

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
Town Hall Council Chambers
TOWN COUNCIL FINAL BUDGET HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

September 22, 2020 – 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Palm Beach County entered modified “Phase-2” Covid-19 public protocols, a limited public audience can be accommodated in Town Hall (max 12-person audience w/mandatory masks, social distancing, first come/first serve seating). Public comment is also accepted by writing the Clerk’s office. This meeting will be streamed and close-captioned as normal, access instructions posted on website.



Lisa El-Ramey, Mayor (Seat 3)

Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember (Seat 1)

Laura Danowski, Councilmember (Seat 2)

Robert Shorr, Councilmember (Seat 4)

Marge Herzog, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)

Administration

Town Manager, James S. Titcomb

Assistant Town Manager, Francine L. Ramaglia

Town Attorney, R. Brian Shutt, Esq.

Town Clerk, Lakisha Q. Burch

Director of Public Works, 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's why we say "Character Counts" in Town of Loxahatchee Groves. 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/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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PUBLIC HEARING-FINAL BUDGET

1. Pursuant to F.S, 200.065(2)(d) & (e), the following announcement must be made:
"The Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida's rolled back rate is 2.8172 The percentage increase in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is 6.49% and the Town's millage rate to be adopted is 3.0000 mills".
2. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-20 adopting the final 2020-2021 millage rate.
3. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-21 adopting the final 2020-2021 operating budget.

QUASI-JUDICIAL-PUBLIC HEARING

4. Approval of Resolution No. 2020- 19 approval of Palm West Site Plan Amendment.
5. Approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-09 for Noah's Ark Land Use and Zoning Change.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember (Seat 1)
Laura Danowski, Councilmember (Seat 2)
Lisa El-Ramey, Mayor (Seat 3)
Robert Shorr, Councilmember (Seat 4)
Marge Herzog, Vice Mayor (Seat 5)

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager/ ATM
Town Attorney
Public Works

ADJOURNMENT

Comment Cards: Note public comment rules are modified during the COVID-19 pandemic, see above.

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.