

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 03, 2023 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
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 regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Westlake was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 PM., at The Lodge at Westlake Adventure Park, 5490 Kingfisher Blvd. 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: 2634 490 7090

Password: hello

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

United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388

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

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

Ms. Ramirez noted that anyone causing a disruption or inappropriate will be removed from the meeting. Ms. Ramirez 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 October 3, 2023, to order at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum:

Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard

Councilman Julian Martinez

Councilwoman Pilar Valle Ron

Vice Mayor Greg Langowski

Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor

Also present:

Kenneth Cassel, City Manager

Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney

Mery Ramirez, Recording Clerk

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.

There being none, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

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).

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

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

There being no further comments, the next item followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes_City Council Regular Meeting and First Budget Hearing - 09.05.2023 DRAFT
- B. Minutes_City of Westlake and Seminole Improvement District Joint Workshop Minutes - 09.12.2023 DRAFT
- C. Minutes_City Council Final Budget Hearing Minutes - 09.12.2023 DRAFT
- D. Minutes_City Council Rescheduled Final Budget Hearing - 09.20.2023 DRAFT

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

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

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).

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Proclamation 2023-09 - Government Week - October 16-22

Mayor O'Connor identified the Proclamation that was previously approved by Council and read the proclamation into the record.

Next item followed.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. SECOND READING - Ordinance 2023-03 - Prohibiting Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing Facilities

Submitted By: Administration

ORDINANCE 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. _____ AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF SECTION _____ TO BE ENTITLED "MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES PROHIBITED" ; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND FINDINGS; PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor O'Connor introduced item and asked for staff presentations.

Mr. Cassel clarified the item was at second reading and presentation was already shared at first reading.

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

Ms. Ramirez stated no comment cards were received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to raise their virtual hand.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve item.

Mr. Doody asked to read item by title only into record. Mr. Doody read Ordinance 2023-03, by title only, into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Valle Ron to approve second reading of Ordinance 2023-03, 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).

- B. SECOND READING - Ordinance 2023-05 - Qualifying & Municipal Election Date Change for March 2024 Election

Submitted By: Administration

ORDINANCE 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING QUALIFYING DATES FOR THE MARCH 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN DATE OF THE CITY'S MARCH 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor O'Connor introduced the item.

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

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

Ms. Ramirez stated no comment cards were received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to raise their virtual hand.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve item.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve second reading of Ordinance 2023-05, seconded by Councilwoman Valle Ron.

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).

- C. SECOND READING - Ordinance 2023-06 - Amending Ordinance 2020-11 and 2022-07 Regulating the Operation of Golf Carts

Submitted by: Administration

ORDINANCE 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11 AND 2022-07 REGULATING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; 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 Council comments. There being none, Mayor O'Connor called for Mr. Cassel to further discuss the item.

Mr. Cassel stated the ordinance was previously established and the ordinance is being amended to be in compliance with the new state statutes regarding golf carts.

Mayor O'Connor called for any public comments.

Ms. Ramirez stated no comment cards were received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to raise their virtual hand.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve item.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve second reading of Ordinance 2023-06, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

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).

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard – Councilwoman Leonard clarified the goal of changing the Qualifying dates for Ordinance 2023-05 and stated the city was coordinating with county and their election. Councilwoman Leonard also wanted to recognize breast cancer awareness month. Councilwoman Leonard also mentioned the Black Chamber of Commerce will be holding a listening tour at the old council chambers from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Councilman Leonard also noted that it is Palm Beach County Domestic Violence awareness month.
- B. Councilman Julian Martinez – Councilman Martinez stated he had no additional comments.
- C. Councilwoman Pilar Valle Ron – Councilwoman Valle Ron stated she had no additional comments.
- D. Vice Mayor Greg Langowski – Vice Mayor Langowski stated he had no additional comments.
- E. Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor – Mayor O'Connor discussed the new location for City Council meeting location. Mayor O'Connor called for Mr. Cassel to paint the town pink as it is breast cancer awareness month and recognized Hispanic heritage month.

REPORT – STAFF

Mayor O'Connor called for Lieutenant Demarzo to discuss the Palm Beach Sheriffs Office Monthly report that was provided at the dais.

REPORT - CITY ATTORNEY

No Comments.

REPORT - CITY MANAGER

Mr. Cassel noted there have been some issues with streetlights turning purple within the gates and outside the gates. He asked for the public to report these outages to Florida Power and Light. Mr. Cassel stated the information will be listed on the city website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

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

There being no further comments, the next item followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC City Clerk

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor