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LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Final Budget Hearing September 18, 2025

The Lakeland City Commission met for the Final Budget Hearing in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, and Mike Musick were present. City Commissioners Bill Read, and Guy LaLonde were absent. 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.

PRESENTATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 6112; Proposed 25-032; Ad Valorem Millage Rate for 2025-2026 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, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES; FINDING THE MILLAGE RATE IS 4.10% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

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

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

Ordinance 6113; Proposed 25-033; Appropriations; Budget for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

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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, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

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

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

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

City Commission Set Compensation – No Action

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Stephanie Madden appreciated the professional and excellent budget cycle this year. This was because of the City Manager listening to the Commission during one on ones. She appreciated the tremendous efforts of the City team, Shawn Sherrouse and Mike Brossart.

AUDIENCE

Allison Reeves sang the praises of the beautiful library and asked about the library's budget. What appeared to be a decrease was the completion of capital projects. Director Bob Donahay announced upcoming improvements to the Jackson Branch Library.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT 6:32 p.m.