

CITY OF LABELLE



MINUTES

City Commission Final Budget Hearing Special Meeting

Friday, September 27, 2024, at 5:01 PM

Commission Chambers
481 West Hickpochee Ave
LaBelle, FL 33975

CITY COMMISSION:

Julie C. Wilkins., Mayor
Daniel Akin, Commissioner
Jackie Ratica, Commissioner
Bobbie Spratt, Commissioner
Hugo Vargas, Commissioner

ADMINISTRATION:

Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, Deputy City Clerk
Derek Rooney, Esq., City Attorney
Mitchell Wills, Superintendent PW

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkins at 5:17 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Waived.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins

Commissioner Daniel Akin

Commissioner Jackie Ratica

Commissioner Bobbie Spratt

Commissioner Hugo Vargas via Teams

City Attorney Derek Rooney via Teams

Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

4. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

- A. RESOLUTION 2024-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF LABELLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing Opened 5:27 PM

Public Hearing Closed 5:27 PM

Motion made by Commissioner Akin to approve the Millage of 5.0. Motion failed due to leak of second.

Derek Rooney read the City of LaBelle's Percentage Increase in Millage over Roll-Back Rate in the record as 5.25 mills, 7.92% increase over the rollback rate of 4.8646.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-18, Seconded by Mayor Wilkins. Commissioner Akin called for the question. Motion passed (3-2).
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Vargas
Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Spratt**

- B. RESOLUTION 2024-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing Opened 5:30 PM

Public Hearing Closed 5:30 PM

Derek Rooney read into the record the City of LaBelle's Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$12,338,043.00.

Motion made by Mayor Wilkins to approve Resolution 2024-19, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion failed (2-3).

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Vargas

Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-19, Seconded by Mayor Wilkins. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed (3-2).

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Vargas

Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Spratt

- C. RESOLUTION 2024-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Resolution 2024-20, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

- D. RESOLUTION 2024-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING POLICE PROTECTION, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-21, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

- E. RESOLUTION 2024-22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING RECREATION FACILITIES, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Resolution 2024-22, Seconded by Commissioner Akin. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

- F. RESOLUTION 2024-23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING STREETLIGHTING, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-23, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

5. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Akin. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 6:09 PM.

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, City Clerk