

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES

City Council Budget Workshop

Tuesday, August 04, 2026, at 3:00 PM

The Lodge at Westlake Adventure Park
5490 Kingfisher Blvd.
Westlake, Florida 33470

CITY COUNCIL:

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor
Greg Langowski, Vice Mayor
Gary Werner, Council Member – Seat 1
Erik Gleason, Council Member – Seat 2
Charlotte Leonard, Council Member – Seat 3

CITY STAFF:

Howard W. Brown, Jr., ICMA-CM, City Manager
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney
Osniel Leon, AICP, Planning and Zoning
Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP, Engineering

A Budget Workshop of the City Council of the City of Westlake was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 3:00 PM., at The Lodge at Westlake Adventure Park, 5490 Kingfisher Blvd. Members of the public also attended the meeting through electronic means and accessed as follows:

1. Webex meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link:
<https://cityofwestlake.my.webex.com/>

Meeting ID: 2632 371 2404

Password: hello

2. Participants also dialed in using phone with the following number:

United States Toll: +1-650-479-3208

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor O'Connor called the City of Westlake Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, to order at 3:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum:

Councilman Gary Werner
Councilman Erik Gleason
Vice Mayor Greg Langowski
Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor

Also Present:

Howard W. Brown, Jr, City Manager
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk

Councilwoman Leonard arrived at 3:10 p.m. and joined the meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- A. City of Westlake Proposed Budget FY2027

Submitted By: Finance

Mayor O'Connor introduced the item.

Mr. Brown noted this was the third budget workshop, following sessions on July 16 and June 30. He explained that all modifications requested by council in previous workshops were integrated into the current budget document, now presented as a fully revised version.

Mr. Bloom stated that the proposed millage rate was submitted, with the next step being the First Budget Public Hearing on September 8, 2026. This will allow the Council to review numbers with the public. A final public

hearing will follow for budget adoption. The current workshop serves to examine figures, address questions, and consider adjustments before the September hearing.

Mr. Bloom gave a brief presentation.

Council discussions regarding the millage rate.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard – No comments.

B. Councilman Erik Gleason – No comments.

C. Councilman Gary Werner – Councilman Werner expressed comfort with the presented budget figures and supported keeping the proposed millage rate until the September 8th hearing. Councilman Werner emphasized the need to review public comments and confirmed the workshop information was adequate for decision making.

D. Vice Mayor Greg Langowski – No comments.

E. Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor - Mayor O'Connor reiterated his preference for a cautious and conservative fiscal posture, citing uncertainty related to the November election and broader future unknowns. Mayor O'Connor expressed a desire to preserve the City's reserves.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

No comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to speak. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. A public comment card should be completed and returned to the City Clerk. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium, and prior to addressing Council, state your name and address for the record. All public comments will be noted and may receive a response if necessary. Any follow-up will be handled by staff later.

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 3:16 PM.

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor