



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 18, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

### Cover Sheet

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

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>	YES	<b>Department:</b> ADMINISTRATION/PEC
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>		<b>Exhibits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MOU</li><li>• Map</li></ul>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** Staff request that the town council hear Presentation of the 37th ZORA! ® – Outdoor Festival of the Arts.

**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:** Staff recommend that the town council hear Presentation of 37th ZORA! ® – Outdoor Festival of the Arts.

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