

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
2ND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUDGET
BY TELECONFERENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 6:00 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, Florida.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Pam Triolo; Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso; and Commissioners Scott Maxwell, Omari Hardy (arrived at 6:05 PM) and Herman Robinson. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein, City Attorney Christy L. Goddeau, and City Clerk Deborah M. Andrea.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Commissioner Herman Robinson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Resolution No. 35-2020 - Second Public Hearing - Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage Rate

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2020 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Mayor Triolo announced that the purpose of the Special Meeting of the City of Lake Worth Beach Commission was to convene the second mandatory public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 millage rate and budget as required by sections 166.241 and 200.065, Florida Statutes. She stated that on July 21, 2020, the City Commission had set a proposed millage rate of 5.4945 mills, which was advertised in the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) notices sent to all property owners. She said that the first public mandatory hearing was held on September 10, 2020, where the City Commission adopted the proposed millage rate of 5.4945 mills for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, a proposed tax increase over the rolled-back rate; adopted a tentative Debt Service Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and a tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. She declared that the second public hearing was advertised in the Palm Beach Post on September 21, 2020, announcing the proposed tax increase over the rolled-back rate and the budget appropriation summary (the City received the proof of publication). She stated that the City's proposed millage rate was 5.4945, which was an 8.27% increase over the rolled-back rate, necessary to fund the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and the ad valorem tax revenues would be increased to cover City operating costs. She announced that first public hearing was regarding the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mayor Triolo opened the public hearing. She asked if there were any public comment cards.

Deborah Andrea, City Clerk. stated that there were no public comments.

Mayor Triolo closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Vice Mayor Amoroso to approve Resolution No. 35-2020 adopting the millage rate of 5.4945 mils for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell and Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Hardy.

B. Resolution No. 36-2020 - Second Public Hearing - Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Debt Service Rate

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2020 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR VOTER APPROVED DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Mayor Triolo announced that the next item was a public hearing to adopt the final debt service rate for FY 2020-2021. She opened the public hearing and asked if there were any public comment cards.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comments.

Mayor Triolo closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve Resolution No. 36-2020 adopting the final debt service millage rate of 1.1100 mils for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell and Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Hardy.

C. Resolution No. 37-2020 - Second Public Hearing - Adopt the fiscal year 2020-2021 City Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2020, A GENERAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, MAKING SEPARATE AND SEVERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ITS NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES, THE USES AND EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Commissioner Hardy arrived at 6:05 PM.

Mayor Triolo announced that the next item was the public hearing to adopt the final budget

for FY 2020-2021. She asked if there were any public comment cards.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comments.

Mayor Triolo closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve Resolution 37-2020 adopting the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell and Robinson. NAYS: Commissioner Hardy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

City Clerk Andrea read the public comments submitted by the following:

Edwin Contreras wrote to request that Commissioner Robinson check his sarcasm at the door, keep control of his emotions, focus on his own efforts, provide backup for items he put on the agenda and practice Roberts Rules of Order. He expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work during difficult times.

Cheryl Leventhal wrote in opposition to the electric rate resolution which included a minimum bill on low usage customers including solar customers.

Joan Brewer wrote requesting a repeal of the minimum bill requirement.

Anna Schafer wrote congratulating the EU on its growth and suggested that the City do something about the EU's bad reputation.

Brian Luongo wrote in opposition to charging net metering customers a minimum bill.

Steve Helsby wrote with objections to the net metering billing policy.

Andrew Mearns wrote to request the elimination of the unfair \$30 monthly extra fee levied against customers with solar panels.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Resolution No. 40-2020 – Establish the FY21 rates, fees and charges for the Water System
- B. Resolution No. 41-2020 – Establish the FY21 rates, fees and charges for the City Sub-Regional Sewer Utility
- C. Resolution No. 42-2020 – Establish the FY21 rates, fees and charges for the Local Sewer System
- D. Resolution No. 43-2020 – Establish the FY21 Electric Utility rates

E. Resolution No. 44-2020 – Establish the FY21 fees and charges for City services

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2020 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING REASONABLE FEES FOR CITY SERVICES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE


F. Adopt the FY21 Position Count

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell, Hardy and Robinson. NAYS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell, Hardy and Robinson. NAYS: None.


Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah M. Andrea, CMC, City Clerk



Minutes Approved: October 6, 2020

A digital audio recording of this meeting will be available in the Office of the City Clerk.