

# CITY OF WESTLAKE



## MINUTES

### **City Council Final Budget Hearing**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 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  
Julian Martinez, Council Member – Seat 2  
Charlotte Leonard, Council Member – Seat 3

### **CITY STAFF:**

Ken Cassel, City Manager  
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk  
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney  
Nilsa Zacarias, AICP, Planning and Zoning Director  
Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP, City Engineer

A final budget hearing of the City Council of the City of Westlake was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 6:00 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: 2633 988 6890

Password: hello

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

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

Meeting ID: 2633 988 6890

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor O'Connor called the City of Westlake Final Budget Hearing of Wednesday, September 11, 2024, to order at 6:00 PM

### **ROLL CALL**

Present and constituting a quorum:

Councilman Gary Werner  
Councilman Julian Martinez  
Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard  
Vice Mayor Greg Langowski  
Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor

Also present:

Kenneth Cassel, City Manager  
Sean M. Swartz, Esq., City Attorney  
Zoie Burgess, City Clerk  
Jennifer Hankins, Deputy City Clerk

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor O'Connor took a moment of silence to acknowledge and remember 9-11.

### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor O'Connor called for any additions, deletions, or modifications to the agenda.

Mayor O'Connor called for a motion.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve the agenda as is, seconded by Councilman Werner.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Werner	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES
Councilwoman Leonard	YES
Vice Mayor Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A. RESOLUTION 2024-18 – Adoption of Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025

**Submitted By:** Finance

**RESOLUTION 2024-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE CITY'S GENERAL OPERATING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor O'Connor introduced the item.

The City Manager stated the final millage rate is proposed to be 4.7. The rollback rate is 4.5649 with a 2.96% above the rollback rate.

Mayor O'Connor opened for council discussions, there being none, Mayor O'Connor called for public hearing.

No public comments.

Mr. Swartz asked that they adopt the millage rate.

Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to adopt the millage rate.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to adopt the millage rate, seconded by Councilman Werner.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Martinez	YES
Councilwoman Leonard	YES
Vice Mayor Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES
Councilman Werner	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

Mr. Swartz read the Resolution, by title only, into the record.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve Resolution 2024-18, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Leonard	YES
Vice Mayor Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES
Councilman Werner	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

B. RESOLUTION 2024-19 - Adoption of Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

**Submitted By:** Finance

**RESOLUTION 2024-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; DETERMINING AND FIXING THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor O'Connor introduced the item.

The City Manager states there have been no changes since the last meeting in the budget that was presented.

Mayor O'Connor opened for council discussions, there being none, Mayor O'Connor calls for public hearing.

No public comments.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve Resolution 2024-19, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Vice Mayor Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES
Councilman Werner	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES
Councilwoman Leonard	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

Mr. Swartz read the Resolution, by title only, into the record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

No public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 6:06 PM.

---

Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk

---

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor