

# CITY OF LABELLE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Budget Workshop & Special Meeting**

Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 3:00 PM

LaBelle Commission Chambers  
481 West Hickpochee Ave  
LaBelle, FL 33975

#### **CITY COMMISSION:**

Julie C. Wilkins., Mayor  
Kevin Holland, Commissioner  
Jackie Ratica, Vice Mayor  
Bobbie Spratt, Commissioner  
Hugo Vargas, Commissioner

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

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

## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

The workshop/special meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkins at 3:00 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins

Vice Mayor Jackie Ratica

Commissioner Hugo Vargas

Commissioner Kevin Holland via Teams

City Attorney Derek Rooney

Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

ABSENT

Commissioner Bobbie Spratt

### 3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Vargas led the invocation, Vice Mayor Ratica led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

*Mayor Wilkins contacted Sue Moss by phone to discuss a proposed \$9,000 donation to the LaBelle Museum to support the hiring of part-time staff, enabling the museum to extend its hours of operation throughout the week. The conversation also included the possibility of the LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation (LDRC) providing additional staffing support. Following a productive discussion, Sue Moss expressed her agreement with all proposed terms.*

#### A. Insurance Rates & Plans

*Lisa Awbrey (Human Resource Director) gave a brief overview of insurance options. A discussion ensued.*

**Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve the Base Plan and HSA 05180/-1 for employees to select, Seconded by Vice Mayor Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland**

#### B. Fire Department Budget

*Chief Brent Stevens provided the Commission with an overview of the three available plan options.*

**Motion made by Vice Mayor Ratica to approve Plan 3 not to exceed rate, Seconded by Commissioner Holland. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Ratica amended her motion to Plan 3 not to exceed rate and remove the cap for vacate building, industrial, and commercial. Seconded by Commissioner Holland. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland**

5. Adjournment

**Motion made by Vice Mayor Ratica to adjourn the workshop/special meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland**



There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 3:37 PM.

  
Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor



ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, MPA, MMC, City Clerk