seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to pull item 4 from Consent Agenda for discussion and to pull item 14 from the agenda; it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were public comments from the following: Paul Coleman, Tony Lopes, Marianne Miles, Mosley Schloss and Virginia Standish.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. March 3, 2020 Community Resident Workshop
  - b. August 4, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-13 selection of Mayor of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.
3. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-14 selection of Vice Mayor of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Danowski seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve the Consent Agenda; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

### FIRST BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING

4. Approval of third addendum to the Law Enforcement Service Agreement (LESA). **PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

**There was public comment from Todd McLendon.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to approve the third addendum to the Law Enforcement Service Agreement (LESA) and obtain an Attorney General's opinion as to the requirements that the Town has in obtaining additional law enforcement services beyond what the county (Palm Beach) already provides; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski and Maniglia. Nye: Councilmember Shorr. Motion passed 4-1.**

5. Discussion of proposed tentative millage rate and proposed FY21 Budget.

**Assistant Town Manager Ramaglia presented the item to Town Council and there was discussion among Town Council and Town Staff.**

6. Comments from Public regarding the proposed tentative millage rate and budget.

There were public comments from the following: In person: Laura Cacioppo, Paul Coleman, Linda J. Cowart, Mark Jackson, Ken Johnson, Marianne Miles and Todd McLendon. Read into record by Town Clerk: August Bernola, Brenda Collier, Nancy Lopes, Frances Perkins, Geoff Sluggett, Robert Snowball and Candee Weitzman.

7. Resolution No. 2020-15 adopting the tentative millage rate for FY 2020-2021

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2020-15 establishing the tentative millage for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, FL, pursuant to the Budget Summary for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Town Manager announcement of the percentage by which the adopted tentative millage rate exceeds the roll back rate.

**Town Manager Titcomb read announcement of the percentage by which the adopted tentative millage rate exceeds the roll back rate into the record.**

9. Resolution No. 2020-16 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2020-2021

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor seconded by Councilmember Danowski to approve Resolution No. 2020-16 adopting a tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

10. Resolution No. 2020-17 Solid Waste Assessment

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2020-17 approving the assessment rate for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; it was voted as follows: Aye: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

11. Resolution No. 2020-DD05 Road and Drainage Acreage Assessment

**Motion was made by Board Supervisor Herzog seconded by Board Supervisor Maniglia approve Resolution No. 2020-DD05 approving the assessment rate for District Special Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Chair/President El-Ramey, Board Supervisors Herzog and Maniglia. Nays: Board Supervisors Danowski and Shorr. Motion passed 3-2.**

12. Resolution No. 2020-DD06 OGEM Debt Service

**Motion was made by Board Supervisor Danowski seconded by Board Supervisor Maniglia to approve Resolution No. 2020-DD06 relating to the Debt Service Payments for Capital Improvements for North "A" Road, North "C" Road, South "C" Road, North "D" Road and Unit 1 Development; confirming the assessment amounts to be levied for each assessment to fund Capital Improvements funded by District-Issued Debt for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Chair/President El-Ramey, Board Supervisors Danowski, Herzog, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

13. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-05 amending its code of ordinances by creating Chapter 27 "Fireworks" to provide for regarding the use and sale of fireworks.

Town Attorney Shutt read Ordinance into record and presented the item.

**There was consensus by Town Council for Town Staff to bring back with to Town Council once there has been additional input for Town Council, staff and additional outside sources.**

14. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-06 amending its Code of Ordinances by enacting Chapter 7 "Animals" to provide for regulations regarding animals. **PULLED FROM THE AGENDA TO A FUTURE DATE**

15. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-07 amending its Unified Land Development Code by amending Part II "Zoning Districts", Article 20 "Residential Zoning Districts" by enacting Section 20-050 "Recreational Vehicles" to provide regulations regarding recreational vehicles. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION AND NOT A FIRST READING**

This item was pulled for discussion.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Danowski to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

There were public comments made by the following: Laura Cacioppo and Marianne Miles.

**There was consensus by Town Council for staff to bring back changes at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Town Council's meeting.**

16. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-08 amending Nuisance Abatement.

Town Attorney Shutt read Ordinance into record and presented the item.

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Herzog seconded by Councilmember Maniglia to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-08 with corrections discussed by Town Council; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

17. Approval of Town of Loxahatchee Groves Planning Consultant- James Fleishmann.

**Motion was made Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Shorr to approve extension of planning services contract with Land Research Management with staff looking for other solutions with a specific date and gave Mayor signing authorization; it was voted as follows; Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

18. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-18 approving Brett Raflowitz as a member of the Planning & Zoning Board.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Vice Mayor Herzog to approve Resolution No. 2020-18 approving Brett Raflowitz as a regular voting member of the Planning and Zoning Board; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor El-Ramey, Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Motion passed unanimously.**

19. Approval of leased Water Truck purchase finance option.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Shorr to approve purchase of water truck from United Rentals; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Herzog, Councilmembers Danowski, Maniglia and Shorr. Nye: Mayor El-Ramey. Motion passed 4 to 1.**

### **TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS**

**Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember (Seat 1)**

- **Revisit easement topic (policies that has been established)**
- **Subbing out some work to local landscapers**
- **OGEM Roads (repair quickly)**
- **Asked that Town Council stay united (even if they don't always agree)**

**Laura Danowski, Councilmember (Seat 2)**

- **Stated she was happy to have a Public Works department**
- **Cancel contract with Munilytics**

**Lisa El-Ramey, Mayor (Seat 3)**

- Spoke about Town Manager's contract
  - 20 things that are a priority for the Town
- Town Council go through Town Manager with issues dealing with Town Staff

**Robert Shorr, Councilmember (Seat 4)**

- Spoke about tire amnesty
- Garbage Ordinance on 9/22/2020 meeting
- Spraying of the canals
- Recreational easements
- Unified Land Development Committee (ULDC)
- Parade for Veterans on Saturday, November 14, 2020 (there was a consensus from Town Council)

**Marge Herzog, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)**

- Stated that she was glad we (Town Council and Town Staff) are covering many issues
- Budget was fine

**TOWN STAFF COMMENTS**

**Town Manager/ ATM**

- Spoke about Unified Land Development Committee (ULDC) and other Town Committees

**Town Attorney**

No comment.

**Public Works**

No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.