# **CITY OF WESTLAKE**



# **MINUTES**

# **City Council Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, December 06, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Westlake Council Chambers 4005 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road Westlake, Florida 33470

# **CITY COUNCIL:**

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor Greg Langowski, Vice Mayor Pilar Valle Ron, 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, Planning and Zoning Director Suzanne Dombrowski, City Engineer A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Westlake was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM., at the Westlake Community Center, 4005 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. Members of the public also participated in 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/

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As a preliminary matter, Ms. Burgess noted that council members are present physically constituting a quorum.

Ms. Burgess provided further instruction regarding public comments, noting that comments will be acknowledged by the mayor and accepted at the appropriate times as indicated in the agenda and those who wish to speak may use the "virtual" hand raise feature.

Ms. Burgess provided the disclaimer that the meeting is being recorded by both voice and video, reminding the audience microphones are live. Ms. Burgess further explained that microphones will be muted; audience members can unmute themselves and anyone that has called in should mute their device.

Ms. Burgess noted that anyone causing a disruption or being inappropriate will be removed from the meeting. Ms. Burgess reminded Council Members physically present to utilize microphones.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor O'Connor called the City of Westlake Regular City Council meeting of Tuesday December 6, 2022, to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present and constituting a quorum:

Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard Councilman Julian Martinez Councilwoman Pilar Valle Ron Vice Mayor Greg Langowski Mayor John Paul O'Connor

#### Also present:

Kenneth Cassel, City Manager Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney Zoie P. Burgess, CMC City Clerk Nilsa Zacarias, Planning and Zoning Director

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor O'Connor called for any additions, deletions, or modifications to the agenda. Mr. Doody noted there is an addition of a Resolution 2022-35 for Item D, Education and Youth Advisory Board.

Mayor O'Connor called for a Motion to modify the agenda to include Resolution 2022-35.

Motion by Councilwoman Valle Ron to modify the agenda adding Resolution 2022-35 under New Business, Item D, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
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| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
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With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

Mayor O'Connor called for a Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor Langowski.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
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| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

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Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

Ms. Burgess noted there were no public comment cards received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to comment. There being no comments, the next item followed.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

This section of the agenda consists of routine or administrative items that require final approval by the City Council and may be approved in its entirety by a single motion. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Council Member, requests such, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered on a future agenda.

- A. Financial Report October 2022
- B. Minutes Regular City Council Meeting 11.01.2022 DRAFT

Mayor O'Connor identified the consent agenda items and called for a motion to approve.

Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Valle Ron.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
|------------------------|-----|
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
| Councilman Martinez    | YES |

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

# **PUBLIC HEARING - QUASI JUDICIAL**

A. QUASI JUDICIAL - A Resolution for the Plat of Pod PC-2

Submitted By: Engineering

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-33**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A REPLAT OF OPEN SPACE TRACT #1, PERSIMMON BOULEVARD EAST-PLAT 2, PLAT BOOK 128, PAGES 16 THROUGH 19, INCLUSIVE, AND A REPLAT OF OPEN SPACE TRACT #1, ILEX WAY-PHASE II, PLAT BOOK 128, PAGES 22 THROUGH 25, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA. LYING IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST, CITY OF WESTLAKE, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Mr. Doody requested to swear in for Quasi-Judicial proceedings. Mr. Doody asked all those who intend to testify during this proceeding to please stand and raise their right hand to be sworn in.

Mr. Doody read item, by title only, into the record.

Mayor O'Connor asked for staff presentations and comments. There being none, Mayor O'Connor asked for applicant presentations.

Mr. Hearing, spoke on behalf of Minto PBLH, LLC and discussed the plating of parcel located at the SE corner of Persimmon Blvd. and Ilex Way. Mr. Hearing stated this is the only unplotted property located in that area recognized as Pod PC-2. Mr. Hearing is requesting approval of item.

Mayor O'Connor asked if this is Skycove South. Mr. Hearing clarified the item to be Pod PC-2, a 9.3-acre parcel located on the SE corner of Persimmon Blvd. and Ilex Way, noting that it is surrounded by Skycove South.

Mayor O'Connor asked what the plan is for the plat.

Mr. Hearing recalled a recent city meeting where Council approved a land use amendment to convert from a civic destination to downtown mixed use.

Mayor O'Connor asked for staff comments. There being none, Mayor O'Connor asked for council comments. There being none, Mayor O'Connor asked for public comments.

Ms. Burgess noted there were no public comment cards received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to comment. There being no comments, Mr. O'Connor asked for any comments from the public, present in the chambers.

<u>Public Comment - Gary Werner 16005 Key Biscayne Lane</u> - Mr. Werner asked if the property being discussed is the one that has the fill located on it.

Mr. Cassel clarified the property location as being the property across from the Tax Collectors Office.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Connor asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-23. Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve Resolution 2022-23, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

Vice Mayor Langowski YES
Mayor O'Connor YES
Councilwoman Leonard YES
Councilman Martinez YES
Councilwoman Valle Ron YES

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. SECOND READING: Ordinance 2022-14 – Chapter 6 Sign Code Amendment

Submitted By: Planning and Zoning

#### **ORDINANCE NO.2022-14**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S SIGN CODE; PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY SIGNAGE DESIGN WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO MAX SIGN FACES AS IDENTIFIED IN TABLE 6-1 ENTITLED RESIDENTIAL POD ENTRY MONUMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS IDENTIFIED IN TABLE 6-1 PUBLIC ROW SIGN LOCATION; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO MAX SIZE OF COPY AREA AS IDENTIFIED IN TABLE 6-1 ENTITLED WALL SIGN FOR GROUND FLOOR USES WITH SEPARATE ENTRANCES AT GROUND LEVEL; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Mr. Doody read item, by title only, into the record.

Mayor O'Connor asked for staff presentation.

Mr. Leon, on behalf of Planning and Zoning, presented and discussed the second reading of Ordinance 2022-14, amending the city's sign code. He reminded staff it was previously recommended for approval. Mr. Leon stated, since the first reading a minor change was made. There used to be one maximum sign face allowed and it was amended to allow two maximum sign faces and the monuments may have a V-shaped monument sign.

Mayor O'Connor asked for council comments. There being none, Mayor O'Connor asked for a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Valle Ron to approve second reading of ordinance 2022-14, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
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| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

A. FIRST READING: Ordinance 2022-15 – Temporary Structures and Uses.

Submitted By: Planning and Zoning

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-15**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_\_ ENTITLED "TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND USES"; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND TEMPORARY USES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SALE MODELS; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SALE MODELS; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION TRAILERS AND PORTABLE STORAGE UNITS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Mr. Doody read item, by title only, into the record.

Mayor O'Connor called on Mr. Leon to discuss item.

Mr. Leon stated he had the same presentation used at the LPA meeting earlier. Council stated it was not necessary to view presentation again.

Mayor O'Connor reminded everyone; the LPA did recommend approval of Ordinance 2022-15.

Mayor O'Connor called for Council comments. There being none, Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

Ms. Burgess noted there were no public comment cards received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to comment.

There being no comments, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2022-15.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve first reading of ordinance 2022-15, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
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| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |

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

B. FIRST READING: Ordinance 2022-16 - Sexually Oriented Businesses

Submitted By: Planning and Zoning

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-16**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ENTITLED "SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES"; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SUCH BUSINESSES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR A DISTANCE SEPARATION BETWEEN ENTERTAINERS AND PATRONS IN SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Mr. Doody read item, by title only, into the record.

Mayor O'Connor called for Ms. Zacarias to discuss item.

Ms. Zacarias stated ordinance 2022-16 is included in agenda packet. Ms. Zacarias called attention to a zoning map, she handed out at the dais for council to review, she pointed out location of this type of business is to be located only in the mixed-use district, shown as orange on the zoning map. Ms. Zacarias discussed the compliance requirements associated with ordinance. Ms. Zacarias stated she worked closely with city attorney, Mr. Doody, to properly prepare this ordinance.

Mayor O'Connor asked to translate one thousand feet into miles.

Councilman Martinez stated it was less than one mile.

Mayor O'Connor expressed his concerns and asked what we are doing and why.

Ms. Zacarias clarified it to be a federal requirement.

Mr. Doody also clarified, these types of businesses are entitled to conduct business and the city must allow a reasonable distance requirement and you legally cannot pick a distance at random.

Mayor O'Connor asked if there was more than a thousand feet distance that is consistent with other cities.

Mr. Doody stated they would have to look and dig deeper.

Mayor O'Connor stated this was important to investigate.

Vice Mayor Langowski asked to review neighboring cities such as the City of Wellington and the City of Royal Palm Beach.

Mayor O'Connor clarified not to pick a random city in Alaska.

Mr. Doody informed the mayor they do not do that.

Mayor O'Connor stated he understood this is a legal right for these businesses to run and he wants to make sure this ordinance is reviewed and handled properly.

Council discussed their options and their concerns for the location of such businesses.

Ms. Zacarias clarified per the zoning map there are not many options for mixed use.

Council discussed the location of the church and schools located on the zoning map and their distance to these types of businesses.

Mr. Doody stated distances can be reviewed from the surrounding cities and ordinance can be brought back before council. Mr. Doody informed council ordinance cannot continue to be discussed since item has been tabled. Mr. Doody also stated one of the strongest elements of this ordinance is the prohibition of alcohol. Alcohol can be regulated and prohibited. Distance and location cannot be regulated as much as the regulation of alcohol.

Mayor O'Connor asked if alcohol regulation or prohibition was included in this current ordinance and Mr. Doody clarified it is currently prohibited in the proposed ordinance 2022-16. Ms. Zacarias also confirmed alcohol is prohibited for these types of businesses.

Vice Mayor Langowski asked Ms. Zacarias what defines a public park.

Ms. Zacarias stated the building code definition needs to be reviewed and see the current definition of a public park.

Mr. Doody asked if any other issues other than distance and definition of public parks needed to be reviewed.

Mayor O'Connor asked if operating hours can be investigated.

Ms. Zacarias stated the current proposed ordinance mentions hours of operation.

Mr. Doody read out the hours stated in the proposed ordinance.

Mayor O'Connor asked for regulation on operating hours to also be reviewed.

Mayor O'Connor asked for public comments.

<u>Public Comment - Gary Werner 16005 Key Biscayne Lane – Mr.</u> Werner asked if after entitlement is issued for land use, can the issuance of licenses be regulated by investigating the manager of the establishments? Mr. Werner stated per his experience, these types of businesses duplicate and have issues surrounding management. He asked if there was a way to review criminal background for these persons.

Mr. Doody stated this issue has already been addressed.

Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

Ms. Burgess noted there were no public comment cards received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to comment. There being no public comments, Mayor O'Connor asked Ms. Zacarias if she had any other comments. Ms. Zacarias wanted to point out the proposed ordinance lists several requirements in order to issue said license to operate the businesses. Ms. Zacarias also wanted to know if this ordinance will be brought up at next council meeting.

Council discussed and considered bringing item back to council in February.

Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to table ordinance 2022-16 and revisit item in the February Council Meeting for first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Valle Ron.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
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| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |

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

C. Resolution 2022-34 – Development Fee Schedule

Submitted By: Planning and Zoning

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34** 

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE; THE COPY OF THE FEE SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Mr. Doody read item, by title only, into record.

Mayor O'Connor asked if Planning and Zoning had a presentation. Ms. Zacarias stated no presentation is available, but the fee schedule is included in their agenda packets.

Mayor O'Connor asked how the city fees compare to the county fees. Ms. Zacarias explained they investigated other cities comparable to the size of the city.

Mayor O'Connor stated that was not his question and asked if the city fees were higher than the counties and if the fees are higher than before.

Ms. Zacarias clarified the fees are not higher than the county fees.

Mr. Cassel explained further that the fees are consistent with other cities of the same size. Mr. Cassel informed council, staff is also looking into the fee structure for building as well to be adjusted.

Mayor O'Connor called for more comments from council.

Vice Mayor Langowski stated in a recent meeting for the of League of Cities Board, they were trying to propose more home rule for the cities to the legislature and it might change in the future for the city.

There being no further discussion, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-34.

Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve Resolution 2022-34, seconded by Councilwoman Valle Ron.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
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| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
| Councilman Martinez    | YES |

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

D. Education and Youth Advisory Board - 1 Board Vacancy - Alternate Board Appointment - 2-Year Term
 Submitted By: City Clerk

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Ms. Burgess discussed the alternate board vacancy for the Education and Youth Advisory Board. Prior alternate members term has expired, and vacancy was published on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and closed on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. One application was received for the position from Ms. Merola.

Mayor O'Connor called for Vice Mayor Langowski to discuss the Youth Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Langowski stated the last two meetings were postponed and stated the next one was to be held December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor O'Connor asked Mr. Doody to read by, title only, into record.

Mr. Doody requested this to be a two-step process, a motion to appoint Ms. Merola as alternate board member and a motion to approve the resolution.

Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to appoint Ms. Merola as alternate board member of the Education and Youth Advisory Board.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to appoint Ms. Merola as alternate board member for the Education and Youth Advisory Board, seconded by Vice Mayor Langowski.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
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| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |

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

Mr. Doody read item, by title only, into record.

Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve resolution 2022-35.

Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve resolution 2022-35, seconded by Councilman Martinez.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
|------------------------|-----|
| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |

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

E. Holiday Pop Up Market- Consideration and Approval of Land Use Agreement between the City and Minto PBLH. LLC

Submitted By: Administration

Mayor O'Connor introduced item and discussed event.

Mayor O'Connor called for Council comments.

Mayor O'Connor discussed some of the market vendors and food truck vendors that will be present at the event.

There being no further discussion, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion.

Mr. Cassel clarified a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute the Land Use Agreement.

Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve authorize the City Manager to execute the Land Use Agreement, seconded by Councilman Martinez.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |
|------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |

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

# F. Transportation – 2023 Funding Programs

Submitted By: Administration

Mayor O'Connor introduced item and asked Mr. Cassel to discuss item.

