

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 - 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 Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Pam Triolo; Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso; and Commissioners Scott Maxwell, Carla Blockson and Herman Robinson. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein, City Attorney Christy L. Goddeau and City Clerk Deborah M. Andrea.

INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE: led by Mayor Pam Triolo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Commissioner Scott Maxwell.

AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering:

Item L, Professional Services Agreement (Special Magistrate Services) with Myrnabelle Roche, of MRN Law, P.A., was added to the Consent Agenda.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Vice Mayor Amoroso to approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

A. Presentation by Dr. Elvis Epps, Principal of Lake Worth High School (LWHS)
Dr. Epps gave the history of Lake Worth High School and stated that they would be celebrating their Centennial next year. spoke about Community Outreach Projects that included the Annual Toy Drive, the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway, Middle School Band Camps and AFROTC Performances. He announced that Christopher Cain was Teacher of the Year, Tracy Bailey was Assistant Principal of the Year, Stephanie Burch was Support Person of the Year, Chief Derek Townsend was AFROTC Outstanding Instructor of the Year, Dr. Tiffany Cox was selected as a 2020 Yamaha 40 Under 40 leader in music, the AFROTC Unit was rated superior in the Top 5% of all units in the U.S. and the Basketball team were District Champions. He discussed the school's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and how to meet the needs of all students. He reported about the COVID-19 protocols and safety plan, stating that District and Federal Guidelines were in place. He iterated that the school would work hard to get through the pandemic; some teachers were working remotely, but all were working to ensure that students would not fall behind.

Vice Mayor Amoroso expressed gratitude that Dr. Epps was addressing mental illness and asked about the homeless numbers, how the school's food pantry was doing and if the needed repairs were being completed.

Dr. Epps replied that the homeless numbers had increased and they were working to solve the problem with community agencies. He said that the food pantry was good but they would need help and the repair work had been completed.

Commissioner Robinson stated that Dr. Epps' leadership was inspiring and he enjoyed hearing talk about expectation. He opined that responses to challenges set the City apart and he looked forward to celebrating Homecoming.

Dr. Epps stated that the Centennial celebration should be big, for more than one day.

Mayor Triolo suggested going from the high school to Bryant Park at night so that the community could celebrate.

Dr. Epps responded that the celebration would be big and that Dr. Annette Gilbert, a LWSH graduate from the 1970s would be chairing the event in conjunction with the alumni association. He said that planning had begun two years earlier and hoped that the pandemic would be over. He donated a book about the history of the HS to the City.

Commissioner Blockson inquired about the number of students who had contracted COVID and how many received Fs.

Dr. Epps answered that there had only been about four or five students of the 600 on campus. He stated that there was a dashboard with data on the school district's website. He said that between 300 and 400 had received Fs, but many had asked for a chance to make up or redo the work; many had been rolled into a course recovery.

Mayor Triolo expressed pride and awe in the work being done and that good strides would be made through future actions and what had been discussed.

Dr. Epps stated that community professionals had been invited to read to students and to speak to students about entrepreneurship virtually. He thanked Mayor Triolo for volunteering to be a part of their SAC.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Robinson: wished Lee Antieu good health on her 102nd birthday. He expressed appreciation to Leisure Services for their efforts to maintain normalcy and that a lot of kids had attended the Luau. He announced that there was still space for artwork on the Unity Wall and thanked the neighborhoods for giving the candidates an opportunity to meet the people. He reported that PBSO's meeting at the Osborne Community Center went well and the applications for the Charter Review Committee had been slow and choices should be made after the election. He said that COVID was still dangerous and precautions should be taken.

Vice Mayor Amoroso: said that it was great to see Barbara Cheives and her staff and Capt. Baer and his staff at the Forum for Policing in PBC. He reported that he had attended Zoom meetings for the National League of Cities and the Sober Homes Task Force and would attend the PBC League of Cities meeting. He thanked Leisure Services for their hard work and for thinking outside the box to come up with fun events for the community. He expressed appreciation to Emeric Jeancombe and his staff and the parking department for helping with food distribution every Tuesday; distribution would continue as long as there was a need.

Commissioner Blockson: said that she had attended the Forum on Policing and had concern about having more police presence because of the grant; Capt. Baer was looking into having a police substation in District 1. She said that the community should know that the police were coming with programs to help the young people and a substation would increase the relationship between the police and the community.

Commissioner Maxwell: expressed concern about the vaccine roll out because he saw mass vaccination programs in other counties but LWB did not have anything. He asked if there was an issue in the county. He stated that he had called the County Commissioners but had not received any feedback and expressed increasing concern in being able to work with the county and the City was not receiving enough focus.

City Manager Bornstein replied that the county was not moving towards having points of vaccination in locations such as Lake Worth Towers, but were focused on larger sites as they did with testing, plus Governor DeSantis is doing the roll out in another level with Publix. He said that the county was ramping up vaccination locations in as many places as possible and the City was working with Fire Rescue to try to facilitate giving vaccines in places such as the Towers.

Mayor Triolo stated that she had spoken with some County Commissioners and because of how LWB organized the testing sites, the City would be second to get vaccines to distribute locally when the vaccines became available. She said that the discussion should be brought back as an agenda item.

