

# CITY OF WESTLAKE



## MINUTES

### **City Council Budget Workshop**

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 4:00 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:**

Ken Cassel, 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, June 3, 2025, 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: 2634 764 9453  
Password: hello

2. Participants also dialed in using the following number:

United States Toll: +1-650-479-3208  
Meeting ID: 2634 764 9453

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor O'Connor called the City of Westlake City Council Budget Workshop on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, to order at 4:00 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present and constituting a quorum:

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

Also present:

Kenneth Cassel, City Manager  
Zoie Burgess, CMC City Clerk  
Odet Izquierdo, Deputy City Clerk

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

- A. 2026 Budget Worksheet

Mr. Cassel provided update on possible land discussion with Mr. Carter.

Mr. Cassel discussed the budget identifying revenue projections based on the millage rate. Mr. Cassel continued budget discussions identifying various city expenses.

Brief discussion regarding Solid Waste Assessment and the effect on revenue.

Continued discussion at length regarding revenue as it relates to, but not limited to:

State Revenue Sharing  
Ad Valorem Discount

Solid waste revenue and expenditures

Franchise Fees

Park appropriations

Discussion regarding expenses as it relates to, but not limited to:

Legislative expenses

Public relations

City Manager budget increase of 3%

Council expenditures and an increase in budget

Law enforcement contract

Continued budget discussion regarding reserves and adding to the fund balance.

Additional discussion of the Law Enforcement contract and the number of officers.

Discussion regarding the millage rate.

Discussion regarding stop signs and changing them to 4-way stops.

Council discussion regarding special revenue and the additional line item for cleaning services.

Discussion regarding building department and permit fees.

Brief discussion regarding the Housing Assistance Program and what the funds may be used for.

Discussion of setting the millage rate at 4.7

The upcoming Budget dates were identified for the record:

Preliminary Budget Presentation - July 1, 2025

First Budget Hearing – September 2, 2025

Final Budget Hearing – September 11, 2025

Further discussion to hold an additional budget workshop.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

A. Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard – No additional comments.

B. Councilman Erik Gleason – No additional comments.

C. Councilman Gary Werner – No additional comments.

D. Vice Mayor Greg Langowski – No additional comments.

E. Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor – No additional comments.

### **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

City Attorney Absent.

### **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

No additional 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.*

There being no public comments, the next item followed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 5:24 PM.

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Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk

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JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor