

Town of Loxahatchee Groves

Town Hall Council Chambers

155 F. Road, Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

Finance Advisory and Audit Committee

AGENDA

September 16, 2026 - 5:30 PM



Tracy Raflowitz (Seat 2) – Chair

Jennifer Stephens (Seat 5) – Vice Chair

Lisa Murray (Seat 1) – Committee Member

Frederick Hoo (Seat 3) – Committee Member

Samuel Harry (Seat 4) – Committee Member

Administration

Interim Town Manager Valerie Oakes

Board Liaison: Yvonne Clayborne, CRI Advisors

Board Clerk: Erica Leiding, Senior Financial Analyst

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 Agenda: Those matters included under the Consent Agenda 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 Agenda to be heard separately, by a Town Council Member, or by any member of the public desiring it to be heard, without a motion.

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 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.

Committee Agenda Items

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Additions, Deletions, and/or Modification to the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

1. 08/17/2026 Finance Advisory and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

Regular Agenda

2. Discussion on FY27 Budget Overview.
3. Discussion on Priority #1 - Analysis on the Road & Drainage Fund and Recommendation to the Town Council.
4. Discussion on Prioritizing the Town's Financial Operations, Stability, Policies, and Long-Term Financial Planning.

Committee Member Comments

Lisa Murray (Seat 1), Committee Member

Frederick Hoo (Seat 3), Committee Member

Samuel Harritty (Seat 4), Committee Member

Jennifer Stephens (Seat 5), Vice Chairperson

Tracy Raflowitz (Seat 2), Chair

Confirmation of the Next Meeting Date

Adjournment