

# TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

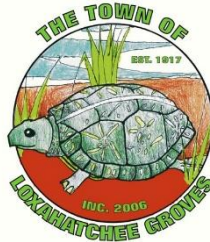
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

155 F. ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FL 33470

## TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

### AGENDA

APRIL 21, 2026 – 6:00 PM



**Lisa El-Ramey, Mayor (Seat 2)**

**Manish Sood, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)      William "Joe" Stephens, Councilmember (Seat 1)**  
**Anita Kane, Councilmember (Seat 3)      Paul T. Coleman II, Councilmember (Seat 4)**

#### Administration

Acting Town Manager, Valerie Oakes

Town Attorney, Jeffrey S. Kurtz, Esq.

Acting Town Clerk, Kenthia White

Public Works Director, Craig Lower

**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 6:00 PM 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.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2026- 27**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING JENNIFER STEPHENS TO THE FINANCE AUDIT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
2. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2026 - 28**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING LAURA DANOWSKI TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
3. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2026 - 29**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING LISA MURRAY TO THE FINANCE AUDIT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
4. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2026 - 30**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING LISSETTE VASQUEZ TO THE BOARD OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA)/ PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. Consideration of Approval of **Resolution 2026 - 31**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING ROBERT SHORR TO THE BOARD OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
6. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2026 - 32**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING SAMUEL HARRITY TO THE FINANCE AUDIT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Selection of Negotiator for the Town Manager's Contract
8. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No.2026-33**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR ACTING TOWN MANAGER VALERIE OAKES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
9. Direction on Palm Beach County Sheriff's Contract and Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No.2026-34** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, CONCERNING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND RIC L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF OF PALM BEACH COUNTY; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15; DIRECTING THE RESUMPTION FO PAYMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ACTING TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN FORMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE ACTING TOWN MANAGER AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
10. Budget Amendment Request – 20th Anniversary Celebration and Veterans Day Event (November 2026)

### **DISCUSSION**

11. Discussion of Sheltering Palms Foundation's Request for Release of a Conservation Easement on their Property
12. Discussion on Implementation of Agenda Review Workshop Meetings

### **TOWN STAFF COMMENTS**

**Acting Town Manager Valerie Oakes**

**Town Attorney Jeff Kurtz, Esq.**

**Acting Town Clerk Kenthia White**

**Community Standards Director Caryn Gardner-Young**

**Public Works Director Craig Lower**

**TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**Councilmember William "Joe" Stephens (Seat 1)**

**Councilmember Anita Kane (Seat 3)**

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

**Vice Mayor Manish Sood (Seat 5)**

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

**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.