

CITY OF LABELLE



MINUTES

City Commission Workshop

Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 4:00 PM

LaBelle Commission Chambers
481 West Hickpochee Avenue
LaBelle, Florida 33935

CITY COMMISSION:

Julie C. Wilkins., Mayor
Dainel 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

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkins at 4:03 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vargas led the invocation, Commissioner Ratica led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins
Commissioner Dainel Akin
Commissioner Jackie Ratica
Commissioner Bobbie Spratt
Commissioner Hugo Vargas
Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

ABSENT

City Attorney Derek Rooney

Chief Brent Stevens provided the commission and residents with an overview of the City of LaBelle's Fire Department, highlighting its historical milestones since its establishment in 1921. The presentation covered the department's status as Florida's number one volunteer/combination fire department, its recognition as one of the Top 25 busiest firehouses in the state, and included details on personnel allocation, response call statistics, grant applications and a request for additional staff.

Ms. Lilly Davenport delivered a comprehensive line-by-line analysis of the Fire Department Budget during the presentation. Her review encompassed changes in personnel costs, the transition from volunteer to full-time firefighters, adjustments in benefit costs, COLA, and training which subsequently led to a discussion with the commissioners.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkins adjourned the workshop at 6:08 PM.

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, City Clerk