

CITY OF LABELLE



MINUTES

City Commission Final Budget Hearing Special Meeting

Monday, December 02, 2024, at 5:01 PM

LaBelle 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 5:06 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

City Attorney Derek Rooney

4. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

- A. RESOLUTION 2024-30 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

Public Hearing Closed

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve a millage rate of 5.1414, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin

Mayor Wilkins read Resolution 2024-30 title, and the fiscal year 2024-2025 final operating millage rate is hereby adopted at 5.1414 mills (\$5.1414 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value) which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 4.8646 mills by 5.69%, and the levy of an annual tax for said year into the record.

Public Hearing Opened

Public Hearing Closed

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-30, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed 4-1.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas
Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin

- B. RESOLUTION 2024-31 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.

Mayor Wilkins read Resolution 2024-31 into the record and announced the final fund budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, in the total sum of Twelve Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Forty-Three Dollars (\$12,338,043.00).

Public Hearing Opened

Public Hearing Closed

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve Resolution 2024-31, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed 4-1.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas
Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin

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 5:28 PM.

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, City Clerk