

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 18, 2023



Laura Danowski, Mayor (Seat 2)

Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember (Seat 1)

Robert Shorr, Vice Mayor (Seat 4)

Marianne Miles, Councilmember (Seat 3)

Margaret Herzog, Councilmember (Seat 5)

Administration

Town Manager, Francine L. Ramaglia

Town Attorney, Elizabeth Lenihan, Esq.

Town Clerk, Lakisha Q. Burch

Public Works Director, Larry A. Peters, P.E.

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 the 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. An 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 on the 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 live-streamed and close-captioned for the general public via our website, instructions are posted [there](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approval of Meeting Minutes.
 - a. May 16, 2023 Community Open Discussion Meeting Minutes
 - b. May 16, 2023 Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - c. June 6, 2023 Attorney Client-Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - d. June 6, 2023 Community Open Discussion Meeting Minutes
 - e. June 6, 2023 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
 - f. December 5, 2023 Community Open Discussion Meeting Minutes
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2023-87** agreement with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections for the 2024 Municipal Election Vote Processing Equipment use and Election Services.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2023-86** establishing the Agritourism Committee.

DISCUSSION

4. Discussion and update on Annexation.
5. Discussion and update on Road and Drainage.

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

Town Attorney

Public Works Director

Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Margaret Herzog (Seat 5)

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

Councilmember Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr (Seat 4)

Mayor Laura Danowski (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 it out completely with your full name and address so that your comments can be entered correctly in the minutes and given 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 comments. 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 accommodation in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office (561-793-2418), at least 48 hours in advance to request such accommodation.