

# CITY OF LABELLE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Final Budget Hearing Special Meeting**

Monday, December 02, 2024, at 5:01 PM

LaBelle Commission Chambers  
481 West Hickpochee Ave  
LaBelle, FL 33975

#### **CITY COMMISSION:**

Julie C. Wilkins., Mayor  
Daniel Akin, Commissioner  
Jackie Ratica, Commissioner  
Bobbie Spratt, Commissioner  
Hugo Vargas, Commissioner

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, Deputy City Clerk  
Derek Rooney, Esq., City Attorney  
Mitchell Wills, Superintendent PW

## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkins at 5:06 PM.

### 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Vargas led the invocation, Commissioner Spratt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins  
Commissioner Daniel Akin  
Commissioner Jackie Ratica  
Commissioner Bobbie Spratt  
Commissioner Hugo Vargas  
Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

ABSENT

City Attorney Derek Rooney

### 4. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

- A. RESOLUTION 2024-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF LABELLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing Opened

Public Hearing Closed

**Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve a millage rate of 5.1414, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued.**

**Motion passed 4-1.**

**Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas**

**Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin**

Mayor Wilkins read Resolution 2024-30 title, and the fiscal year 2024-2025 final operating millage rate is hereby adopted at 5.1414 mills (\$5.1414 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value) which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 4.8646 mills by 5.69%, and the levy of an annual tax for said year into the record.

Public Hearing Opened

Public Hearing Closed

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**Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-30, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed 4-1.**  
**Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas**  
**Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin**

- B. RESOLUTION 2024-31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Wilkins read Resolution 2024-31 into the record and announced the final fund budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, in the total sum of Twelve Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Forty-Three Dollars (\$12,338,043.00).

Public Hearing Opened

Public Hearing Closed

**Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve Resolution 2024-31, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed 4-1.**  
**Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas**  
**Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin**

5. Adjournment

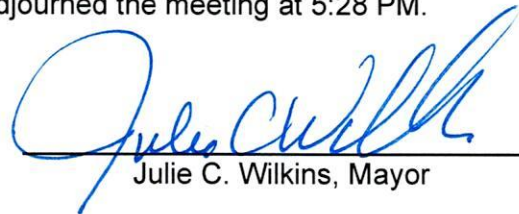
**Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Akin. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.**  
**Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM.



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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, City Clerk



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Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor