

PROCEEDING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., Mayor Hal McMillin presided with the following Council present:

Peterson	YES
Cryer	YES
Rougeou	NO
Harrison	YES
Brown	YES

Absent were: Mr. Rougeou

Ms. Peterson gave the Invocation.

Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kyle Doty was honored and recognized for becoming the Chaplain for the Westlake Fire Department.

The new fire truck will be blessed following the City Council Meeting.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval of minutes taken from a Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2025.
- B. Introduce Ordinance No. 1064.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-4002 **AMENDING** THE **2024/2025** FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA.

- C. Introduce Ordinance No. 1065.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-4002 **ADOPTING** THE **2025/2026** FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA.

- D. Approve Resolution 3736.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA TO GIVE AND CAUSE TO BE PUBLISHED

IN THE LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS, THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE CHEMICALS TO BE USED IN WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS TO BE OPENED AT CITY HALL, 1001 BOB HARDEY DRIVE, WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, AT 10:00 AM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025.

BIDS

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve discussing 1124 Shady Lane and the progress of the completion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Andrea Mahfouz, City Clerk, gave the timeline for completion that was given at the February 17, 2025 Council Meeting.

Mr. Curtis Lyons, Code Enforcement Officer, updated the Mayor and Council on the progress he could see.

Mr. Gabriel Washington addressed the Mayor and Council with what he has completed.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Cryer to issue another 30-day extension for the completion of all the work to be completed as per the engineering report provided at the February 17, 2025 Council Meeting. The Council requests that Mr. Washington attend the June City Council Meeting to provide another update. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1059. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 801 AND ENACTING A REVISED CHAPTER 5 OF PART 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A RATE SCHEDULE FOR SALES TO ELIGIBLE LARGE VOLUME INDUSTRIAL USERS OF NATURAL GAS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution No. 3732. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY,

MAY 3, 2025, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TAXES AND THE RENEWAL OF SALES AND USE TAXES THEREIN.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1061. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED LEVY WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027, OF A 1% SALES AND USE TAX (THE "TAX") UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE CONSUMPTION, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION, AND THE LEASE OR RENTAL OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY, AND THE LEASE OR RENTAL OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR DIGITAL PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY, AND UPON SALES OF SERVICES IN THE CITY, AND FOR THE ASSESSEMENT, COLLECTION, PAYMENT THEREOF AND THE DEDICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX MAY BE EXPENDED, SAID TAX HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY ON MAY 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1062. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED LEVY WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 2027, OF A 1/2% SALES AND USE TAX (THE "TAX") UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE CONSUMPTION, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION, AND THE LEASE OR RENTAL OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY, AND THE LEASE OR RENTAL OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR DIGITAL PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY, AND UPON SALES OF SERVICES IN THE CITY, AND FOR THE ASSESSEMENT, COLLECTION, PAYMENT THEREOF AND THE DEDICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX MAY BE EXPENDED, SAID TAX HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY ON MAY 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution No. 3733. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILIIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, TO EXECUTE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE GARFIELD STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 1, AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH. MA PROJECT NO. B8-18074-DA.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve Resolution No. 3734. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A CLINICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION DBA LAKE CHARLES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRACTICE STARTING AN IV AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve Resolution No. 3735. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1063. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING ONLINE BIDS THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE AND UNNECESSARY PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO THE CITY OF WESTLAKE.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve hiring Bradley Bourque as a full time Police Officer, effective April 7, 2025, upon the recommendation of Chief Chris Wilrye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve hiring Shannon Witherwax as a full time Police Officer (Dispatcher), effective April 7, 2025, upon the recommendation of Chief Chris Wilrye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve Resolution No. 3731. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA TO EXECUTE THE SALE OF PROPERTY IN AUGUSTA VILLAGE, FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH. ("Open Space" Lot)

A motion was made by Mr. Cryer and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve Resolution No. 3737. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025/2026
MILLAGE RATES FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA.

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
GENERAL ALIMONY	5.880 MILLS
POLICE DEPARTMENT	9.180 MILLS
FIRE DEPARTMENT	<u>9.180 MILLS</u>
TOTAL	24.240 MILLS

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1066. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS
ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

UPDATE

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve hearing the updates. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Byron Racca gave an update on all city projects.

Mr. Barry King was not in attendance to address the repairs at the clubhouse.

Mayor Hal McMillin announced the following reminders:

- It is illegal to blow any grass clippings onto the road and/or into the storm drains.
- Trash cans need to be removed from the street within 24 hours of pick up.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the updates. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve hearing the Reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Chris Wilrye gave the Police Report.

Chief Jonathan Duff gave the Fire Report.

Mr. Damon Hardesty gave the Public Works Report.

Mr. Curtis Lyons gave the Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Jamie Perkins gave The National Report.

Mayor McMillin gave his comments and reports.

October 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM the Mayor's Armed Forces Committee will hold their Citizen of the Year Banquet.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve the Reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANDREA MAHFOUZ, CITY CLERK

MEETING COMMENCED AT 5:30 P.M.

MEETING ENDED AT 6:22 P.M.

Also in attendance: Macie LeTard, City Attorney
Chris Wilrye, Police Chief
Jonathan Duff, Fire Chief
Damon Hardesty, Public Works Director
Curtis Lyons, Code Enforcement Officer
Jamie Perkins, General Manager, The National

Citizens addressing the Council: Mr. Gabriel Washington