



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DISCUSSION
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 155 F. Road, Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470
Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kane called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Kane led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Anita Kane, Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Councilmember Paul Coleman, Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey, Councilmember Todd McLendon, Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney Glen Torcivia (via Zoom), Public Works Superintendent, and Project Coordinator Jeff Kurtz were present.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mary McNicholas provided an update regarding the Northlake Boulevard closure, noting that the Town and surrounding community have coordinated effectively to ensure a smooth transition. She thanked the Public Works Director and Town Manager for the assistance and stated that the construction project is progressing on schedule. Ms. McNicholas reported that there were a couple of minor accidents at Southern Boulevard and C Road, and at Southern Boulevard and D Road which may have been weather-related. She indicated that traffic is moving well despite the high volume, referring to the current flow as streamlined congestion. She invited anyone with questions or concerns to speak with her following the meeting.

Robert Austin addressed the Town Council regarding ongoing concerns with the increased number of occupied RVs, illegal apartments, and non-residential uses within single-family residential areas. He expressed frustration that these issues have persisted for years without meaningful resolution and appear to be worsening. Mr. Austin stated that numerous recreational vehicles and tiny homes are now occupied year-round throughout the Town, often advertised on social media for full-time rental, contrary to the original intent of allowing limited, equestrian-related occupancy during season. He also referenced illegal apartments still operating at full capacity and actively recruiting new tenants online.

He emphasized that such uses would not be permitted in other municipalities and urged the Town to enforce restrictions on year-round RV occupancy, foreclose on chronic violators, and limit permits to legitimate equestrian-season applicants. Mr. Austin further expressed safety concerns, citing incidents of strangers photographing children, and stated that some residents have resorted to keeping their garages closed and dogs on guard for protection. He concluded by urging the Town to take stronger enforcement action to restore safety and residential integrity in the community.

Victor Lehto expressed appreciation for the update provided by Mary McNicholas regarding the Northlake Boulevard closure and acknowledged the coordinated efforts between the Town, public works, and surrounding agencies. He commended the cooperation that had contributed to maintaining traffic flow and ensuring safety during the project. Mr. Lehto emphasized the importance of continued communication between the Town and residents throughout the construction period and expressed confidence that the project would be completed on schedule. He thanked staff and law enforcement for their active involvement and responsiveness to community concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Kane adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

Signed by:
Valerie Oakes
Town Clerk

Signed by:
Anita Kane
Mayor Anita Kane, Seat 3

Signed by:
Margaret Herzog
Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Seat 5

Signed by:
Todd McLendon
Councilmember Todd McLendon, Seat 1

Signed by:
Lisa El-Ramey
Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey, Seat 2

Signed by:
Paul T. Coleman II
Councilmember Paul T. Coleman II, Seat 4