

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORK SESSION #2
BY TELECONFERENCE
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 6:04 PM by teleconference at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Pam Triolo; Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso; and Commissioner Herman Robinson. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Ann Coyne. Commissioners Scott Maxwell and Omari Hardy were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Commissioner Herman Robinson.

UPDATES/FUTURE ACTION/DIRECTION:

A. Presentation of Capital Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Budget

Michael Bornstein, City Manager, explained that the Capital Plan portion of the budget would be reviewed and introduced Bruce Miller, Financial Services Director.

Mr. Miller announced that he would review the FY 2020 Multiyear Plan, present FY 2021 projects based on the FY 2020 Multiyear Plan and evaluate FY 2021 funding strategies and budget constraints. He started with the detailed spreadsheet, which depicted each program or project for FYs 20-24. He spoke about the different projects by fund for FY 2020 totaling over \$48 million and how they were funded; not every requested project had been funded and would need to be considered going forward. He reviewed the requested projects for FY 2021, based on the FY 2020 plan and said that an appropriation would be needed to fund the \$40 million in requests. He stated that the strategy was to use the pledged revenue bond and penny sales tax to obtain funding. He said that some projects would create a revenue stream and talked about the projects that were unfunded in FY 2020, totaling \$1.15 million. He explained the funding constraints and that unfunded projects were still viable; \$762,000 of unfunded projects were carried over from the General Fund. He stated that there would be negative operating capital if the projects were funded, which could not happen. He stated that the combined utility projects would be funded by debt and new borrowing. He suggested pursuing grants, but in looking at the materiality of the demands, the balance of the penny sales tax was \$7.3 million with \$6 million earmarked for the pool; there was \$8.6 million in additional needs but the City did not have enough capacity to fund any of the capital items.

City Manager Bornstein said that the budget constraints were understood in the past, but the project details had not been included in the budget. He stated that there was a lot of unmet need in the City that staff had identified. He explained that the City was now putting the information out, which was helping staff develop plans to apply for grants and to prioritize. He said that some projects might be funded by grants and expressed appreciation to Mr. Miller and his staff for putting the detailed information together.
Comments/requests summary:

1. Vice Mayor Amoroso recommended starting a discussion to determine what appropriation the City would request from Tallahassee at the next session. He said that there would be a better chance of obtaining an appropriation if the City brought money to the table.

City Manager Bornstein replied that having a match was a good strategy to get funding from the State and there would be money from the Federal Government that the City

could access. He reported that 11 grant requests would go out to the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Vice Mayor Amoroso stated that the City would have to be specific when asking for CDBG funds and that more could be done through partnerships and thinking outside the box.

2. Mayor Triolo asked what funds from the penny sales tax money was used for IT projects.

City Manager Bornstein replied that the direction from the Commission had been to fund IT security related items from the penny sales tax funds and \$900,000 was reflected in the budget.

3. Commissioner Robinson asked about the interceptor listed in the budget.

City Manager Bornstein replied that it was a vehicle and automatic read system for the parking.

Lauren Bennett, Leisure Services Director, responded that the vehicle would make parking enforcement more efficient and modern; she would send information to the Commissioners.

Vice Mayor Amoroso asked if the vehicle would be used downtown.

Ms. Bennett replied that the vehicle would be used city-wide.

4. Commissioner Robinson inquired if the funding for roofing was to repair leaks and deterioration.

Jamie Brown, Public Works Director, stated that the roofing issues had to be addressed immediately and were way beyond the maintenance schedule.

5. Commissioner Robinson asked when there would be a discussion about a public private partnership for the oceanfront park.

City Manager Bornstein responded that Juan Ruiz, Assistant City Manager, was the lead on the project and along with the consulting firm would bring the RFP discussion back about what parameters would be included this year. He announced that Commissioner Maxwell sent his apologies as he had a conflicting meeting that he was attending.

Ms. Bennett answered that the consultant would do the presentation in August.

6. Mayor Triolo asked when the next budget work session would be held and thanked Mr. Miller and his staff.

Mr. Miller replied that the next budget work session would be on Thursday, July 23 and would get into detail about the FY 2021 operating budgets.

City Manager Bornstein announced the upcoming meetings and said that there was a lot of work being done; he thanked the Commission for helping with the policy meetings and discussions.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.