

Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403 July 02, 2025 6:30 pm

Roger Michaud	 Mayor
Michael Hensley	 Vice Mayor
John Linden	 Commissioner
Michael O'Rourke	 Commissioner
Judith Thomas	 Commissioner
Richard J. Reade	 Town Manager
Thomas J. Baird	 Town Attorney
Vivian Mendez, MMC	 Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:35P.M.

PRESENT

Vice Mayor Michael Hensley

Commissioner Judith Thomas

Commissioner John Linden

Commissioner Michael O'Rourke

ABSENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Vice Mayor Hensley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Hensley requested that item 7 - Town Commission Priorities - FY 2026 Budget be moved to the July 16th agenda.

Motion made to approve the amended agenda by Commissioner O'Rourke, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Linden, Commissioner O'Rourke.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

 2025 State of Florida Legislative Update - State Senator Mack Bernard, State Representative Jervonte Edmonds & Ms. Ellyn Bogdanoff - Becker & Poliakoff.

State Representative Jevonte Edmonds provided the Commission with a presentation (Exhibit A). Commissioner O'Rourke thanked Representative Edmonds and staff for their efforts. Commissioner Thomas asked about funds of \$900,000,000.00 that have been repealed and where does that money now go. Representative Edmonds stated that this would be revenue that the State would lose and would not affect Counties or Local Government. Commissioner Thomas had additional questions that could not be immediately answered and was directed to review the statutes for details.

State Senator Mack Bernard gave a verbal update regarding the Legislative session.

Ms. Ellyn Bogdanoff of Becker & Poliakoff gave an update regarding the Legislative session. Commissioner Thomas raised her disappointment and concerns regarding how Lake Park has been treated over the last two years.

Town Manager Reade thanked Ms. Bogdanoff for all her efforts. He thanked the Senator and State Representatives and appreciated their efforts. Vice Mayor Hensley thanked everyone for attending.

2. Presentation - Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Noel Martinez, Ms. Caitlyn Bergman, and Ms. Jacqueline Ramirez presented to the Commission. (Exhibit B) regarding an initiative with Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Commissioner Thomas thanked them for the presentation. Mr. Martinez offered to conduct a community session in Town for residents and small businesses. He reiterated that you do not have to be a Chamber member to benefit from these services. Commissioner Linden asked if the services were available to those small businesses that were less under 3-years in operation. Ms. Ramirez stated that as long as the business meets the "small business" criteria, then the services were available regardless of how long they have operated. Commissioner O'Rourke thanked them for the presentation. He agreed regarding the suggestion that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Administrator meet with them to assist small businesses in the CRA. Ms. Bergman explained that on August 5th they will be hosting their first event, with a focus on starting up your business. Vice Mayor Hensley thanked everyone for attending and their presentation.

3. Proclamation - National Parks and Recreation Month - July 2025

Vice Mayor Hensley presented staff with the proclamation. Special Event Director Riunite Franks and Recreation Supervisor Michael Sloan accepted the proclamation.

Special Events Director Franks thanked the Commission, her staff, and the Public Works Facility and Maintenance staff for all they do. Commissioner O'Rourke thanked Ms. Franks for all that she does and considers her an asset to the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time is provided for addressing items that do not appear on the Agenda. Please complete a comment card and provide it to the Town Clerk so speakers may be announced. Please remember comments are limited to a TOTAL of three minutes.

Captain Steen Eriksson, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, provided the 2024 Annual Report. He announced that they have an Honor Guard, Pipes, and Drums. He explained what the Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums do for communities. He welcomed the opportunity to schedule their services for any Town events.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under this item are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner or person so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Any person wishing to speak on an agenda item is asked to complete a public comment card located on either side of the Chambers and given to the Town Clerk. Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Commissioner O'Rourke, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Linden, Commissioner O'Rourke

- 4. Minutes Regular Commission Meeting June 18, 2025
- 5. Proclamation 14th Annual KidsFit Jamathon Day July 16, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: NONE PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

 Town of Lake Park Strategic Plan - Scope of Work & Funding (Commission Contingency -Budget Adjustment No. 2025-4).

Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director Bambi Turner gave a verbal presentation to the Commission. Commissioner O'Rourke felt this item should be part of the 2026 budget and priorities process. Commissioner Thomas outlined her understanding of the item and requested that the Commission discuss the item so that they could provide direction to staff. Town Manager Reade explained staff's need in attempting to discuss this item. He clarified that the \$20,000 cost to complete this process was because he knew a professional, who worked for a university, who was willing to do it for this price. Town Manager Reade explained the expectation of the strategic plan and his contract. The annual performance evaluation was conducted on the anniversary of his employment. The Commission discussed the Request for Qualifications process. Town Manager Reade assured the Commission that a contract to hire someone to conduct the strategic plan would come before them before a strategic plan session takes place. Commissioner Linden asked if the scope of work could come back at a future meeting, but lock in the \$20,000 during this fiscal year. Town Manager Reade stated that staff would bring back the scope of work for Commission approval. He explained that the Commission could move forward with the budget adjustment, which was separate from the scope of work.

Motion to use the contingency funds for funding the Strategic Plan made by Commissioner O'Rourke, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

Commissioner Thomas clarified that the motion was to move funds from one account to another for a strategic plan. A future agenda item will come back to the Commission for the Scope of Work. The Commission all agreed. Assistant Town Manager/ Human Resources Director Turner read back her understanding of the Commission's desire.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Linden, Commissioner O'Rourke

- Town Commission Priorities FY 2026 Budget This item was moved to the July 16, 2025 agenda.
- Discussion Item 10-Year Roadway Improvement Plan and Pavement Preservation Program

Public Comment:

Mary Beth Taylor comments presented as an exhibit (Exhibit C).

Public Works Director Jaime Morales presented to the Commission (Exhibit D).

Commissioner Linden asked if the road study conducted several years ago was used in developing the 10-year roadway plan. Public Works Director Morales stated that the study drove the development of this plan. Commissioner Linden wanted to avoid the Town residents paying for this work. Commissioner O'Rourke asked if the plan could be modified to include specific roads that have been identified as those with the most issues, such as 2nd Street or Park Avenue. Public Works Director Morales explained that the Town was pursuing grant funding for stormwater services. He further explained that as they conduct the stormwater improvements then it would allow to improve the roadway. It was for these reasons that the projects along 2nd Street were moved a few years out, allowing for those funds to be used on other roadways. Commissioner Thomas felt this plan was in line with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). She thanked Public Works Director Morales for driving her around Town and explaining on-going projects. She tied this plan with the strategic plan for the Town. Vice Mayor Hensley commended staff for putting a plan together and funding it without using ad valorem taxes. Commissioner O'Rourke asked what different surface types and treatments were for the roadways. Public Works Director Morales explained the difference between cape seal and mill and overlay. Commission Thomas expressed traffic concerns regarding the intersection of Palmetto Drive, Flagler Blvd and Second Street. Community Development

Director Nadia DiTommaso explained that she was made aware, at the end of the day, about the FPL issue at that intersection. Town Manager Reade recapped that the staff goal was to bring back, each year, as part of the CIP and budget, how much it would cost to do roadwork.

- 9. Discussion Proposed Amendments to Town Code Sections 72-2 and 72-3 (Public Infrastructure Maintenance Responsibilities). Public Works Director Morales explained the item. Commissioner Thomas expressed concerns with proper tree maintenance on private property and their impact on the sidewalks. Commissioner O'Rourke supported the draft Ordinance language. Vice Mayor Hensley asked for a program for residents to follow. The draft Ordinance would clarify the responsibilities of the residents versus Town.
- Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate Annual Conference August 14 16, 2025. Motion to select Mayor Michaud as the Town's voting delegate made by Commissioner O'Rourke, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Linden, Commissioner O'Rourke

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney - none

Town Manager Read explained the upcoming (July 16) agenda items. Staff would reach out to coordinate a date to conduct a Special Called Park Avenue Downtown District Workshop. He announced that the Library would reopen on Monday. He recognized the Special Events staff for a great Sunset Celebration. He request to close Town Offices on July 3rd at noon. The Commission agreed. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner O'Rourke recognized the Special Events staff for a great Sunset Celebration.

Commissioner Thomas suggested starting an education committee. She suggested a reading club sponsored through the Library. She explained that she was an alternate member of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. She would like to resign from the Council and requested that the Town Manager send a letter notifying them of her resignation and asked that Commissioner Linden take her place. Commissioner Linden agreed, however, he explained that the League appoints its members.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Linden as the Town's representative to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council made by Commissioner O'Rourke; Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Voting Aye: All

Commissioner Thomas thanked staff for the wonderful Red, White and Blue Sunset Celebration. Commissioner Linden thanked staff for the Sunset Celebration. He asked what was happening to the grass at Bert Bostrom Park. Public Works Director Morales explained that the field was going through weed treatment. Once this process was complete, they would put down the new turf. Vice Mayor Hensley thanked the Special Events staff for the Sunset Celebration. He thanked Captain Steven Thibodeau for coming back with his family to attend the Sunset Celebration. He stated that Richard Radcliff of the Palm Beach County League of Cities would be retiring. He asked that a surprise proclamation be presented to him at an upcoming meeting.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

9:55 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on July 16, 2025.

Mayor Robe Michaud

Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC 🜙

Deputy Town Clerk, Laura Weidgans

6 of Approved on this 2025



Exhibit A

Florida Legislative Session Recap 2025



District 88





Legislative Session

- 60 days, March May.
- Extended to June 30
- 2000+ Bills Filled, 195 Passed
- 2000+ Appropriation projects





Rep. Edmonds Committee Assignments

Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee - Ranking Member Education & Employment Committee Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee State Administration Budget Subcommittee Select Committee on Property Relief



Legislation

- HB 17 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- HB 43 Reusable Tenant Screening Reports
- HB 45 Resident Status for Tuition Purposes
- HB 119 Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program
- HB 137 Homeowners' Association Ombudsman
- HB 191 Instructional Hours for the VPK Education Program
- HB 635 Candidate Filing Fees
- HB 104 Education



Representative Edmonds Appropriations

- Digital Twin for Public Safety \$467,000
- Lake Park Traffic Safety Upgrade \$400,000
- Mangonia Park Street Repavement- \$450,000
- Palm Beach State College Vocational Village \$500,000
- Palm Beach County Australian Avenue Drainage Improvements \$742,614
- Riviera Beach Law Enforcement Training Facility \$1,000,000
- Riviera Beach Utility Special District New Water Plant \$750,000
- South Florida AgriCenter & Emergency Shelter \$350,000



Budget and Taxes

Delayed Session	Lawmakers extended the session to <i>June 18</i> to complete the budget and related tax bills Without an approved budget by July 1, a partial shutdown is possible.	
Top-Level Spending	The budget is around \$50 billion , with both chambers working through differences in major tax provisions.	
Tax Cuts	Deal includes a \$900 M business lease tax repeal, \$350 M in sales tax relief, \$250 M debt reduction, and \$750 M annual rainy-day fund deposits until caps are met.	
Education Funding	Senate wants a \$6 M boost for Schools of Hope charter initiative	
Recovered Funds	Lawmakers propose reclaiming \$400 M allocated last year for a contested reservoir project and returning it to general revenues.	
New Spending Controls	The plan includes tighter financial oversight, with increased reporting requirements for agencies.	
Next Steps	A final budget is expected soon. It will include the tax package, then head to Gov. DeSantis by late June for approval and possible line-item vetoes.	



Housing & Insurance

Florida leaders are also investigating insurance companies' finances to make sure they're not crying poor unjustly. Insurance \$481,308,000M added to this program for the next fiscal year. My Safe Florida Home HB913 - Affordable housing through revisions to the Live Local Affordable Housing Act, address the condo crisis by updating structural repair requirements and reducing the cost burden on condo resident Home Town Heroes, Florida Association for Community Programs Action (FACA), State Housing Initiatives Partnership HB948 - If a landlord fails to disclose flood information Renters truthfully, the tenant may terminate the rental agreement within a certain timeframe and the landlord must refund the tenant all amounts paid in advance by the tenant.

Property Tax

- Taxes help pay for:
 - Schools
 - Police
 - ► Firefighters
 - Parks
 - Roads
 - Community Initiatives
- The Elimination of Property Tax would require voter approval and aims to provide longterm tax relief to Florida residents.
 - ▶ 1. Vote to End Property Taxes on Homes
 - 2. Bigger Homestead Exemption Idea: Instead of \$50,000 off your home's taxes, you could get \$500,000 off. Seniors and longtime owners could get \$1 million off!
 - ► 3. Let Lawmakers Change Tax Discounts
 - ▶ 4. Freeze How Fast Your Taxes Go Up
 - ▶ 5. No Losing Your Home for Not Paying



Education

HB681 Sets new uniform standards for apprenticeships and preapprenticeships, ensuring schools and training providers partner correctly

HB1105 Authorizes a municipality to convert a traditional charter school into a 'job-engine' charter school and removes the teacher vote from the conversion process, leaving the vote solely to parents of enrolled students.

School boards are now be required to prohibit the use of digital devices Cell Phones by elementary and middle school students during the school day and high school students during instructional time

Exams Type 1 Diabetes, A new Spectrum Alert system for missing individuals on the autism spectrum, youth athletic coaches providing coaching services for an independent sanctioning authority to undergo Level 2 background screening, Cardiac Emergencies

SB296 You might have heard that back in 2023, a law was passed requiring middle schools to start no earlier than 8:00 AM and high schools no earlier than 8:30 AM by 2026.



Business

HB 827

The bill requires the Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research (WSER) at the Department of Commerce to study the economic impact of automation, artificial intelligence (AI), and robotics on employment in Florida, focusing on job losses and gains due to AI and automation.

HB 999

The bill lets certain gold and silver coins be used as legal money in Florida starting July 1, 2026. It removes sales tax on them, allows (but doesn't require) governments to accept them, and says no one can be forced to use them. It also sets rules for safely handling and storing the coins, and requires state leaders to create and submit guidelines by November 1, 2025.

Permits

SB 1080 to revise timeframes for counties and municipalities to expeditiously process applications for development permits and development orders, and to require local governments to issue application fee refunds if the approval timeframes in the bill are not met.





Utility Workers SB1386 The bill aims to enhance protections for utility workers by increasing penalties for individuals who knowingly commit assault or battery against them while they are performing their duties on critical infrastructure

SB 818To alleviate the financial burden on communications service providers,
particularly in rural areas, by providing a structured reimbursement
mechanism for utility relocations necessitated by public infrastructure
projects.

SB 202 Aims to promote equity by preventing municipalities from charging higher rates to neighboring communities that host their utility facilities

HB 1137 This legislation ensures that consumers retain the freedom to choose their preferred energy sources and appliances without local governmental restrictions.

SB 700 Provisions collectively aim to enhance Florida's energy infrastructure, promote the adoption of electric vehicles, ensure the safety of energyrelated products, and maintain fuel availability during emergencies.



Health Care and More

SB1808

Requiring health care facility licensees to refund to the patient any overpayment within a specified timeframe; specifying that health care facility licensees who violate certain provisions are subject to administrative fines; requiring health care practitioners to refund to the patient any overpayment within a specified timeframe; revising the list of acts that constitute grounds for disciplinary actions for health care practitioners, etc.

The bill creates the State Park Preservation Act, which requires state parks to be managed for conservation-based recreational uses and in a manner that provides the greatest combination of benefits to the public and the land's natural resources. The bill prohibits the Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from constructing sporting facilities within state parks



SB 80

Budget



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Noel Martinez President & CEO Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce



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Caitlyn Bergman Director of Strategic Initiatives Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce



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created with assistance from Florida SBDC at FAU

90 New Businesses

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Exhibit C

Town of Lake Park Lake Park Commission Meeting

July 2, 2025

GOOD EVENING.

Comments by Mary Taylor

THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ITS CITIZENS To provide Overall Quality of Life within the Community

1.) PROVIDE ESSENTIAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- ➔ GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY -police, fire, emergency services
- → INFRASTRUCTURE: Maintaining local roads, public mobility systems, managing waste and utilities (water sewage, garbage collection)
- → Education Overseeing and often funding local schools through school districts
- Recreation and Parks Maintaining public parks, playgrounds, recreation programs, libraries

2.) MAINTAIN ORDER AND SECURITY

- → Enforcing Local Laws/Ordinances -zoning, building codes, public health standard
- ➔ Maintaining a Justice System 3.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
- ➔ Zoning and Land Use
- Community Development, fostering economic development, support local employment

4.)PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

5.) UPHOLDING CITIZENS RIGHTS AND PROMOTING DEMOCRACY

- Promoting Civil Liberties
- → Transparency and Accountability: Providing public access to information about local government and holding officials accountable for their actions
- Facilitating Citizen Participation: Offering opportunities for citizens to engage in decision making processes through public meetings, advisory boards and other forms of community engagement

Local governments act as the primary providers of the services and regulations that shape the daily lives of residents, impacting everything from safety and education to infrastructure and the environment.

I can speak for many people in town when I request prioritizing the budget list with number one, all about maintaining town streets, traffic safety control, and planning for substantial increased demands, due to our imminent population explosion. In the past three years Lake Park has promoted and paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for a mobility study and a Park Avenue Road Diet study, and held numerous public workshops. Where do these projects stand tonight? Have grants been pursued, will the projects be funded in the new budget? In light of citizen's nascent interest in the future of their home town, I am requesting Saturday Workshops to answer these questions and discuss the wide ranging important issues, of PROVIDING ESSENTIAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES and facilitating citizen participation by conducting surveys of resident interest/opinions before initiating big ticket projects in the future.

Effectiveness relies on close interaction with the community and responsiveness to local needs.

WE CAN'T KEEP STARTING OVER, FOLKS!





Department of Public Works

10-Year Roadway Improvement Plan July 16, 2025



Presentation Agenda

- 1. Background & Purpose
- 2. Strategic Approach
- 3. Program Cost & Phasing
- 4. Public Benefits
- 5. Commission Input & Discussion



Background & Purpose

- Town roadway network deteriorated by ~15% since the 2022 PCI survey
- Estimated cost to restore network: ~\$7.27M (with striping & contingency)
- Historically constrained capital budgets
- Need structured, phased, best-practice strategy
- Purpose of tonight's discussion: Present Draft Plan for Commission feedback



Strategic Approach

Industry Best Practice:

- Preservation First: Treat Good/Fair segments early
- Targeted Rehab: Address Poor/Very Poor segments where needed
- Based on FHWA and AASHTO guidance
- Recommended treatments:
 - Cape Seal
 - Microsurfacing

Mill & Overlay / Full Depth Rehab (as needed)



Program Cost & Phasing

- Updated Total Program Cost: ~\$7.27M
- Target Funding: ~\$500K (Years 1- 3), \$750K (Years 4 6), and \$1M (Years 7-10)

Important Note: Some roadway reconstruction costs will be absorbed within larger storm-drainage or utility projects (e.g., 10th Street and future outfall work), reducing the amount that must be financed through the roadway fund.



Funding sources

Potential funding sources include:

- Local Option Gas Tax revenues,
- Mobility fees,
- Infrastructure Surtax,
- General Fund appropriations,
- Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds,



Funding sources

External grants—specifically Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) Local Initiatives and Transportation Alternatives programs, **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** allocations, as well as any future grant programs for which the Town qualifies. Important note: This plan is not predicated on raising the ad-valorem millage; it relies on existing revenue streams and external grants.



Public Benefits

- Extends pavement life 6-10 years
- Reduces long-term reconstruction costs
- Improves visible roadway conditions for residents
- Enhances safety and mobility
- Supports fiscally responsible asset management
- The plan is achievable, fiscally responsible and grant-leveraged



Commission Input Sought

- Does the overall strategy align with the Commission's vision?
- Will the Commission endorse the consultant's PCI-based priority list and allow cost-effective treatments like Cape Seal or microsurfacing?



Commission Input Sought

- Is the Commission willing to endorse the proposed funding glide path-\$500 K, \$750 K, \$1 M-recognising that a lower annual allocation would extend the program to 12 years or more?
- Upon direction, staff will refine the plan and return with the final

Resolution for approval.



ANY QUESTIONS?



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Meeting Date 7-2-25 Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!! ***Three (3) minute limitation on all comments Name: Address: If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item: I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s): PBC FIRE RESCUE HONR GURRS

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