LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Budget Hearing September 22, 2022

The Lakeland City Commission met for the Budget Hearing in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara McCarley, Mike Musick, and Phillip Walker were present. City Manager Shawn Sherrouse, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Finance Director Mike Brossart, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 5954; Proposed 22-040; Ad Valorem Millage Rate for 2022-2023 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, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES; FINDING THE MILLAGE RATE IS 9.01% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker 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.

The millage rate was 5.4323.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Phillip Walker, Mike Musick, Sara McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, Chad McLeod, Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 5955; Proposed 22-041; Appropriations; Budget for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FOR THE CITY OF LAKELAND,

FLORIDA, FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Phillip Walker seconded.

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

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara McCarley, Mike Musick, Phillip Walker, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes – seven. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.

City Commission Set Compensation

Current Annual Amounts

FY 2021-2022	Salary	Expense Allowance	Total
Mayor	45,268.49	3,000.00	48,268.49
Commissioners	30,179.00	1,800.00	31,979.00

Proposed Annual Amounts			
FY 2022-2023	Salary	Expense Allowance	Total
Mayor	47,531.91	3,000.00	50,531.91
Commissioners	31,687.95	1,800.00	33,487.95

Excerpt from City Charter re City Commission Compensation:

The mayor and city commission shall receive the across the board increase as provided to general employees at the beginning of each fiscal year. The city commission shall fix any salary or compensation of the mayor and the city commissioners in excess of the across the board increase by appropriation in the city budget; provided, however, that before the compensation of the mayor or the other city commissioners may be increased from their respective compensations received in the next preceding budget year, the city commission shall first hold a public hearing upon the matter of the increase, notice of which hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lakeland, or as otherwise provided by law, one time not less than sixty (60) days prior to the hearing. The salary or compensation of the mayor as determined herein shall not be an amount less than one hundred fifty (150) percent of the salary or compensation of a city commissioner.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission. No action was necessary unless the Commission planned to raise the salary above the Across the Board (ATB) provided to the employees.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read moved to approve (the ATB as required by the charter). 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 Phillip Walker, Mike Musick, Sara McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, Chad McLeod, Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

The Commission discussed interim interviews. Commissioners should submit their questions for candidates to Palmer Davis. He will distribute them on Wednesday.

AUDIENCE - None

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT - 6:04 p.m.

INCORPORATED

H. William Mutz, Mayor

Kelly Koos, City Clerk