

CITY OF WESTLAKE

MINUTES



City Council Special Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 5:00 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:

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, Acting City Manager
Odet Izquierdo, Acting City Clerk
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney
Osniel Leon, AICP, Planning and Zoning
Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP, Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor O'Connor called the City of Westlake Workshop on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, to order at 5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum:

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

Also Present:

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, Acting City Manager
Odet Izquierdo, Acting City Clerk
Sean M. Swartz, Esq., City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- A. Consideration and Approval of a Profession Services Agreement with Local Government Consultant Group, LLC., for the position of City Manager

Mayor O'Connor introduced the item.

Mayor O'Connor opened for council discussion.

Motion by Councilman Werner to approve the proposed City Manager Services Agreement with Local Government Consulting Group, LLC., as recommended by the City Attorney and Mayor, seconded by Vice Mayor Langowski.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Werner	YES
Councilman Gleason	YES
Councilwoman Leonard	YES
Vice Mayor Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES

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

Acting City Manager Ms. Burgess brought to the Council's attention that a commencement date needed to be formally established and inserted into the agreement.

Mayor O'Connor opened discussion with council on an appropriate start date. Friday, May 1, 2026, was proposed.

Motion by Councilman Werner to establish May 1, 2026, as the commencement date of the City Manager Services Agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Langowski.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Gleason	YES
Councilwoman Leonard	YES
Vice Mayor Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES
Councilman Werner	YES

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

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Leonard offered her congratulations to the incoming City Manager and extended a warm welcome.

Councilman Gleason likewise extended congratulations and welcomed the new City Manager aboard.

Councilman Werner offered his congratulations and welcome and expressed that he looks forward to working with the incoming City Manager. He also took a moment to publicly recognize and thank the Acting City Manager, Ms. Burgess, for her efforts over the preceding months. Councilman Werner then proposed that refreshments be made available at the May 5th Council meeting so that the community could have the opportunity to meet the new City Manager and recognize the contributions of the Acting City Manager.

Vice Mayor Langowski offered congratulations and a welcome to the new City Manager.

Mayor O'Connor offered his congratulations and welcome. He noted that, given the intent to hold a more ceremonial welcome at the May 5th meeting, he would reserve his full remarks for that occasion.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 5:06 PM