



## Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

### Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

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

July 03, 2024 at 6pm

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<b>Roger Michaud</b>	—	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Kimberly Glas Castro</b>	—	<b>Vice Mayor</b>
<b>Michael Hensley</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Mary Beth Taylor</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Judith Thomas</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>John D'Agostino</b>	—	<b>Town Manager</b>
<b>Thomas J. Baird.</b>	—	<b>Town Attorney</b>
<b>Vivian Mendez, MMC</b>	—	<b>Town Clerk</b>

***PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED, that if any interested person desires to appeal any decision of the Town Commission, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such interested person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in the meeting should contract the Town Clerk's office by calling 881-3311 at least 48 hours in advance to request accommodations.***

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#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

6:02 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro

Commissioner Mary-Beth Taylor

Commissioner Judith Thomas

Commissioner Michael Hensley

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Michaud.

**The Commission Recessed at 6:04 pm for the Executive Session.**

**The Commission Returned from the Executive Session at 6:39 P.M.**

**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.*

Motion to reorganize the agenda to place Public Comment before Special Presentation by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Voting Aye: All

-Ms. Jean Marie Middleton is running for County Court Judge and introduced herself to the Commission.

Ms. Mikki Isackson spoke about the elections being stolen and asked the Commission to read and support documents she will be submitting to the Town.

Ms. Candas Rojas left some documents for the Commission and spoke about legalities within Palm Beach County.

Mr. Brett McCullough introduced himself and provided his background.

Mr. James Sullivan spoke about an area in Town where there is no sidewalk and it is dangerous. He also spoke about proper recycling.

Ms. Betty Bennett introduced her Flower shop "Flowers for all Occasions".

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:**

1. Proclamation Declaring July 17, 2024 as "13th Annual KidsFit Jamathon Day."

No one was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

2. Legislative Update by Representative Jervonte Edmonds

Representative Jervonte Edmonds presented to the Commission (see Exhibit "A").

Commissioner Hensley stated for the record "All the things you did for the youth and the School District, etc. people don't get to see all that he's done and he's changed a lot of kid's lives and he thanks him for that."

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro thanked Representative Edmonds for his help and support in Tallahassee and Palm Beach Shores.

3. Recommendations Rising from the 2023 Solid Waste (Sanitation) Utility Rate Analysis.  
Public Works Director Jaime Morales provided a summary of the items stating that the presentation had already been made last year. (see Exhibit "B"). Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro spoke about the large increase last year and clarified that this years' increase would go back to the 3% range. Public Works Director Morales confirmed this was correct.
4. Recommendations Rising from the 2023 Stormwater Utility Rate Analysis.  
Public Works Director Morales provided a summary of the items stating that the presentation had already been made last year. (see Exhibit "C"). Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked about the increase but feels that the increase is necessary.  
Commissioner Thomas spoke about the increases and that we have seen the improvements with reduction to flooded areas and she commends the Commission for making the decision to move forward with this.

**TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Town Attorney Baird provided information regarding the Executive Recruitment Service Proposals (Exhibit D). The Commission asked questions regarding the services the firms provide. Commissioner Thomas provided her comments regarding this process. Commissioner Thomas stated "For the record, I am more willing to have our Human Resources (HR) Director be our Town Manager as opposed to going back out. The reason being that where we are now and where we were approximately 10 years ago is a vast difference. 10 years ago we were looking for the Governor to take over the town of Lake Park. Because of the vision of our Town Manager we are seeing all of that hard work come to fruition. And so therefore, we have a path where we look to continue. I believe we have in-house staff who can continue that vision and just speaking of tonight when we looked at the studies that were done for us that were projected out until 2028. We were in no position 10 years ago and here we are looking at a budget that was over \$1 million. At this point in time we know what we have. We are practically 98% built out in our town and the leadership we need is already here. I don't see the need to bring on someone entirely new to direct what I feel that we are on auto-pilot and that direction has already been presented to us and that person is already here and has longevity not only that but if it has been the desire of this

Commission to promote from within, we have that here and I would like to proceed with that. In my opinion I would like to promote what we have here in house as that individual has been in that capacity more than once. They have the knowledge and background and they have worked in that capacity. I personally would like to see that if we bring someone in, they're really just going to be following the footprint of what our Town Manager is going to be leaving behind. Our Town Manager has done a good job in educating our staff and really bringing our HR director and allowing the opportunity for advancement to occur and now we're here where that opportunity can be made available to in-house. In my opinion, I would move forward in that direction and while I honor these firms, I am not in agreement of wanting to do a search at this time, but to continue along the path with someone that's trusted and we know their work ethics." Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro stated that she respectfully disagrees with this. She feels that we have to find someone with better experience and we cannot stay stagnant and wants to move the Town forward. She stated with the interest of Investors and Developers, we need to have a Town Manager that has broad experience with other locations. Commission Taylor stated that she agrees with the Vice-Mayor's opinion. Commissioner Hensley stated that the Commission had already decided to go through this process. Mayor Michaud stated he would like to see the candidates that are out there but also wants to recognize Ms. Turner and believes she would make a good candidate and should apply for the position. Commissioner Thomas stated for the record that "If we have someone, she prefers we hire that person, but has agreed to move forward with the candidate search."

