



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Final Public Budget Hearing Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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

Roger Michaud	—	Mayor
Kimberly Glas-Castro	—	Vice-Mayor
John Linden	—	Commissioner
Mary Beth Taylor	—	Commissioner
Judith Thomas	—	Commissioner
John D’Agostino	—	Town Manager
Thomas J. Baird, Esq.	—	Town Attorney
Vivian Mendez, MMC	—	Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:32 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro

Commissioner John Linden

Commissioner Mary-Beth Taylor

Commissioner Judith Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Employee of the Year Janet Miller led the Pledge.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

NONE

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

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney Baird had no comments.

Town Manager D'Agostino read the budget message into the record (Exhibit A).

Commissioner Linden thanked everyone that worked on the budget. He wanted to set the record straight. He agrees with pay raises, but would like to see between \$15.00 - \$20.00 for all starting employees. He would not support the budget as a result of the disparity in pay raises and the funds that are available and the increase in the stormwater fees. Commissioner Thomas had no comments. Commissioner Taylor made comments regarding the budget and agreed with Commissioner Linden. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro thanked the Town Manager for the important budget message. She explained the salary compensation study and what the market shows. She explained past practice and prior overpassing of the senior leadership raises. She thanked staff and is in support of the budget. Mayor Michaud agreed with Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro. He sees what other municipality's scales and raises are and is in support of the budget and that staff should be fairly compensated based on the study. Town Manager D'Agostino expressed his concern with the negative comments. Commissioner Linden stated that he supports the budget but would have liked to have seen some changes made that he could have been in full support of.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 75-09-23 Adopting a Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Town Manager D'Agostino explained the fiscal year 2023-2024 millage rate. He explained what lowering the millage will provide the residents of the Town.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the people that pick up vegetation are Town staff. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that they are Town staff. She feels that they should earn a working wage.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro clarified that the new millage rate is 5.1870.

Mayor Michaud commented on the 3% decrease.

Motion made to approve Resolution 75-09-23 by Commissioner Linden, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Thomas

2. Resolution 76-09-23 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Motion made to approve 76-09-23 by Commissioner Thomas,

Seconded by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud

Voting Nay: Commissioner Linden, Commissioner Taylor

ADJOURNMENT:

7:05 P.M.

Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk

Laura Weidgans, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2023