



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Commission and CRA Budget Workshop Minutes

Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

Wednesday August 19, 2026 6:00 P.M.

Roger Michaud	—	Mayor
Michael Hensley	—	Vice Mayor
John Linden	—	Commissioner
Michael O'Rourke	—	Commissioner
Judith Thomas	—	Commissioner
Richard J. Reade	—	Town Manager
Thomas J. Baird	—	Town Attorney
Vivian Mendez MMC	—	Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:10 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

Vice Mayor Michael Hensley

Commissioner John Linden

Commissioner Michael O'Rourke

ABSENT

Commissioner Judith Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Michaud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Vice Mayor Hensley, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.
Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Linden, Commissioner O'Rourke.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time is provided for addressing items that do not appear on the agenda. Please complete a comment card and provide it to the Town Clerk so speakers may be announced. Please remember comments are limited to a TOTAL of three minutes. NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY 2027 Budget Workshop #2 - Proposed Internal Service Funds (Permitting & Insurance), Enterprise Fund (Marina), Special Revenue Funds (Special Projects, Public Improvement) and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

Finance Director Barbara Gould explained that the health insurance rates have increased by 28% and the budget only proposed a 15% increase. She explained that due to this, the budget is short \$108,000.00. Town Manager Reade stated that the consultant is still trying to reduce the increase and they will know more at a later date. Finance Director Gould presented to the Commission (Exhibit A). Commissioner O'Rourke asked about the two loans within the Marina budget. Finance Director Gould explained that one is with Bank of America from 2008 for small improvements to the Marina and the other is with Florida League Municipal Loan Council from 2003 for a Marina renovation. Town Manager Reade stated that their intent is to return any Marina revenues to the general fund to pay down the loan it took.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked why the CRA does not have an insurance contribution. Finance Director Gould explained that the CRA is billed directly. Vice Mayor Hensley asked for clarification about the miscellaneous revenue. Finance Director Gould explained that this represents the potential sale of 800 Park Avenue and the potential revenue from County for the oval about. She also stated that the proceeds from the possible sale of the 800 Park Avenue building would be set aside for the purchase of another building. Commissioner Linden asked about the \$20,000.00 that was budgeted

under real estate services for the CRA and another \$10,000.00 that was put aside for financial consulting. Finance Director Gould explained that these funds are set aside if the CRA moves forward with bonding which would require a financial consultant. Commissioner O'Rourke asked why, if the CRA has the funds, they are not completing the Oval About project and would like the Commission to consider that. Town Manager Reade stated that it is their intention to fund and complete projects.

Finance Director Gould stated that she wanted to address a previous inquiry about lowering the millage rate. She provided a table that illustrates how lower millage rates would affect the budget and individual homeowner taxes (Exhibit B).

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Mayor Hensley, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Linden, Commissioner O'Rourke.

Meeting adjourned 6:52 P.M.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Budget Workshop will be held on August 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC

Deputy Town Clerk, Laura Weidgans

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2026