Motion made to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of engagement with Mercer Group by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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

Town Manager D'Agostino provided his comments via Exhibit "E". The Commission agreed on Saturday November 2, 2024 to discuss additional density initiatives along Lake Shore Drive and the Federal Highway Mixed-Use corridor from 10am to noon. The Commission agreed to hold a Workshop on Wednesday September 4, 2024 at 6pm to discuss the sale of a Town owned strip of land located directly north of 302 Lake Shore Drive. Commission consensus was reached to proclaim August 2024 as Florida Water Professionals Month, to be presented at a future meeting. Commissioner Taylor showed a picture of a person waiting for the bus sitting on the ground. She asked that a bench and trash receptacle at that bus stop.

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro expressed concern for what looks like a junkyard on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and that it is unsightly. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that staff is aware of this and code enforcement has already paid a visit. She stated that she wants to review the plans for the new project on 10th Street and Park Avenue. Community Development Director Nadia DiTommaso stated she would distribute the plans to the Commission as soon as possible. It was agreed that Town Attorney Baird would discuss this item with staff to ensure proper procedure is followed. Commissioner Thomas asked if they could have individual meetings with the developer and with staff prior to the meeting. Town Attorney Baird stated they could as long as they disclosed those discussions.

Commissioner Thomas stated that she is again noticing shopping carts back on Water Tower Road. Commissioner Hensley spoke about the building on the corner of Park Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and that it is an eyesore and asked if there is anything the Town can do. Commissioner Thomas asked about the status of the relocation of the 918 Park Avenue building. Town Manager D'Agostino stated that the owner is in the process of researching options. Mayor Michaud asked for an update on the Live Local project. Community Development Director DiTommaso stated that would be an upcoming agenda item for the August 3, 2024 meeting. Mayor Michaud shared discussions he had with some other Mayors on this topic. He wants to encourage all Commissioners to join Legislative Policy Committees. He also congratulated the following: Texas Roadhouse on Congress Avenue, Betty the florist on Park Avenue and to his son for being accepted to EMT school.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

*All matters listed under this item are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner or person so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Any person wishing to speak on an agenda item is asked to complete a public comment card located on either side of the Chambers and given to the Town Clerk. Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed.*

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

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

5. June 5, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
6. June 12, 2024 Executive Session and Special Call Commission Meeting Minutes
7. Resolution 44-07-24 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Change Order to the Agreement between the Town of Lake Park and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the 2nd Street Resurfacing and Green Infrastructure Project.
8. Resolution 45-07-24 Authorizing and Directing the Town Mayor to Execute, on Behalf of the Town of Lake Park, an Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Grant Funding for Storm-water Mitigation Infrastructure Improvements as Part of the Southern Outfall Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Project.
9. Resolution 46-07-24 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Construction Services Agreement between the Town of Lake Park and HG Construction Development & Investment, Inc.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:**

10. Ordinance 07-2024 Mobile Vendors, including Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicles (i.e. Food Trucks).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 22-101 THROUGH 22-113 ENTITLED “STREET AND MOBILE VENDORS”; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Planner Anders Viane explained the item. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro expressed a concern with how this would be enforced at night. Town Manager D’Agostino stated there as a few options that might include having a code enforcement officer work during those hours. Town Planner Viane stated that language could be added for second reading of the Ordinance that would prohibit overnight parking and accessory use.

Motion made to approve Ordinance 07-2024 on first reading by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Hensley.

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

Town Attorney Baird read the Ordinance by title only.

11. Ordinance 08-2024 Creating a New Section 30-6 Pertaining to the Operation of Micromobility Devices, Golf Carts, Low Speed Vehicle and Motorized Scooters and Amending Chapter 30 Pertaining to High-Capacity Passenger or Work Vans.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE I TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 30-6 PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF MICROMOBILITY DEVICES, GOLF CARTS, LOW SPEED VEHICLES, AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II SECTION 30-35 PERTAINING TO HIGH-CAPACITY PASSENGER OR WORK VANS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Planner Viane explained the item and clarified which types of mobility devices could ride in the street as opposed to the sidewalk. Commissioner Taylor feels there are too many devices that are allowed on the sidewalk and this is not safe. Town Planner Viane explained that this plan allows for widening of all sidewalks or shared use paths. Commissioner Thomas asked for a definition of multi-modal pathways. Town Planner Viane stated that the definition is part of the Mobility Plan. Commissioner Hensley agrees that motorized bikes may need to have a pathway for use.

Motion to approve Ordinance 08-2024 made by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

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

Town Attorney Baird read the Ordinance by title only.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

12. Setting the Current Year Proposed Millage Rate, and Restating the Date, Time, and Location for the First Public Budget Hearing.

Town Manager D'Agostino stated that they are proposing the highest millage rate and there will be an opportunity to reduce the rate later in the process. The first public budget hearing is set for September 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Commission Chambers. Motion made to establish the maximum proposed millage rate at 5.1870 mills and that we restate the first public budget hearing to be on September 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Commission Chamber by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hensley.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Thomas. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro. Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Thomas. Commissioner Hensley was not present.  
Meeting adjourned 9:47 pm.

**FUTURE MEETING DATE:** Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on July 17, 2024.



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Mayor Roger D. Michaud

Town Seal

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Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC

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Deputy Town Clerk, Laura Weidgans

Approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024