

# TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

155 F. ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FL 33470

## TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING/FINAL BUDGET MEETING

### AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 – 6:00 PM



### Community Open Discussion Meeting Precedes Meeting from 6:00-6:30 PM (on Non-Agenda Items)

Anita Kane, Mayor (Seat 3)

Marge Herzog, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)

Todd McLendon, Councilmember (Seat 1)

Lisa El-Ramey, Councilmember (Seat 2)

Paul T. Coleman II, Councilmember (Seat 4)

#### Administration

Town Manager, Francine L. Ramaglia

Town Attorney, Jeffrey S. Kurtz, Esq.

Town Clerk, Valerie Oakes

Community Standards Director, Caryn Gardner-Young

Public Works Director, Richard Gallant

Chief Finance Officer, David DiLena of Projected Point, Inc.

**Civility:** Being "civil" is not a restraint on the First Amendment right to speak out, but it is more than just being polite. Civility is stating your opinions and beliefs, without degrading someone else in the process. Civility requires a person to respect other people's opinions and beliefs even if he or she strongly disagrees. It is finding a common ground for dialogue with others. It is being patient, graceful, and having a strong character. That is why we say "Character Counts" in Town of Loxahatchee. Civility is practiced at all Town meetings.

**Special Needs:** In accordance with the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall within three business days prior to any proceeding, contact the Town Clerk's Office, 155 F Road, Loxahatchee Groves, Florida, (561) 793-2418.

**Quasi-Judicial Hearings:** Some of the matters on the agenda may be "quasi-judicial" in nature. Town Council Members are required to disclose all ex-parte communications regarding these items and are subject to voir dire (a preliminary examination of a witness or a juror by a judge or council) by any affected party regarding those communications. All witnesses testifying will be "sworn" prior to their testimony. However, the public is permitted to comment, without being sworn. Unsworn comment will be given its appropriate weight by the Town Council.

**Appeal of Decision:** If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceeding, and for that purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes any testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based.

**Consent Calendar:** Those matters included under the Consent Calendar are typically self-explanatory, non controversial, and are not expected to require review or discussion. All items will be enacted by a single motion. If discussion on an item is desired, any Town Council Member, without a motion, may "pull" or remove the item to be considered separately. If any item is quasi-judicial, it may be removed from the Consent Calendar to be heard separately, by a Town Council Member, or by any member of the public desiring it to be heard, without a motion.

**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS**

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

*Public Comments for all meetings may be received by email, or in writing to the Town Clerk's Office until Noon day of the meeting. Comments will be "received and filed" to be acknowledged as part of the official public record of the meeting. Town Council meetings are livestreamed and close-captioned for the general public via our website, instructions are posted there.*

**PRESENTATIONS**

- [1.](#) Presentation on CRS, Water Control, and Watershed Master Plan by Public Works Director Richard Gallant and Randy Wertepny of Keshavarz & Associates, Inc.
- [2.](#) Presentation on Legislative Updates by Ron Book of Ronald L. Book, P.A.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- [3.](#) Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-74**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR TOWN MANAGER WITH FRANCINE L. RAMAGLIA AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

- [4.](#) Pursuant to F.S. 200.065(2)(d)&(e), the following announcement must be made:

"The Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida's rolled back rate is 2.8326, the percentage increase in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 is 14.9615% and the Town's millage rate to be adopted is 3.2564 mills".

a) Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-71**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE FOR THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

b) Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-72**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

5. Consideration of Approval on **Ordinance No. 2025-10** on First Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 87 “NATIVE TREE PRESERVATION AND INVASIVE EXOTIC REMOVAL” OF PART III “SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS” OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (ULDC) BY ENACTING SECTION 87-065 “TREE MITIGATION TRUST FUND” TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE TREE MITIGATION TRUST FUND CAN BE ALLOCATED AND EXPENDED; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

6. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-73**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE, ASSIGNING ITS DUTIES, PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURES, PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS, PROVIDING FOR STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A DATE FOR TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES.
7. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-75**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR PLANNING AND ZONING, PERMITTING, BUILDING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **DISCUSSION**

8. Discussion on Update on Community Meeting regarding Master Transportation Plan
9. Discussion on Local Bill Prohibiting the Use of Fireworks in Loxahatchee Groves

### **TOWN STAFF COMMENTS**

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**Town Attorney Jeffrey S. Kurtz, Esq.**

**Town Clerk Valerie Oakes**

**Community Standards Director Caryn Gardner Young**

**Public Works Director Richard Gallant**

**Chief Financial Officer David DiLena of Projected Point, Inc.**

**TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Todd McLendon (Seat 1)**

**Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey (Seat 2)**

**Councilmember Paul T. Coleman II (Seat 4)**

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

**Mayor Anita Kane (Seat 3)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Comment Cards:**

Anyone from the public wishing to address the Town Council, it is requested that you complete a Comment Card before speaking. Please fill out completely with your full name and address so that your comments can be entered correctly in the minutes and give to the Town Clerk. During the agenda item portion of the meeting, you may only address the item on the agenda being discussed at the time of your comment. During public comments, you may address any item you desire. Please remember that there is a three (3) minute time limit on all public comment. Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which included testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office (561-793-2418), at least 48 hours in advance to request such accommodation.

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