

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING 2022/2023 TOWN BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Paul R. Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following officials were present:

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor
Gregory Freebold, President Pro Tem
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member
Robert O. Gonzalez, Council Member

The following official was absent:

Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor

B. Moment of Silence, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance
(moved from Regular Town Council Agenda)

Mayor Shalhoub requested a moment of silence for Town resident Charles William (Bill) Waddell; Helen Cartledge, grandmother of Deputy Town Manager Emilie Pearson's husband and for Juan Obregon, who passed away recently.

Pastor Stan Snizek, Pastor of the New Life Alliance Church, gave the invocation, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. First Public Hearing 2022/2023 Town Budget

A. Presentation – Daniel Clark, Town Manager

Mr. Clark noted that this is his 12th budget for the Town. He also noted that the Town has to follow certain procedures for each of the different funds.

He provided the following information regarding the 2022/2023 budget:

General Budget:

- The millage rate of 6.2798 and the roll back rate of 5.6155.
- Taxable values up 12.61%
- No changes in staff or benefits with up to 4% merit increases.
- Events (with exception of the Loop around the Lake) are back on schedule.
- Increase of 3% in garbage collection services.
- Noted items included within the capital budget.

Utility Fund:

- Unbalanced.

- No changes in staff or benefits with up to 4% merit increase.
- No new debt service.
- Transferring \$180,000 from Utility Fund to General Fund.
- Listed items included within the capital budget.

Infrastructure Surtax Fund:

- Estimated revenue of \$269,000.
- Expenditures in the amount of \$214,500 include:
 - Storm drainage improvements.
 - Road maintenance.
 - Debt service.

CRA Fund:

- Estimated PBC TIF Contribution of \$45,652.
- Estimated LCS TIF Contribution of \$59,957.
- Planned expenditures for the Business Incentive Program, updating the codes within the CRA and for park improvements.

ARPA Funds

- No new revenue expected.
- Majority of expenditures will be towards the Lawrence Road widening project.

3. Council Comments

Mayor Rodriguez – did not have any comments at this time.

President Pro Tem Freebold – asked Mr. Clark about the Pine Tree Bridge replacement project. Mr. Clark noted that FDOT wants the bridge to be redesigned. The estimated start date is for April 2023.

Council Member Gonzalez – asked about the projects that had been deferred in the past due to lack of funds. Mr. Clark noted some of the items that were put on hold that will be done this year.

4. Audience Comments

Timothy Daughtry, 1410 Keller Road – discussed the need for the millage rate to be lowered, the employee merit increases, the Town's use of larger vehicles and the higher infrastructure costs.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Shalhoub – thanked Mr. Clark for his work on the budget. He also noted that the Final Budget Hearing date will be held on September 27th at 6:30 PM.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Freebold to adjourn the meeting at 6:51PM, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez; Motion carried (4-0).

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk