

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGRITOURISM COMMITTEE

AGENDA

AUGUST 26, 2024 – 6:00 PM



Joseph Chammas (Seat 1)
Darrin Swank (Seat 2) Geoff Slugget (Seat 3)
Manish Sood (Seat 4) Liza Holman (Seat 5)

Administration

Town Manager, Francine L. Ramaglia, CPA, AICP, ICMA-CM
Town Clerk, Valerie Oakes, CMC
Project Coordinator, Jeffrey Kurtz, Esq.

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.

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Swearing in of Committee Members
2. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)
3. Sunshine Laws & Code of Ethics Presentation
4. Discussion & Review of Committee Responsibilities

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A limited public audience can be accommodated in our Town Council chambers with mandatory facemasks and socially spaced seating. Public Comments for all meetings may be received by email, or in writing to the Town Clerk's Office until 6:00 PM day of the meeting. Comments received will be "received and filed" to be acknowledged as part of the official public record for the meeting. The Town Council meeting will be live-streamed and close-captioned for the general public via our website, instructions are posted there.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Joseph Chammas (Seat 1)

Darrin Swank (Seat 2)

Geoff Slugget (Seat 3)

Manish Sood (Seat 4)

Liza Holman (Seat 5)

CONFIRM NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

ADJOURNMENT