

CITY OF LABELLE



MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 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, 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 6:40 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins
Commissioner Jackie Ratica
Commissioner Bobbie Spratt
Commissioner Hugo Vargas
City Attorney Derek Rooney
Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

ABSENT

Commissioner Kevin Holland

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

Derek Rooney stated that he had two items to discuss. The first item was a request to add the 990 Tropicana Code Enforcement Settlement to the agenda. The second item was a request to continue Ordinance 2025-03.

Mayor Wilkins requested to add The 9.11 Memorial Fund to the agenda under Non-Public Hearing Items for Consideration.

5. Presentations

A. Pocket Park - Shellie Hunter

Pulled from agenda.

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 June Check Register

B. Approval of *Month* Minutes:

June 12, 2025 City Commission Workshop

June 12, 2025 Local Planning Agency Meeting

June 12, 2025 City Commission Meeting

June 23, 2025 City Commission Budget Workshop & Special Meeting

C. Approval of Staff Reports:

-Fire Department- Chief Brent Stevens

-Building Department- Mark Lynch

-Code Enforcement- Zane Mungillo

D. LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation (LDRC) Financial Statement

E. Hendry County Sheriff's Office CAD MOU

F. Sale of R12 & E11 Brindlee Mountain

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Consent Agenda Items without June 12, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes and Item D: 23PLN115 Amended and Restated Task Order for Resilient Florida Vulnerability Assessment Professional Engineering Services, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

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. 23PLN115 Amended and Restated Task Order for Resilient Florida Vulnerability Assessment Professional Engineering Services

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve 23PLN115 Amended and Restated Task Order for Resilient Florida Vulnerability Assessment Professional Engineering Services subject to attorney's consulting, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve the June 12, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

B. Reschedule the August 14, 2025 City Commission Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve rescheduling the August 14, 2025 Regular Scheduled City Commission Meeting to August 7, 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

Derek Rooney presented the Code Enforcement Settlement Agreement for 990 Tropicana to the city commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve the Code Enforcement Settlement Agreement for 990 Tropicana, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

Charles Aguero gave a brief overview of plans for The 9.11 Memorial Funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve The 9.11 Memorial Funds Monument, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas

- C. DAV PUD includes Food Trucks

Continued to August 7, 2025 City Commission Meeting.

8. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

- A. RESOLUTION 2025 - 04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, RENAMING COLLIER STREET TO "NORA'S LANE" WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF LABELLE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Derek Rooney read Resolution 2025-04 Title into the record.

Public Hearing Opened

Public Hearing Closed

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2025-04, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. ORDINANCE 2025 - 03 (second 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to continue Ordinance 2025-03 to August 7, 2025 City Commission Meeting at 5:30p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

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

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

(Limited to 3 minutes per person)

Jericka Mungillo presented the LDRC plans to apply for the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant.

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve authorizing the Mayor to write a support letter for LDRC application for a Competitive Florida Partnership Grant, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-1.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt

Voting Nay: Commissioner Vargas

Derek Rooney and Lilly Davenport presented information for Hendry County in reference Uniformed Special Assessment.

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve no change to assessments for police, recreation, and street lighting, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

10. City Related Business by Commissioners

11. Adjournment

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

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, MPA, MMC, City Clerk