

CITY OF LABELLE



MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 5:30 PM

LaBelle Commission Chambers
481 West Hickpochee Ave
LaBelle, FL 33975

CITY COMMISSION:

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor
Kevin Holland, Commissioner
Jackie Ratica, Commissioner
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 meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkins at 6:15 PM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins

Vice Mayor Jackie Ratica

Commissioner Bobbie Spratt

Commissioner Hugo Vargas

Commissioner Kevin Holland

City Attorney Derek Rooney

Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Waived.

4. Additions of Emergency Basis From Mayor, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items

Mayor Wilkins added Swamp Stomp 5k to the agenda.

Mellisa Music presented information on Swamp Stomp 5k and applying for FDOT road closure.

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Swamp Stomp 5K Special Events Application and resolution pending the submittal of all documents, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

Mayor Wilkins added Swamp Cabbage Parade to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Ratica to approve Swamp Cabbage Parade Special Events Application and resolution pending parade route the same as last year, Seconded by Commissioner Holland. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

5. Presentations

A. SunnyGrove Landscaping Inc. Thank You Letter

6. Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

(Any commissioner or citizen may request to have an item removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for further discussion.)

A. Approval of November Check Register

B. Approval of Minutes:

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C. Approval of Staff Reports:

- HCSO- Lt. Allen Hudson
- Fire Department- Chief Brent Stevens
- Building Department- Mark Lynch
- Code Enforcement- Zane Mungillo

D. K&B Pump & Electrical Emergency Purchase Ratification

E. LaBelle Fire Department Vehicle Purchase - 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe (Hardy Chevrolet)

F. RCM Utilities Description of Work

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve Consent Agenda Items pulling 6C: HCSO, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement, Seconded by Vice Mayor Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

Commissioner Vargas expressed his concerns with speeding in the City of LaBelle to Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Code Enforcement report structure, and Fire Department vehicle purchase. A discussion ensued.

7. Non-Public Hearing Items for Consideration

(Limited to 15 minutes per item: 3-5 minutes optional presentation time with the remaining time for discussion by the Commission)

A. TREE REMOVAL PERMIT_RESIDENCE @ GRAND OAKS_#1511

Commissioners consented to a continuance until January for the Tree Removal Grande Oaks.

8. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

None.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

(Limited to 3 minutes per person)

None.

10. City Related Business by Commissioners

Commissioner Holland requested a discussion and vote on taking credit card payment for utilities deposits.

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve credit cards and debit cards payments for deposits in person, over the phone and online, Seconded by Vice Mayor Ratica. Mayor

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Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Vice Mayor Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas,
Commissioner Holland

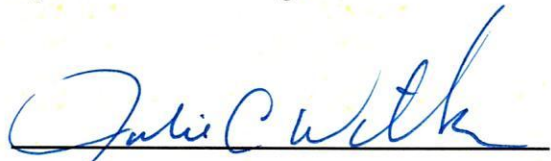
11. Adjournment

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.



ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, MPA, MMC, City Clerk


Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor