

# CITY OF WESTLAKE



## MINUTES

### City Council Rescheduled Final Budget Hearing

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 5:01 PM

Westlake Council Chambers  
4005 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road  
Westlake, Florida 33470

#### **CITY COUNCIL:**

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor  
Greg Langowski, Vice Mayor  
Pilar Valle Ron, Council Member – Seat 1  
Julian Martinez, Council Member – Seat 2  
Charlotte Leonard, Council Member – Seat 3

#### **CITY STAFF:**

Ken Cassel, City Manager  
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk  
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney  
Nilsa Zacarias, AICP, Planning and Zoning Director  
Suzanne Dombrowski, PE, ENV SP, City Engineer

A rescheduled final budget hearing of the City Council of the City of Westlake was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 5:01 PM., at the Westlake Community Center, 4005 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. Members of the public also participated in the meeting through electronic means and accessed as follows:

1. Webex meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link:  
<https://cityofwestlake.my.webex.com/>

Meeting ID: 2633 857 1570

Password: hello

2. Participants also dialed in using phone with the following number:

United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388

Meeting ID: 2633 857 1570

As a preliminary matter, Ms. Burgess noted that council members are present physically constituting a quorum.

Ms. Burgess provided further instruction regarding public comments, noting that comments will be acknowledged by the mayor and accepted at the appropriate times as indicated in the agenda and those who wish to speak may use the "virtual" hand raise feature.

Ms. Burgess provided the disclaimer that the meeting is being recorded by both voice and video, reminding the audience microphones are live. Ms. Burgess further explained that microphones will be muted; audience members can unmute themselves and anyone that has called in should mute their device.

Ms. Burgess noted that anyone causing a disruption or being inappropriate will be removed from the meeting. Ms. Burgess reminded Council Members physically present to utilize microphones.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor O'Connor called the City of Westlake Regular City Council meeting of Wednesday September 20, 2023, to order at 5:02 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present and constituting a quorum:

Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard

Councilman Julian Martinez

Councilwoman Pilar Valle Ron

Vice Mayor Greg Langowski

Mayor JohnPaul O'Connor

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor O'Connor called for any additions, deletions, or modifications to the agenda.

There being no changes, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Valle Ron.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Leonard	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES
Councilwoman Valle Ron	YES
Vice Mayor Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A. RESOLUTION 2023-28 – Adoption of Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2024

**Submitted By:** Administration

**RESOLUTION 2023-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE CITY'S GENERAL OPERATING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Mr. Doody read Resolution 2023-28, by title only, into the record.

Mayor O'Connor called for City Manager Kenneth Cassel to discuss item in further detail. Mr. Cassel discussed item.

Mayor O'Connor called for council comments, there being none, Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

Ms. Burgess stated no comment cards were received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to raise their virtual hand.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion.

Motion by Councilman Martinez to approve Resolution 2023-28, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Martinez	YES
Councilwoman Valle Ron	YES
Councilman Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES
Councilwoman Leonard	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

B. RESOLUTION 2023-29 - Adoption of Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

**Submitted By:** Administration

**RESOLUTION 2023-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; DETERMINING AND FIXING THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor O'Connor introduced item.

Mr. Doody read Resolution 2023-29, by title only, into the record.

Mayor O'Connor called for City Manager Kenneth Cassel to discuss item in further detail. Mr. Cassel discussed item.

Mayor O'Connor called for council comments, there being none, Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

Ms. Burgess stated no comment cards were received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to raise their virtual hand.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Connor called for a motion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Langowski to approve Resolution 2023-29, seconded by Councilwoman Valle Ron.

**UPON ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Valle Ron	YES
Councilman Langowski	YES
Mayor O'Connor	YES
Councilwoman Leonard	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to speak. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. A public comment card should be completed and returned to the City Clerk. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium or unmute your device, and prior to addressing Council, state your name and address for the record.*

Mayor O'Connor called for public comments.

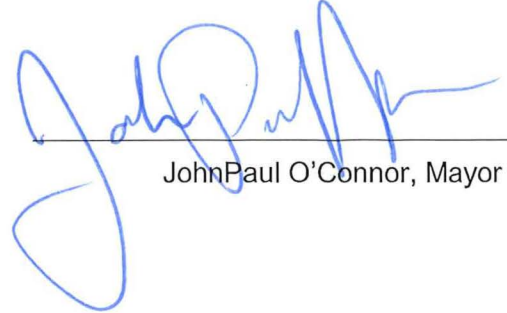
Ms. Burgess stated no comment cards were received prior to the meeting and gave the virtual audience a moment to raise their virtual hand.

There being no further comments, Mayor O'Connor called for the next item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 5:06 PM.

  
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Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk

  
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JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor