

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION – ARPA
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 5:13 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: (1:27) Present were Mayor Betty Resch; Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy and Commissioners Sarah Malega, Kimberly Stokes, and Reinaldo Diaz. Also present were City Manager Carmen Davis and Deputy City Clerk Shayla Ellis.

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led by Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz.

UPDATES / FUTURE ACTION / DIRECTION:

A. Discussion regarding ARPA funds (2:44)

Action: Consensus to distribute ARPA funds for the following allocations:

- \$ 1,050,000 designated to the reconstruction of the city pool
- \$ 4,000,000 designated for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system for the City
- \$ 75,000 for Exterior Paint & Waterproofing of City Hall
- \$ 60,000 for Exterior Paint & Waterproofing for Fire Station # 1
- \$ 120,000 to complete installation of hurricane impact windows for the Library
- \$ 150,000 for replacement of South Bryant Park playground equipment
- \$ 62,000 for Bryant Park Jetty – Engineering & Design
- \$ 50,000 Casino Elevator upgrades
- \$ 1,050,000 to match awarded grants for slated stormwater upgrades
- \$ 1,000,000 for fuel tank replacement
- \$ 1,000,000 additional to the funds slated for roadway & road repair
- \$ 2,000,000 for necessary improvements at City Hall Annex
- \$ 140,000 for roof replacement at Wingfield Gym
- \$ 2,500,000 for affordable housing program
- \$ 150,000 for mobility plan

Action: Consensus to review use and total cost request of \$ 656, 611 for improvements at the NW ball field at a later date. (1:25:20)

Action: Consensus to schedule future work session regarding small businesses within city. (1:57:30)

Action: Consensus to schedule future meeting regarding homelessness. (2:17:17)

Action: Consensus to look in to providing additional access to broadband internet for City. (2:44:10)

ADJOURNMENT: (02:54:57)

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: September 6, 2022

Item time stamps refer to the recording of the meeting which is available on YouTube.

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Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)



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American Rescue Plan Act

- Drafted by Congress and the President of the United States
- Signed into law on March, 11, 2021
- The primary purpose is to combat the negative economic effects brought on by the Coronavirus Health Emergency



SLFRF is part of The American Rescue Plan Act

- \$350 Billion was allocated to state, local & tribal governments.
- The primary focus of the funding was, is, to help speed up the recovery from setbacks caused by the Coronavirus Health Emergency.



State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

- The State of Florida received \$10.23 billion dollars.
- Funds were distributed to counties, large cities & municipalities.
- The City of Lake Worth Beach received \$19,295,888 in relief funding
- The money was dispersed in 2 tranches of \$9,647,944
- The first tranche was received in September of 2021
- The second tranche was received in August of 2022



Recipient Responsibilities:

- The City of Lake Worth Beach has a great deal of latitude with regard to allocating funding in ways that best suit the needs of its constituents.
- The four primary categories are:
 - Lost Public Sector Revenue.
 - Public Health & Economic Impacts.
 - Premium Pay
 - Water, Sewer & Broadband Infrastructure



Lost Public Sector Revenue

- SLFRF Final Rule offered a \$10 million allowance for Public Sector Revenue Loss.
- Government services are typically classified as:
 - Public Safety & Health
 - Educational Services
- The Standard allowance affords the recipient the convenience of streamline reporting



Public Health Emergency

- SLFRF money can be allocated to assist with Public Health & Negative Economic Impacts caused by COVID-19. Eligible costs are:
 - Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance
 - Healthcare & related services
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Mitigation & Prevention of COVID-19
 - Behavioral Health



Premium Pay

- SLFRF may be used to provide premium pay to essential workers.
- Pay may be awarded up to \$13.00 per hour
- Premium pay may not exceed \$25,000 for any single worker
- Eligible workers are those needed to maintain continuity of essential operations
- Premium pay may be awarded in a lump sum or installments



Water, Sewer & Broadband Infrastructure

- SLFRF money may be used to invest in updating sewer & water infrastructure such as:
 - Publicly owned treatment works
 - Decentralized wastewater treatment
 - Management of storm water drainage
 - Facilities to improve drinking water
 - Drinking water storage
 - Water testing initiatives
 - Rainwater harvesting



Broadband

SLFRF money may be spent to make investments into community broadband infrastructure to aid in the following areas:

- Work
- Education
- Healthcare
- Civic participation during a public emergency

Reason to initiate Broadband Improvements

- Lack of access to a reliable high-speed broadband connection
- Lack of affordable Broadband
- Lack of reliable service
- Investment in Fiber-optic infrastructure
- Effective last mile connections



Capital Expenditures

- Recipients of SLFRF money may fund capital expenditures that respond to the public health and negative impacts of COVID-19
- Funds may be used for the following:
 - Healthcare facilities – especially those designed to combat Covid-19
 - Mental Health Centers
 - Schools
 - Recreation & Leisure facilities in impacted or disproportionately impacted areas.



Capital Expenditures

- SLFRF money relating to capital expenditures may not be used for the following:
 - Construction of new correctional facilities
 - Construction of new congregate housing
 - Construction of convention centers, Stadiums, or other large capital projects intended for general economic development or aid to impacted industries



ELIGIBILITY TIMELINE

- SLFRF funding must only be used to cover costs that were incurred during the Period of Performance beginning March 3, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024
- Funds must be Obligated by December 31, 2024
- Funds must be Expended by December 31, 2026
- Any funds not obligated by December 31, 2024 must be returned to the Treasury Department.
- Obligated Funds not spent by December 31, 2026 must be returned to the Treasury Department



RESTRICTIONS ON SLFRF USAGE

- SLFRF money is not permitted to be deposited into a pension fund
- SLFRF money may not be used to offset a reduction in tax revenue
- SLFRF money may not be used for debt service or to replenish financial reserves
- SLFRF money is not to be used to satisfy a settlement or judgement



Project Demographic Distribution

- Qualifies Census Tracts afford greater flexibility of spending is encouraged in QCT'S. Spending on projects such as:
 - Housing Investments
 - Homeless Services
 - Addressing Educational Disparities
 - Providing childcare
 - Child welfare support

***Covid-19 impacts are presumed to be greater in QCT's**



City of Lake Worth Beach

- ARPA / SLFRF Award:
 - Total Award: \$19,295,888
 - Payment received in two Tranches:
 - Tranche #1 – September 2021
 - Tranche #2 – August 2022
 - Tranche payments: \$9,647,944



SLFRF Expended Funds

- Lake Worth Beach City Commission allocated a **one time Premium Pay benefit** to essential city employees
- The commission had originally obligated \$1,060,000 based on a total of 360 employees.
- The actual number of employees paid this one time benefit was 337
- The total amount paid to satisfy this obligation was \$874,800.00



SLFRF Expended Funds

- The Lake Worth Beach City Commission approved allocation of fund to The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County.
- The aid was dispatched to assist with individuals that were have difficulty make rent, or mortgage, payments as a result of shut downs caused by the covid-19 Health Emergency. The goal is, was, to stave off eviction.
- The amount of funding obligated was, is, \$50,000
- To date \$12,650.00 has been authorized and distributed to those in need.



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