



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### NOVEMBER 18, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

### Cover Sheet

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**ITEM TITLE:** Approval of the 37th ZORA! ® – Outdoor Festival of the Arts  
MOU.(Administration/PEC)

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>		<b>Department:</b> ADMINISTRATION/PEC
<b>PUBLIC HEARING 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>		<b>Exhibits:</b>  <b>**Refer to support documents from workshop package**</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MOU</li><li>• Map</li></ul>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	YES	
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** It is requested that the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville review and approve the 37th ZORA! ® – Outdoor Festival of the Arts Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

**SUMMARY:** P.E.C., is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization which was established in 1987 and whose mission is to promote Eatonville, Florida’s considerable heritage, historical, and cultural resources as a means of the community’s revitalization and economic development; and via programming, which promotes pride of heritage, educational excellence and the cultural arts will preserve and protect the community for posterity. P.E.C. planned for its special event in 1988 and presented the first Festival in 1990, and has each year presented ZORA! ® Festival without any interruption, making it “America’s longest running arts and humanities festival celebrating the cultural contributions of People of African ancestry throughout the Diaspora.

P.E.C. desires to enter a partnership to celebrate the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Zora Neale Hurston ® Festival of the Arts and Humanities (hereafter ZORA! ® Festival), whose goals are: (1) to celebrate the life and work of 20th century writer, folklorist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston ®; (2) to celebrate the historic significance of her hometown, Eatonville, Florida; and (3) to celebrate the cultural contributions people of African ancestry have made to the United States and to the world.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville review and approve the 37th ZORA! ® – Outdoor Festival of the Arts Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:**N/A