

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
1st PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUDGET
BY TELECONFERENCE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 6:04 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 (arrived at 6:25 PM) and Herman Robinson. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein, City Attorney Christy L. Goddeau, and City Clerk Deborah M. Andrea. Commissioner Omari Hardy was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Commissioner Herman Robinson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Resolution No. 35-2020 - First Public Hearing - Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tentative Millage Rate and set the second public hearing for September 24, 2020

Mayor Triolo announced that the Special Meeting of the City of Lake Worth Beach Commission was the first mandatory public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 proposed millage rate and proposed budget as required by section 200.065, Florida Statutes. She stated that on July 21, 2020, the City Commission had set a proposed millage rate of 5.4945 mils, which was advertised in the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) notices sent to all property owners and the proposed millage rate of 5.4945 mils for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is 8.29% more than the roll-back rate of 5.074 mils. She explained that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the tentative budget and tentative millage rate and to set the second public hearing to adopt the final budget and millage rate for September 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

City Attorney Goddeau read the resolution by title only.

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

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve Resolution No. 35-2020 adopting the tentative millage rate of 5.4945 mils for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and scheduling the second public hearing for September 24, 2020.

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

Edwin Contreras wrote a reminder to Commissioner Hardy to read the backup before giving the dias his thesis on each resolution as too much time had been wasted as of the late.

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

B. Resolution No. 36-2020 - First Public Hearing - Adopt the Debt Service Rate and set the second public hearing for September 24, 2020

City Attorney Goddeau read the resolution by title only.

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

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve Resolution No. 36-2020 adopting the tentative debt service millage rate of 1.1100 mils for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and scheduling the second public hearing for September 24, 2020.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comments.

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

C. Resolution No. 37-2020 - First Public Hearing - Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed City Budget and set the second public hearing for September 24, 2020

City Attorney Goddeau read the resolution by title only.

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

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve Resolution 37-2020 adopting the proposed operating budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and scheduling the second public hearing for September 24, 2020.

Comments/request summary:

1. Commissioner Robinson said that he looked forward to a discussion about paying a living wage to City employees of at least \$15 per hour.
2. Vice Mayor Amoroso commented that he had spoken with staff regarding raising the hourly wage to \$15, but the union would not allow individual raises; there had to be raises across the board.

City Manager Bornstein stated that he could provide a report regarding employees making less than \$15 an hour.

Commissioner Robinson suggested that the unions participate in the conversation and take responsibility for not allowing raises.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comments.

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

D. Resolution No. 38-2020 - establish the Solid Waste Annual Assessment for Residential Refuse Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

City Attorney Goddeau read the resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2020 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA; IMPOSING SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; CONFIRMING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM COLLECTION METHOD AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve Resolution No. 38-2020 - establishing the Solid Waste Annual Assessment for Residential Refuse Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

City Attorney Goddeau explained that the agenda memo tried to explain the assessment because the letter that was sent to residents contained statutory language and was difficult to understand. She clarified that the increase for the year would be \$11.68 and was the first increase since 2009.

Comments/requests summary:

1. Commissioner Robinson thanked City Attorney Goddeau for reading the backup.

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

Emmanuel Marcos, Managing member of Marcos Management LLC, wrote in opposition to the assessment increase.

Miguel Robles wrote in opposition to the assessment increase.

Linda Weitzman, Member-manager of Liny Leeds LLC, wrote in opposition to the assessment increase.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution No. 39-2020 - establish the Stormwater Annual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

City Attorney Goddeau did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2020 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA; IMPOSING STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; CONFIRMING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM COLLECTION METHOD AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve Resolution No. 39-2020 - establishing the Stormwater Annual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

City Clerk Andrea announced that there were no public comment cards.

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

B. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2021 Administrative Charge for Services

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020 Administrative Charge for Services, subject to final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Operating Budget on September 24, 2020.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comments.

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

C. Adopt the Fiscal Year Contribution from Enterprise Operations

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Contributions from Enterprise Operations, subject to final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Operating Budget on September 24, 2020.

Comments/requests summary:

1. Commissioner Robinson asked for clarification of the item for the public.

City Manager Bornstein stated that the Enterprise Funds were the City-owned businesses such as the Electric Utility, Water Utility, etc. He explained that the City received profits back, which were deposited into the General Fund to help subsidize the budget.

Commissioner Robinson said that the Enterprise Funds showed how important the Electric Utility was to the City.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comments.

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


ADJOURNMENT:

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM.

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


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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.