

CITY OF LABELLE



AGENDA

City Commission Special Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 5:05 PM

LaBelle Commission Chambers
481 West Hickpochee Ave
LaBelle, FL 33975

CITY COMMISSION:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **New Business**

- A. RESOLUTION 2026-23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, TOGETHER WITH A ROLL-BACK RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting Records Request

Any person requesting the appeal of a decision of the Planning Agency will require a verbatim record of the proceedings and for that purpose will need to ensure that such verbatim record is made. Pursuant to FS. 286.0105, the record must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The City of LaBelle does not prepare or provide such verbatim record.

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RESOLUTION 2026 - 23

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WHEREAS, Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, provides for a uniform procedure for the adoption of ad valorem tax and millage rates associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, provides for adoption of a proposed millage rate, together with the establishment of a roll-back rate computed pursuant to Section 200.065(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the Property Appraiser of Hendry County, Florida served the upon the City a Certification of Taxable Value, certifying to the City the 2026 taxable value within the City’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, provides that a taxing authority shall, within 35 days of certification of value by the Property Appraiser, advise the Property Appraiser of its proposed millage rate, its current year rolled-back rate and the date, time and place for public hearings to consider the proposed millage rate and the tentative budget for the preparation of the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (TRIM NOTICE); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of LaBelle, Florida has recommended a proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE , FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing “Whereas” paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Proposed Millage Rate. The City Commission of the City of LaBelle hereby tentatively adopts a millage rate for FY 2026 – 2027 at 6.0, which is \$6.0 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value within the City of LaBelle, Florida.

Section 3. Computation of Rolled-back Rate. The rolled-back rate is 4.70 as computed utilizing the July 1, 2026 Certificate of Taxable Value.

Section 4. Current Year Proposed Millage Rate as a Percent Increase over Roll-Back Rate. The proposed millage rate is an increase of 36 percent over rolled-back rate.

Section 5. Increase over rolled-back rate. The tentative millage rate is established to provide funding for the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and the resulting increase in ad valorem tax revenues is necessary to fund various storm water improvements, transportation improvements, environmental protection projects, the expansion of public safety operations, community aesthetics projects and other capital projects.

Section 6. Public Hearing. The date, time and place of the public hearings to consider the proposed millage rate and tentative budget are as follows:

<u>First Hearing</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 10, 2026	5:30pm	Commission Chambers 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle , Florida 33935
<u>Second Hearing</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 17, 2026	5:30pm	Commission Chambers 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle , Florida 33935

Section 7. Direction to the Finance Director. The Finance Director is directed to send the original Certification of taxable Value and a certified copy of this resolution to the Hendry County Property Appraiser and Tax Collector on or before August 4, 2026.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED at the Special Meeting of the City Commission of the City of LaBelle, Florida, on this 30th day of July 2026.

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tijauna Warner, MPA, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Derek Rooney, City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Commissioner Holland	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Spratt	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Vargas	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Ratica	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Mayor Wilkins	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)