

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES

**City of Westlake and Seminole
Improvement District Joint Workshop**
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 4:30 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 of the City Council of the City of Westlake and the Board of Supervisors for Seminole Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2023, at 4:30 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: 2633 808 4988

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 also noted Councilman Martinez and Councilwoman Valle Ron were present were virtually present.

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 being 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 August 1, 2023, to order at 4:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum:

Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard
Councilman Julian Martinez (Via Electronic Media Technology)
Councilwoman Pilar Valle Ron (Via Electronic Media Technology)
Vice Mayor Greg Langowski
Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor

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

Also present:

Kenneth Cassel, City Manager
Sean M. Swartz, Esq., City Attorney
Mery Ramirez, Recording Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

A. Proposed Park Discussion & Update

Mr. Cassel introduced and outlined the purpose of the meeting and what is hoped to be accomplished. Council and Board of Supervisors discussed the different concepts and layouts presented for the park.

Council and Board of Supervisors also discussed adding a dog park to the proposed park.

Ms. Ramirez stated Councilwoman Valle Ron is present virtually.

Council and Seminole Improvement Board discussed:

- Open Space
- Food Trucks
- Dog Park
- Fire Works
- Events
- Parking at the Park
- Gold cart Parking
- Restrooms

Mayor O'Connor asked if council could make a consensus to choose concept 1.2A. Mayor O'Connor called for Councilman Martinez to state which concept he preferred. Mayor O'Connor asked Councilwoman Leonard if she was ok with concept 1.2A, Councilwoman Leonard stated yes. Mayor O'Connor asked if Seminole Improvement District was ok with concept 1.2A, they said yes.

Ms. Ramirez stated Ms. Valle Ron was also present virtually. She did not respond.

Mayor O'Connor stated we can move forward with concept 1.2A as there is a council consensus.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard - Councilwoman Leonard had no additional comments.

B. Councilman Julian Martinez – Councilman Martinez had no additional comments.

C. Councilwoman Pilar Valle Ron - Councilwoman Valle Ron had no additional comments.

D. Vice Mayor Greg Langowski – Vice Mayor Langowski asked staff to think of any City projects that council can bring to the legislative delegation and state officials that may need to be promoted and funded.

E. Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor – Mayor O'Connor thanked staff for lowering the milage rate from 5.1 to 5.0.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 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, or unmute your device, and prior to addressing Council, state your name and address for the record.

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 5:16 PM

Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor