

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION**Budget Hearing
September 19, 2024**

The Lakeland City Commission met for the second of two budget hearings in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, and Guy LaLonde were present. City Manager Shawn Sherrouse, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Finance Director Mike Brossart, and Deputy City Clerk Heather Bradman were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.**PRESENTATIONS****City of Lakeland Proposed FY 2025 Annual Budget Presentation and Public Hearing September 19, 2024.**

City Manager Shawn Sherrouse and Finance Director Mike Brossart presented. A copy of the presentation is on file in the agenda packet.

Shawn Sherrouse explained tonight's presentation will be streamlined. They will not go through all the detail as previously reviewed in the first budget hearing and other workshops. All that has been presented up to this point are included in the proposed budget overview this evening. He reviewed the four strategic plan target areas.

Mike Brossart covered line charts regarding FY 2025 budget revenue sources, expenses by account, general fund revenues, and general fund expenses. He reviewed the proposed millage of 5.4323. With all the expenses and revenues discussed at the last budget hearing, the City is looking at about 42 days cash by FY27.

Shawn Sherrouse explained based on the Commission's action at the last meeting, they need a simple majority vote to take action on the maximum allowable proposed millage.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**Ordinances (Second Reading)****Ordinance 6062; Proposed 24-043; Ad Valorem Millage Rate for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXATION; ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER

30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES; FINDING THE MILLAGE RATE IS 4.3% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title. This reflects the tentative millage rate, which is also the current millage rate, 5.4323 mills which is 4.3% greater than the rolled-back millage rate of 5.2064.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Mike Musick, Sara Roberts McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Commissioner Bill Read voted nay. Ayes-six. Nays-one. The motion carried 6-1.

Ordinance 6063; Proposed 24-044; Appropriations; Budget for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FOR THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA, FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

Stephanie Madden explained why she voted no last time. She agreed to keep the millage rate the same, but they need to cut some expenses, so the deficit goes down and they are not using as much of the surplus.

Commissioner Roberts McCarley asked about the allocations on each item. Assistant Finance Director Deidra Joseph explained they allocate expenses from the general fund to enterprise funds. These are not contributing expenses by itself; they are additional

contributions. This helps reduce expenses in the general fund because they are allocating a portion of those expenses to different budgets.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Commissioners Bill Read and Stephanie Madden voted nay. Ayes-five. Nays-two. The motion carried 5-2.

City Commission Set Compensation

The City's Charter provides the City Commission shall receive the same Across the Board (ATB) increase as general employees. If the Commission wants to establish the compensation above that, it would require a public hearing to establish that different level of compensation. Otherwise, no action is required. It is automatic under the Charter that the City Commission receives the ATB increase.

The City Commission agreed to receive the ATB increase as provided in the charter.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION - None

AUDIENCE – None

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 6:19 P.M.


Heather L. Bradman, Deputy City Clerk

