

CITY OF LABELLE



MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 5:30 PM

LaBelle Commission Chambers
481 West Hickpochee Ave
LaBelle, FL 33975

CITY COMMISSION:

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor
Kevin Holland, Commissioner
Jackie Ratica, Commissioner
Bobbie Spratt, Commissioner
Hugo Vargas, Commissioner

ADMINISTRATION:

Tijauna Warner, MPA, 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 Vice Mayor Ratica at 5:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins

Vice Mayor Jackie Ratica

Commissioner Bobbie Spratt

Commissioner Hugo Vargas

Commissioner Kevin Holland

City Attorney Derek Rooney

Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Mayor Julie C. Wilkins attending via phone, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Vice Mayor Ratica called for the question.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Holland led the invocation, Commissioner Spratt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Additions of Emergency Basis From Mayor, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items

5. Presentations

A. LaBelle Chamber of Commerce - Chris Hernandez, President

6. Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

(Any commissioner or citizen may request to have an item removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for further discussion.)

A. Approval of October Check Register

B. Approval of October Minutes:

October 09, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of Staff Reports:

-HCSO- Lt. Allen Hudson

-Fire Department- Chief Brent Stevens

-Building Department- Mark Lynch

-Code Enforcement- Zane Mungillo

- D. RESOLUTION 2025-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE 2025 REVISED HENDRY COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY AS A PLAN.

- E. Property Disposition for Auction - Jeremiah Elio

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve Consent Agenda Items excluding Item 6E: Holiday Greetings WAFC 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Vice Mayor Ratica called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

7. Non-Public Hearing Items for Consideration

(Limited to 15 minutes per item: 3-5 minutes optional presentation time with the remaining time for discussion by the Commission)

- A. Holiday Greetings WAFC 2025

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to not approve Holiday Greetings WAFC 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Holland. Vice Mayor Ratica called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

- B. Temporary Use & Special Events Application Smoke Under the Oaks

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve the Temporary Use & Special Events Application Smoke Under the Oaks, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Vice Mayor Ratica called for the question. Motion passed (4-1).
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas
Voting Nay: Commissioner Holland

- C. Approval of a Paralegal Position (Salary \$90,000)

Mayor Wilkins and Derek Rooney gave a brief description of the paralegal position. A discussion ensued. The commission requested a job description for the paralegal position.

8. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

- A. ORDINANCE 2025 - 03 (first reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE CODE, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE V, STREET VENDING; AND AMENDING APPENDIX B, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE V, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, CREATING SECTION 4-92; AMENDING REGULATIONS RELATING TO MOBILE VENDING; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Derek Rooney read Ordinance 2025-03 title into the record.

Patty Kulak gave a brief explanation of Ordinance 2025-03.

Public Hearing Open

Public comments made by the following: Jericka Mungillo, Zane Mungillo, and Mitchell Wills.

Public Hearing Closed

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to table Ordinance 2025-03, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Vice Mayor Ratica called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed (4-1).
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland
Voting Nay: Mayor Wilkins

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

(Limited to 3 minutes per person)

10. City Related Business by Commissioners

Commissioner Holland requested adding April Aguilar to the agenda to discuss accepting credit card payments for deposits.

April Aguilar gave a brief description of the city's procedures for deposit payments and an explanation to why the city does not take credit card payments. A discussion ensued.

11. Adjournment

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

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Mayor Ratica adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, MPA, MMC, City Clerk