

# CITY OF LABELLE



## MINUTES

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

Friday, September 27, 2024, at 5:01 PM

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 5:17 PM.

### 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

*Waived.*

### 3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins  
Commissioner Daniel Akin  
Commissioner Jackie Ratica  
Commissioner Bobbie Spratt  
Commissioner Hugo Vargas via Teams  
City Attorney Derek Rooney via Teams  
Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

### 4. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

- A. RESOLUTION 2024-18 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 5:27 PM*

*Public Hearing Closed 5:27 PM*

**Motion made by Commissioner Akin to approve the Millage of 5.0. Motion failed due to lack of second.**

Derek Rooney read the City of LaBelle's Percentage Increase in Millage over Roll-Back Rate in the record as 5.25 mills, 7.92% increase over the rollback rate of 4.8646.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-18, Seconded by Mayor Wilkins. Commissioner Akin called for the question. Motion passed (3-2).  
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Vargas  
Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Spratt**

- B. RESOLUTION 2024-19 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.

*Public Hearing Opened 5:30 PM*

*Public Hearing Closed 5:30 PM*

Derek Rooney read into the record the City of LaBelle's Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$12,338,043.00.

**Motion made by Mayor Wilkins to approve Resolution 2024-19, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion failed (2-3).**



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

**Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-19, Seconded by Mayor Wilkins. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed (3-2).**  
**Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Vargas**  
**Voting Nay: Commissioner Akin, Commissioner Spratt**

- C. RESOLUTION 2024-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Resolution 2024-20, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- D. RESOLUTION 2024-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING POLICE PROTECTION, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-21, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- E. RESOLUTION 2024-22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING RECREATION FACILITIES, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Resolution 2024-22, 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**

- F. RESOLUTION 2024-23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM RATES FOR PROVIDING STREETLIGHTING, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Resolution 2024-23, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**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 6:09 PM.



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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, City Clerk

  
Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor