

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH  
UTILITY CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 6:03 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

**ROLL CALL:** (0:13) Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Sarah Malega, Commissioners Christopher McVoy, Mimi May and Reinaldo Diaz. Also present were Interim City Manager Jamie Brown, City Attorney Christy L. Goddeau and Deputy City Clerk Shayla Ellis.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** (0:27) was led by Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz.

**AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering:** (0:57)

There were no changes to the agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS:** (there is no public comment on Presentation items) (1:05)

- A. Electric Utility Update by Ed Liberty, Electric Utility Director (01:12)
- B. Water Utility Update by Vaughn Hayduk, Interim Director of Water Utilities (18:12)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:** (28:18)

**CONSENT AGENDA:** (public comment allowed during Public Participation of Non-Agendaed items) (30:48)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Ratify Amendment to Work Order 8 with B&B Underground Construction, Inc. for Gravity Sewer and Storm Pipe Repair on Wright Drive at 6th Avenue South
- B. Utilities Easement between Gulfstream of Lake Worth Condominium Association, Inc. and the City of Lake Worth Beach

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Lease Agreement with Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. (30:58)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve the new Lease Agreement with Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

- B. Amendments to Florida Municipal Solar Project Phase II and III Power Sales Contracts (33:04)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve the proposed Amendments to the Florida Municipal Solar Project Phase II and III Power Sales Contracts.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. CCNA Extension and Second Amendment to Task Order 8 with Craig A. Smith & Associates for Parrot Cove Stormwater Improvements Project Construction Engineering Services (51:15)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the CCNA Extension and Second Amendment to Task Order 8 with Craig A. Smith & Associates for Parrot Cove Stormwater Improvements Project Construction Engineering Services.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

B. Authorize water meter encoders purchase with The Avanti Company for the City's Water Utility Department (51:31)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve purchase of water meter encoders from The Avanti Company in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2025.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

C. Authorize water meter purchase with Utility Solutions & Automations LLC for Badger Meters for the City's Water Utility Department (1:01:45)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve the purchase of water meters from Utility Solutions & Automations LLC in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2025.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

D. Amendment to Agreement with Reinhausen Manufacturing, Inc. to furnish and install Dissolved Gas Monitors for analysis of power transformers cooling oil (1:02:19)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve the Amendment to Agreement for Dissolved Gas Monitors with Reinhausen Manufacturing, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$73,749.78.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

E. Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) to provide Transmission Operations Support for certain limited Transmission Operator Activities (1:02:46)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner May to approve Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) to provide Transmission Operations Support for certain limited Transmission Operator Activities.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

F. Transfer of Rate Stabilization Funds (1:03:08)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve the transfer of \$1,403,278 from the RSF to the Electric Fund.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

**Action:** Consensus to add an item to the September utility meeting for discussion regarding a flat fee for the storm fund added to the monthly bills. (1:17:29)

G. Work Order #9 with Hooper Corp. to provide construction services for the System Hardening and Voltage Conversion of Circuit 0604 from the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S substation (1:27:06)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve Work Order #9 with Hooper Corp. to provide construction services for the Hardening and Voltage Conversion of Circuit 0601 from the 6th Ave S substation at a cost not to exceed \$561,786.27.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

H. Purchase Order to IRBY Utilities for the procurement of three (3) additional GE Reactors for the new 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S substation (1:27:36)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the purchase order to IRBY Utilities for the procurement of 3 GE Reactors for the new 6th Ave. S substation at a cost not to exceed \$69,474.00 including freight charges.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

I. First Amendment to Lease for Staff Office Space and Customer In-Person Service area for Utility Customer Service (1:28:06)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the First Amendment to Lease for Staff Office Space and Customer In-Person Service area for Utility Customer Service.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

**Action:** Motion amended to require the inclusion of a renewal option for the lease. Amended motion withdrawn. (1:39:02)

J. Work Order #10 with Hooper Corp. to provide construction services for the Gulfstream and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South System Hardening and Voltage Conversion Project (1:41:40)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve Work Order #10 with Hooper Corp. to provide construction services for the Gulfstream and 1st Ave. South System Hardening and Voltage Conversion Project at a cost not to exceed \$581,806.00.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.


**ADJOURNMENT:** (1:41:57)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

  
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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: September 24, 2024

Item time stamps correspond to the meeting recording on YouTube.

