



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 155 F. Road, Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kane transitioned into the regular meeting after public comments at 6:45 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, Councilmember Paul Coleman, Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey, Councilmember Philis Maniglia, Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney Glen Torcivia, Project Coordinator Jeff Kurtz, Public Works Director Richard Gallant, and Assistant to the Town Clerk Sammie Brown. Vice Mayor Herzog was absent.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS**

MOTION: MAYOR KANE/COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION FAILED (2-2). COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY AND COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN DISSENTING.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN MOVED TO PULL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO.2. COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN WITHDREW THE MOTION.

MOTION: COUNCILMEBER EL-RAMEY/COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN MOVED TO PULL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NO. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8. MOTION FAILED (2-2). MAYOR KANE AND COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA DISSENTING.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY/COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN MOVED TO PULL THE ENTIRE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. MOTION FAILED (2-2). MAYOR KANE AND COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA DISSENTING.

**MOTION: MAYOR KANE/ COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA PULLING ITEMS NO. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 AND MOVING THEM AFTER ITEM NO. 15. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes - March 18, 2025, Community Discussion workshop & Regular Meeting

**MOTION: MAYOR KANE/ COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA PULLING ITEMS NO. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 AND MOVING THEM AFTER ITEM NO. 15. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

2. **Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 2025-17:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Agenda item pulled from the Consent Agenda. Town Council discussion ensued.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY/COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

3. **Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 2025-18:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPROVING DISPOSAL OF NON-REAL PROPERTY DECLARED AS SURPLUS AT AUCTION THROUGH ROYAL AUCTION GROUP, INC.; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION: MAYOR KANE/ COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA PULLING ITEMS NO. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 AND MOVING THEM AFTER ITEM NO. 15. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

4. **Consideration of Approval on Resolution No. 2025-19:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE TOWN'S PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Agenda item pulled from the Consent Agenda. Town Council discussion ensued.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN/ COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21, AND RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 22. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

5. **Consideration of Approval on Resolution No. 2025-20:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Agenda item pulled from the Consent Agenda. Town Council discussion ensued.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN/ COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21, AND RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 22. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

6. **Consideration of Approval on Resolution No. 2025-21:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE AUDIT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Agenda item pulled from the Consent Agenda. Town Council discussion ensued.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN/ COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21, AND RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 22. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

7. **Consideration of Approval on Resolution No. 2025-22:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE ROADWAY, EQUESTRIAN TRAILS AND GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Agenda item pulled from the Consent Agenda. Town Council discussion ensued.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN/ COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21, AND RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 22. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

8. **Consideration of Approval on Resolution No. 2025-25:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GEOFFREY B. SLUGGETT &

ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND LOBBYING SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Agenda item pulled from the Consent Agenda. Town Council discussion ensued. Public comment received from Mary McNicholas.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN/ COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO RATIFY THE EXISTING AGREEMENT. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY/ MAYOR KANE MOVE TO REVIEW ALL MAJOR CONTRACTS PRIOR TO BUDGET REVIEW DISCUSSION AND THE ADDITION OF A SECOND MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

**PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

9. **Consideration of Approval on Resolution No. 2025-23:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR CONTINUING SERVICES FOR CULVERTS – CONSTRUCTION, REPLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS (INCLUDING THOSE OVER \$300,000) WITH HUURR HOMES, LLC, AND JOHNSONDAVIS INCORPORATED, AUTHORIZING WORK ORDERS NO. 1-4 WITH HUURR HOMES, LLC FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR SPECIFIC CULVERT BRIDGES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN FORMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was read into the record. Town Council discussion ensued. Public Comment received from Cassie Suchy.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA/ COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

**DISCUSSION**

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY/COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN MOVED TO HAVE A WORKSHOP MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2025, TO DISCUSS MATTERS NOT DISCUSSED DURING THE CURRENT MEETING (4-0).**

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY/COUNCILMEMBER MANIGLIA MOVED TO HAVE ITEMS NO. 10 AND 12 MOVED TO THE WORKSHOP MEETING. MOTION PASSES (4-0).**

10. Discussion of Scheduling Council and Community Strategic Planning

**Item No. 10 was moved to the April 15, 2025, Workshop Meeting.**

11. Discussion of Proposed Ordinance Updates to the Unified Land Development Code

Town Council discussion ensued. Public comments received from Manish Sood, Frank Standish, Cassie Suchy, Karen Plante, and Bianca Bertold.

**MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN/COUNCILMEMBER EL-RAMEY MOVED TO MOVE ITEM NO. 11 TO THE APRIL 15, 2025, WORKSHOP MEETING TO DECIDE WHAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ULDC MEETING AND WHAT WOULD BE READY AS A FIRST HEARING IN THE JUNE MEETING. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

12. Council Appointment to Intergovernmental Boards, Advisory Committees, and General Membership Organizations

**Item No. 12 was moved to the April 15, 2025, Workshop Meeting.**

13. Committee Schedules, Existing Assignments, and Working Drafts

Town Manager Ramaglia provided an updated to the Town Council regarding the items listed.

- a. Rural Vista Design Standards and Guidelines
- b. Agritourism
- c. 2025 Rural Road Standards
- d. Current Financials, Audit Presentation, & Preliminary Budget Schedule
- e. Planning and Zoning Board
- f. Ordinance 2024-06

14. Road, Drainage, and Emergency Management Update

Staff provided the update.

15. Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Committee Assignments

Assignments were presented to the Town Council, no further action.

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no quasi-judicial public hearing items.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

16. April 2025 Calendar

17. April 2025 Approved Proclamations for Recognition:

- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Earth Day
- National Arbor Day
- National Volunteer Appreciation Week

**TOWN STAFF COMMENTS**

**Town Manager**

18. Information regarding Family Fun Day (May)

Volunteer Appreciation - Luncheon/Breakfast/Pizza Party (April)

Southern Corridor - meeting April 8th

Fireworks Legislation – Meeting scheduled with State Representative Meg Weinberger.

**Town Attorney**

**MOTION: MAYOR KANE/COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN MOVED TO  
EXTEND THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED (4-0).**

19. Status Regarding Sign Code Draft for Review

Staff presented the draft sign code, which will be sent to the Unified Land Development committee for review.

**Public Works Director** had no report.

**Town Clerk** had no report.

**TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)** expressed concern with code enforcement and wants to connect with nurseries.

**Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey (Seat 2)** brought attention to SB1118 and HB1209.

**Councilmember Paul T. Coleman II (Seat 4)** reported on the upcoming Okeechobee Blvd clean-up and provided additional details regarding the event.

**Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog (Seat 5)** was absent.

**Mayor Anita Kane (Seat 3)** reported on the upcoming Loxahatchee Groves Elementary school carnival.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Mayor Kane adjourned the meeting at 11:06 PM.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA**

**ATTEST:**

Signed by:  
*Valerie Dakas*  
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Town Clerk

Signed by:  
*Anita Kane*  
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Mayor Anita Kane, Seat 3  
Signed by:  
*Margaret Herzog*  
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Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Seat 5

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Councilmember Phillis Maniglia, Seat 1  
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Councilmember Lisa El-Ramey, Seat 2  
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Councilmember Paul T. Coleman II, Seat 4