

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

155 F. ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FL 33470

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR & 1ST BUDGET HEARING MEETING

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 03, 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

Public Works Director, Richard Gallant

Community Standards Director, Caryn Gardner-Young

Chief Finance Officer, David DiLena of Projected Point

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 12:00 PM (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 Stormwater Drainage and Status of Water Control Plan

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-68**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES RECEIVED FROM TORCIVIA, DONLON, GODDEAU & RUBIN, P.A. FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2025; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

3. Summary Presentation of the Proposed Tentative Millage Rate and Proposed FY 2025-2026

**RECESS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING & CALL TO ORDER DEPENDENT WATER
CONTROL DISTRICT**

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FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

4. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-DD08**: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, A DEPENDENT DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF DISTRICT SERVICES, INCLUDING WATER CONTROL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF DRAINAGE AND ROADWAYS; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025; IMPOSING A DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF DISTRICT SERVICES; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION; APPROVING THE DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 TO BE ADOPTED AS PART OF THE TOWN'S BUDGET BY THE TOWN COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECONVENE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING (Continued)

5. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-70**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; SETTING FORTH THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TOWN'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, ADOPTING THE FISCAL POLICIES; AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
6. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-67**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; IMPOSING A RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. Consideration of Approval on **Resolution No. 2025-69**: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE 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; SETTING FORTH THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE TOWN'S MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Consideration of Approval on **Ordinance No. 2025-08** on Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
9. Consideration of Approval of **Ordinance No. 2025-09** on Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, REORGANIZING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 14 "CODE ENFORCEMENT", BY ADDING ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL" AND ARTICLE II "LIEN REDUCTIONS AND RELEASES"; AMENDING SECTION 14-4 "APPLICATION FOR RELIEF FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN" TO PROVIDE GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO LIEN/FINE REDUCTIONS AND RELEASES; TO ADOPT SECTION 14-5 "SPECIAL MAGISTRATE LIEN REDUCTIONS AND RELEASES" TO ADDRESS REDUCTIONS BY SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; TO ADOPT SECTION 14-6 "OTHER LIEN RELEASES" TO ADDRESS PARTIAL RELEASES OF LIENS AND RELEASES OF UNENFORCEABLE LIENS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REGULAR AGENDA

None.

DISCUSSION

10. Discussion on Tree Mitigation Trust Fund

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager Francine L. Ramaglia

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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.