



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:30 PM

Town Hall - 307 E Kennedy Blvd

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- IV. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION
  - A. PROCLAMATION - National Public Works Week Proclamation (Clerk Office)
  - B. PROCLAMATION - Historic Preservation Month Proclamation (Clerk Office)
- V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Three minutes strictly enforced)
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes (Clerk Office)
- VII. COUNCIL DECISIONS
- VIII. REPORTS
  - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
  - TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT
  - TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - MAYOR'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**Cover Sheet**

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**ITEM TITLE:** **PROCLAMATION - National Public Works Week Proclamation (Clerk Office)**

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>	YES	<b>Department:</b> LEGISLATIVE (CLERK OFFICE)
<b>PUBLIC HEARING 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>		<b>Exhibits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National Public Works Week Proclamation</li></ul>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** Request the reading of Proclamation for National Public Works Week Proclamation

**SUMMARY:** Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of The Historic Town of Eatonville, Florida. These infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens. It is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the Historic Town of Eatonville to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend the reading of Proclamation for National Public Works Week Proclamation

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:**N/A



**National Public Works Week Proclamation**  
**May 17–23, 2026**  
*“Rooted in Service, Powered by Community”*

**WHEREAS**, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of **THE HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA**; and,

**WHEREAS**, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in **THE HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE** to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association, be it now,

**RESOLVED**, I, **MAYOR RUTHI CRITTON**, do hereby designate the Week of May 17–23, 2026, as National Public Works Week. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees, and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State (to be affixed),

DONE at the **TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA** this 19th day of May 2026.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Eatonville to be affixed.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Honorable Ruthi Critton, Mayor

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 Veronica L. King, Town Clerk



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**ITEM TITLE:** PROCLAMATION - Historic Preservation Month Proclamation (Clerk Office)

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>	YES	<b>Department:</b> LEGISLATIVE (CLERK OFFICE)
<b>PUBLIC HEARING 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>		<b>Exhibits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Historic Preservation Month Proclamation</li></ul>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** Request the reading of Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month Proclamation

**SUMMARY:** Historic Preservation is an effective tool for promoting sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, promoting tourism, maintaining community character, and capturing history through the built environment. It is important to acknowledge and celebrate the benefit of history, architecture, and archeology to our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped our town.

The Town of Eatonville town council continues to demonstrate its commitment to historic preservation, in part, call upon the people of Town of Eatonville to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend the reading of Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month Proclamation

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:**N/A



# Town of Eatonville, Florida

## ***PROCLAMATION***

Office of the Mayor

### **National Historic Preservation Month**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eatonville is recognized as the oldest black incorporated town in America and shares in the collective efforts to maintain its history through historic preservation.

**WHEREAS**, Historic Preservation is an effective tool for promoting sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, promoting tourism, maintaining community character, and capturing history through the built environment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the benefit of history, architecture, and archeology to our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped our town; and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation can be the center of community discussion; uniting residents behind an important cause; in preserving older buildings in our town, jobs created and property value is stabilized; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eatonville is undergoing a Historic Resources Survey of its historic properties, thereby laying the groundwork towards cultural heritage tourism economic advances; while documenting and protecting the community heritage of the town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eatonville has an established Historic Preservation Board who is the gatekeepers to the town’s historic preservation initiatives; and such board shall be complementary to the state historic preservation board office; and proudly, the town has achieved Certified Local Government (CLG) status in accordance with requirements of the State of Florida’s Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eatonville town council continues to demonstrate its commitment to historic preservation, in part, call upon the people of Town of Eatonville to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

**NOW THEREFORE**, that the Town of Eatonville, Orange County, Florida, along with Mayor Ruthi Critton, Vice Mayor Angela Thomas, Council Members LaDwyana Jordan, Wanda D. Randolph, and Tarus Mack observe the month of National Historic Preservation Month.

**Issued this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Eatonville to be affixed.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Honorable Ruthi Critton, Mayor

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Veronica L. King, Town Clerk



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**ITEM TITLE:** Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes (Clerk Office)

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<b>PUBLIC HEARING 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>		<b>Exhibits:</b>  <b>COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Council Meeting Minutes will be provided on or before the scheduled meeting</i></li> </ul>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	YES	
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** Request approval of meeting minutes for the Town Council Meetings

**SUMMARY:** The Town Council Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and are transcribed from the audio archive for approval for public records. Special meetings may be held on various dates and are also transcribed for approval for public records.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of Town Council meeting minutes

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:**N/A