Mr. Cassel explained it is a program provided by the Transportation Planning Agency (TPA). The city is working with the TPA on securing funds and distributing funding for street safety. Their goal is to provide zero traffic from pedestrians in the area. They have put together a listing of several areas which are in the county right of way in which they are working with the county to apply for funding to change the sections of sidewalk, for example in front of the school on the west side, to make it wider and other areas to widen the sidewalks.

Mayor O'Connor asked if this moves forward with council, is this officially the city adopting safe streets and vision zero or does it need to be another item to come before council.

Mr. Doody stated it can be adopted subject to compliance with the terms and provisions.

Mayor O'Connor stated he would like to officially tell the TPA that the city is officially vision zero and safe streets.

Councilman Martinez asked if Mayor O'Connor could discuss this item in more detail.

Mayor O'Connor stated he sits on the technical advisory committee for the TPA. He explained their goal is to have zero deaths on streets for pedestrians. He explained there are two terms for this which are safe streets and vision zero, there are a lot of potential funding tied into that from both federal and county to pay for this.

Councilwoman Leonard inquired if after staff recommendation, would the city need to first secure the funds, have the project completed, and then make a resolution that our city is adopting safe streets.

Mayor O'Connor clarified that regardless of funding, the city should still adopt vision zero and safe streets because it is good policy to hep reduce pedestrian deaths.

Mr. Cassel stated in support of this adoption the city can come to the table as part of the TPA and recommend sections that the city doesn't own but the county does and show our support of the county to attain funds to fix a piece of road because it's a hazardous area. This in turn supports the county when they apply for funding to fix the roads within the city.

Mayor O'Connor stated there is more to it then that. It's about mobility, getting cars off the roads and safety.

Vice Mayor Langowski asked Mr. Cassel about a possible bicycle lane and asked if it was a bicycle line it should be stiped for safety.

Mr. Cassel stated he will verify the lanes are the correct width.

Mayor O'Connor asked to confirm we don't have to have the physical resolutions, Mr. Doody stated it can be adopted by a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Leonard to acknowledge the program and encourage the county to secure funds to improve the county sidewalks within Westlake, also to adopt safe streets resolution and vision zero, seconded by Councilwoman Valle Ron.

#### **UPON ROLL CALL:**

| Councilman Martinez    | YES |
|------------------------|-----|
| Councilwoman Valle Ron | YES |
| Vice Mayor Langowski   | YES |
| Mayor O'Connor         | YES |
| Councilwoman Leonard   | YES |

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

Mr. Cassel suggested we extend an invitation, to the head of the TPA, to attend and present a presentation on what's going on and what's happening with the TPA, as it ties into vision zero.

Mayor O'Connor stated he will extend an invitation as he has a meeting with them the following day.

# **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

A. Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard – Councilwoman Leonard asked if the January meeting was still being held on the third.

Mayor O'Connor stated there was no issues with the third.

B. Councilman Julian Martinez – Councilman Martinez stated he is looking forward to the following year and the upcoming 5k for January 2024. Councilman Martinez stated residents asked about the city having a Christmas tree lighting.

Mayor O'Connor stated the budget is too tight to have the event this year and asked if there would be any legal issues.

Mr. Doody stated it should be a holiday celebration.

Councilman Martinez stated he was asking for the next year, to bring it up to council and start planning and find a great location to set up the tree.

- C. Councilwoman Pilar Valle Ron Councilwoman Valle Ron stated her excitement for the Holiday Pop Up Market.
- D. Vice Mayor Greg Langowski Vice Mayor Langowski had no comment.
- E. Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor Mayor O'Connor wished everyone a happy holiday and stated he hopes to see everyone at the Holiday Pop Up Market event.

#### **REPORT – STAFF**

Chief Olivera, from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, reviewed the reports that were submitted to council and placed on the dais.

Captain Turner discussed the use of trespass signs county wide, as they will have to be replaced. Mr. Turner also discussed district funding.

# **REPORT - CITY ATTORNEY**

Mr. Doody had no comments.

# **REPORT - CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Cassel informed council, the fill located on the lot across the street from the Tax Collector's Office is to fill in part of the lake as part of the land transfer to the county. Mr. Cassel also stated Seminole Improvement District has issued the contract for the work to begin at the park.

Councilwoman Valle Ron asked if there was going to be a workshop concerning ideas for the park. Mr. Cassel stated a workshop will be held when they are ready to discuss and start initializing the design of the park.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

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Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

Ms. Burgess noted there were no public comment cards received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to comment. There being no comments, the next item followed.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

| There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor ad | journed the meeting at 7:16 PM. |
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| Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk                        | JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor        |