Mayor Triolo: announced that LWB had earned recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation as a 2020 Tree City USA for making the planting and care of trees a priority. She thanked everyone who attended the Family Date Night at Bryant Park, which was a lot of fun and Leisure Services for thinking outside the box to bring events in an unusual time. She announced that the Street Painting Festival would be virtual with photographs shared via social media and the City had received a commendation from the U.S. Census for participation in the Partnership Program. She thanked Jessica Savidge, Ben Kerr and all City staff who had worked tirelessly on the effort. She said that the City had been through a lot, but was working together and wished everyone a happy Black History Month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Deborah Andrea, City Clerk, said that there was one public comment via Zoom:

Cliff Kohlmeyer said that Dr. Epps was a good example of public service, gave kudos to Tree Board Chair Richard Stowe for his award from the Arbor Day Foundation and thanked Commissioner Robinson for suggesting that the CRA incorporate the building on M Street into a new development and inviting public participation in the planning process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Blockson to approve the following minutes:

A. Regular Meeting – February 2, 2021

Action: Superseding Motion made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Blockson to revise the Minutes to reflect that Commissioner Robinson did not meet with any developers about the northwest ballfields and incorporate that there was a chosen developer by the CRA for the L and M Street project.

Commissioner Blockson stated that Commissioner Robinson should be able to add his interpretation to the minutes.

Mayor Triolo said that she had no objections as long as Commissioner Robinson was not suggesting that there was a project that had already been vetted.

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

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

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

- A. Interlocal Agreement with Solid Waste Authority (SWA)
- B. Authorization to increase the existing Purchase Order with Rehrig Pacific Co. for the procurement of Garbage Carts
- C. Authorization of Purchase Order for Quicklime from LHoist North America of Alabama, LLC, for the Water Treatment Plant
- D. Work Order #1 and First Amendment with B&B Underground Construction, Inc. for 6th Avenue South emergency manhole repairs
- E. Change Order #1 with Foster Marine Contractors, Inc. for District 3, Year 3 outfall project
- F. Resolution No. 03-2021 – Documenting the levy of municipal special assessment liens for unpaid lot clearing charges
- G. Resolution No. 04-2021 - Public Hearing - Approve a Historic Preservation Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for the property located at 322 South L Street.
- H. Resolution No. 05-2021 - Public Hearing - Approve a Historic Preservation Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for the property located at 407 South Lakeside Drive.
- I. Proclamation declaring February 26-28, 2021 as National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- J. Proclamation for 211 Awareness Week and 50th Anniversary
- K. Agreement to extend the deadlines referenced in the “Mediation Settlement Agreement” relating to the development of properties located at and 7 North B Street, 15 N B Street and 1602 Lake Avenue (hereinafter “Project Properties”)
- L. (added) Professional services agreement (special magistrate services) with Mrynabelle Roche, of MRN Law, P.A

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance No. 2020-20 – Second Reading – amending Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations” regarding changes to temporary uses, home occupations and several minor modifications related to development standards for parking and accessory dwelling units, and maintenance easements on zero lot line properties

City Attorney Goddeau read the ordinance by title only.

ORDINANCE 2020-20 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18 “UTILITIES,” ARTICLE 7 “STORMWATER UTILITY”, SECTION 18-103. – “ON SITE DRAINAGE” BY REQUIRING MAINTENANCE EASEMENTS FOR ZERO LOT LINE LOTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 23.2-37. – “TEMPORARY USE PERMIT” TO CREATE AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR TEMPORARY USES; AMENDING ARTICLE 3 “ZONING DISTRICTS,” DIVISION 1 “GENERALLY,” SECTION 23.3-6 “USE TABLES” TO ESTABLISH TEMPORARY USES PERMITTED BY ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING ARTICLE 4, “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS,” SECTION. 23.4-1. – “SECONDARY (ACCESSORY) DWELLING UNITS,” SECTION 23.4-6. – “HOME OCCUPATIONS,” SECTION 23.4-10. – “OFF-STREET PARKING” TO CLARIFY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS RELATED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND PARKING AS WELL AS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR HOME OCCUPATION USES IN MIXED USE DISTRICTS, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 23.4-22 – “TEMPORARY USES” TO ESTABLISH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW STANDARDS FOR TEMPORARY USES; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 “SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS” SECTION 23.5-7. – “CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITY CAPACITY?” TO REQUIRE MAINTENANCE EASEMENTS ON ZERO LOT LINE LOTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Vice Mayor Amoroso to approve Ordinance No. 2020-20.

Mayor Triolo iterated that the ordinance was having the second reading and any mention of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) referred to existing units or those in mixed use areas.

William Waters, Community Sustainability Director, confirmed that the ADU regulations were only for those already allowed, it did not expand the allowable areas.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comments.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no Unfinished Business items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no New Business items on the agenda.

LAKE WORTH BEACH ELECTRIC UTILITY

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Work Order No. 1 with Hooper Corp. for construction services for electric distribution System Hardening and Reliability Improvements
- 2) Ratification of Capital Project and Emergency Purchase Order(s) for the replacement of the Power Plant Unit GT2/S5 138kV underground cable

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

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Goddeau did not provide a report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Bornstein did not provide a report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Blockson to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

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


Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah M. Andrea, CMC, City Clerk



Minutes Approved: March 2, 2021