

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES

City of Westlake and Seminole Improvement District Joint Workshop

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 5:00 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, AICP, Planning and Zoning Director
Suzanne Dombrowski, PE, ENV SP, City Engineer

A joint workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Westlake and the Board of Supervisors for Seminole Improvement District was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 5:00 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/>

Meeting ID: 2632 684 4907
Password: hello

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

United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388
Meeting ID: 2632 684 4907

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 and Seminole Regular City Council meeting of Wednesday, April 26, 2023, to order at 5:01 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

District President Scott Massey
District Vice President Zane Beard
District Secretary Leolani Gevers

Also present:

Kenneth Cassel, City Manager
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney
Zoie Burgess, City Clerk
Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP, City Engineer

Robert Diffenderfer, Esq., District Attorney
Ryan Wheeler, P.E., LEED AP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

A. Proposed Park Discussion - Programming, Conceptual Design & Layout

Mr. Cassel introduced and outlined the purpose of the meeting and what is hoped to be accomplished.

Mr. Hearing of Coteleur & Hearing – Presented a PowerPoint Presentation providing an overview of each of the 5 concepts and the slight variations in design including, but not limited to, various athletic courts, the number of courts, amphitheater stage location and temporary parking. Mr. Hearing further expressed the need for feedback from the Council and Board on the various arrangements and what would be wanted in terms of phasing the project.

Council discussion on the concepts and suggested layouts.

Additional Council and Board discussion on the following:

- Pavilion facilities
- Size of children's area
- Cost
- Walking path and size
- Future Community Center
- Office Facilities

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No further comment.

DISTRICT BOARD COMMENTS

No further comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Harris – 14576 71st Place North Loxahatchee – Introduction of company Breakthrough Athletic League. A non-profit organization offering youth sports, which is currently leasing space from Seminole Ridge Highschool and Western Pines Elementary. He also noted they are the exclusive provider for NFL flag football, and it is their second season. He noted there are close to 350 kids, including many from Westlake and was encouraged by residents to speak at the meeting considering the multi-purpose fields being proposed, and in hopes of working with City to grow sports in Westlake and host events. He noted May 20th is an upcoming Superbowl event for their current flag football season and would like to extend the invitation to see what they do and expressed his hope to work with the city in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor