

TOWN OF FLORIDA PUBLIC HEARING
October 20, 2025 @ 6:45PM
Local Law #2 2025: Amending the Town of Florida Zoning Ordinance

Public Hearing Opened: 6:45pm

No public comment

Public Hearing Closed: 6:47pm

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING
October 20, 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.

Motion by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri to accept the Agenda; all present in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Matthew Gogis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Public Hearing minutes from September 15,2025; all present in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Mark Quiri and seconded by Councilman Harold Alikonis to approve and accept the minutes from the September 15, 2025, Board Meeting; all present in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

- Attorney Mike Crowe spoke about updates to the Zoning Ordinance. After speaking with Cliff Oathout, the Zoning Officer there are still some changes that need to be made. He will get those done in the next week or so and send them out. Should be ready to move forward at the November meeting.
- Amazon representatives have met with the MCIDA and a public hearing regarding their PILOT will be held November 3rd at 4pm in the lower meeting room at 214 Fort Hunter Road.

Planning and Zoning:

- Cliff Oathout is working on multiple cases. He will work with Mike Crowe to put some “teeth” in the new law.

Building Maintenance:

- The contractor is close to finishing work on the Town Hall. Repaired and painted the outside and he recommended an inspection every 10 years to avoid having to have any major repairs done.

Highway:

- Nothing at this time.

Water and Sewer:

- Leakey fire hydrants on 5s.

Youth:

- Halloween Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 4:30pm – 6pm

Veterans:

- Councilman Harold Alikonis met with the Veteran’s Committee regarding a memorial for Dan Wilson and other members who have passed away. Todd from Letter Memorial came to the meeting as well to talk about options and gave his recommendations. Have a memorial on one side of the entrance with the names and dates of service to the park engraved on it. Todd will work on the design.

Old Business:

- Supervisor Eric Mead reviewed the Preliminary 2026 budget numbers. Personnel Services to be increased 3% across all lines. Florida Fire Department will have no increase to the rate charged to residents. This will be covered by the allotted amount from fund balance. No bond needed for the purchase on new highway equipment. Expected to gain \$75,000 from the sale of two trucks. Health Insurance is going up 20% for MVP to a total of \$119,400; the Town covers 90% of the cost. The total budget is \$5,127,682 for 2026. The Town does not have to follow the tax cap because we have no Town tax. Only budget item that could increase is FD and that is being covered by fund balance.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #61** sponsored by Councilman Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Matthew Gogis to set the Public Hearing for the 2026 Town of Florida Operating Budget for Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 6:00pm at 214 Fort Hunter Road; all present in favor and passed.

Public Comment Opened at 7:25pm

- John McGlone, 106 Brown Place, Fort Hunter asked if the budget could be posted on the website.

Public Comment Closed at 7:26pm.

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 Harold Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Steve Rackowski to accept the Supervisor’s Report; all present in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Matthew Gogis to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Mark Quiri; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Staley - Town Clerk