

Town of St. Leo, Florida - Commission Workshop Agenda
May 04, 2009 6:00 P.M.

- a) Peggy's Hay Farm

- b) Comprehensive Plan 2025 Revisions

- c) Iafrate Annexation

Workshops are essentially "shirtsleeve" meetings where the council discusses topics informally in order to achieve better understanding of them.

These sessions may take many forms and may address virtually any subject matter.

A typical workshop may consist of background discussion about numerous items scheduled for official action at the next regular legislative meeting

Workshops are not formal legislative meetings; therefore, no official action can be taken. In order to allow some understanding of the status of discussion of items, unofficial "straw votes" may be taken to determine the sense of the council concerning each item; such votes are not binding on the council members at a subsequent legislative meeting when formal votes are taken, but they do serve as a reasonable indicator of council sentiment for council members, staff, press, and the public.

Workshops must be open to the public in compliance with the open-meeting law. The format, however, is open-ended, informal, discussion; it is intended to allow council members the ability to discuss agenda subjects in a give-and-take fashion without the formality of hearings, formal motions, and written reports. The number of council members and staff participating in these discussions, combined with the tentative nature of many of the subjects, leads most councils to prohibit citizen participation during work sessions. Citizens (and press) are welcome as observers, but may not participate in discussions unless called on as resource persons.