

TOWN OF FLORIDA PUBLIC HEARING

6:45PM

Local Law #1 2025: Amending the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance

Public Hearing Opened: 6:47pm

Bill Bonner, 410 Fuller Road, asked about Section 61 on the bottom of the page. It is not mentioned in the sixth (6th) Whereas clause. What is being updated in that section.

Attorney Crowe explained that there was a typographical error in the Zoning Ordinance. Instead of it saying "Protest" Petition it says "Protect" Petition.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:59pm

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2025

7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Eric Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Harold Alikonis, Councilman Matthew Gogis, Councilman Mark Quiri and Councilman Steve Rackowski, Attorney Mike Crowe and Town Clerk Emily Staley.

Supervisor Eric Mead asked for a moment of silence in for Councilman Harold Alikonis' brother who passed away.

Motion by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to amend the Agenda to add the Resolution to set the Public Hearing for the Abandoned and Junk Vehicle Local Law #2 for October 20, 2025, at 6:45pm. All present in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Steve Rackowski and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to accept the Agenda as amended; all present in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to approve and accept the minutes from the August 18, 2025, Board Meeting; all present in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Tentative budget is available for review. Send comments to Supervisor Mead before next month. The public hearing for the budget will be set for November after election night.
- Still waiting for the budget from Fort Hunter FD.
- Councilman Harold Alikonis suggested Highway Superintendent Steve Anderson speak with his guys and report back to the Supervisor or Councilman Rackowski and himself regarding raises, etc. Waiting for employee evaluations to be done as well for performance to back up salary increases.
- Speed study for Queen Ann and Burber Roads is complete and the speeds on those roads will be lowered. Recommendation for Burber Road to be a one-way road. Need Steve Anderson's input on that.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- The issue with the pitch of the driveways in Mohawk Hills subdivision has been resolved. The driveways have been redesigned and moved.

Attorney:

- Attorney Mike Crowe spoke about updates to the Zoning Ordinance. These are just administrative adjustments regarding enforcement penalties and the Town Courts' ability to act.

Planning and Zoning:

- Zoning Enforcement Officer, Cliff Oathout is satisfied with removing the current wording of the Zoning Ordinance regarding screening and fencing. The town will not take title of vehicles until the owner can be taken to court and there is due process. Mike needs to work on the language. Cliff would like the ordinance to be stronger to force people to comply. There are only a few residents who are not complying, and it is very difficult. The process takes so much time to get through currently. Attorney Crowe pointed out that the Supreme Court has the authority to order a resident to comply with cleanup, but Town Justice does not. Councilman Mark Quiri stated that the Town's Highway Department would not get involved in removing vehicles; an outside contractor would have to do that. Attorney Crowe explained the process. If the cars are seized the owner can get them back. If it happens again an injunction can be requested and issued by the judge as well as monetary penalties and jail time.

Building Maintenance:

- All ball field lights are replaced.
- Supervisor Mead may have a contractor available to remodel the kitchen at the Town Hall. The Town Clerk will look over the hall booking calendar to see who has booked the hall for the winter and which events may not need the kitchen. Councilman Rackowski asked about having an engineer design the kitchen. Supervisor Mead stated that it would be more expensive to have that done. He will ask the contractor to come up with a design plan before any work starts. It may have to be closed off for the month of February.

Highway:

- Nothing at this time.

Water and Sewer:

- Nothing at this time.

Youth:

- Keith Waters spoke to the Board about moving the outfield fence farther back. The boys that are currently playing will be 13 and need longer baselines and the outfield fence will need to be moved back. The scoreboard could be moved to center field and right field would need a taller fence. A portable pitching mound would be utilized so that all age ranges could play on the field. The Board asked how many Town of Florida kids were on the teams that are playing on the field. Keith said he has three on his team and he will check to see how many are on the other teams. Teams come from all over the area to play on the field.
- Supervisor Mead stated that he has applied for grant funds from the County Youth Bureau for batting cages for next year. He encouraged Keith to get quotes on the fencing.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 4:30pm – 6pm

Veterans:

- Meeting on Thursday to discuss a memorial for Dan Wilson and other committee members who have passed away. Councilman Harold Alikonis will be attending.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #59** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to adopt Local Law #1 of 2025, as Amended to add "update Section 61" which has a typographical error, Titled: A Local Law Amending the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance, Section 54 and update Section 61; all present in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #60** sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mead and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2025, Vehicles, Junked and Abandoned, for Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:45pm; all present in favor and passed

Public Comment Opened at 7:40pm

- Debbie Oathout, Lost Valley Road spoke about her attendance at the County Meeting and said that it will be an 8-month process. This isn't just for no broadband areas; it is also for insufficient access areas. There will be meetings each month at different places around the County. There will be updates on the County Facebook page.

Public Comment Closed at 7:44pm.

MOTION by Councilman Steve Rackowski to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri; all present in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to accept the Supervisor's Report; all present in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk