

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
APRIL 15, 2014 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 6:01 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, Florida.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Pam Triolo; Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell; and Commissioners Christopher McVoy, Andy Amoroso, and John Szerdi. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein, City Attorney Glen Torcivia, and City Clerk Pamela Lopez.

2. INVOCATION:

The invocation was offered by Pastor Petri Kosenen of All Nations Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Christopher McVoy.

4. AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering:

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to waive the rules to:

- Reorder Consent Agenda, Item B to New Business as Item J;
- Reorder New Business, Item I to New Business as Item A;
- Reorder New Business Items A-H to B-I; and
- Approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Proclamation recognizing April 2014 as National Autism Month

Mayor Triolo read a proclamation declaring April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month.

B. Update provided by the Royal Poinciana Neighborhood Association

Sarah Park, representing the neighborhood association, provided an update on the Royal Poinciana Neighborhood Association's activities.

C. Breaking the Cycle of Gang Recruitment video

Rebecca Hinson, South Grade Elementary School, explained that the Breaking the Cycle of Gang Recruitment video was a Palm Beach Sheriff Office at-risk program for a selected group of South Grade Elementary School fifth graders. She thanked the Palm Beach Sheriff Deputies for their work in gang prevention.

D. Recommendation by the Tree Board to replace a tree in the Cultural Plaza

Richard Stowe, Chairperson, said that on November 20, 2013, the City Tree Board members unanimously recommended the Ficus Tree, which was removed from the south side of the Cultural Plaza on December 27, 2012, be replaced with a Green Buttonwood.

6. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Szerdi: announced the August 19, 2014, Easter Egg Hunt Parade would begin at the Gulfstream Hotel; said he attended the Neighborhood Association Presidents' Council meeting and that the members were getting organized for the July 4th Raft Race; commented that The Cottage Group members were meeting regularly and working on a coffee table book; and said he attended the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council meeting and there was discussion about intermodal transportation.

Commissioner Amoroso: announced the need for more volunteers to work during the Easter Egg Hunt event on April 19, 2014; announced both Earth Day and dedication of the KaBOOM! Playground equipment were on April 26, 2014; and said the Derby Day event was coming up soon.

Commissioner McVoy: announced his attendance at the American Legion Post dinner to honor World War II and Korean War veterans on April 13, 2014; announced that he would be participating on a climate change and sea level rise panel as part of Earth Day on April 19-20, 2014; and said a report was released about worldwide governments not doing enough to stop the risk of climate change and sea level rise, the report stated that an intensive push was needed over the next 50 years, and that governments needed to put their energy towards renewable energy and less on fossil fuel. He said he would look at the improvements being proposed in the Lake Worth 2020 projects to be conscience of making changes to climate control and sea level rise.

Vice Mayor Maxwell: asked when staff would be presenting their Code Enforcement education program to neighborhood associations.

Mayor Triolo: said she would be attending a Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting next week and that there would be discussion about the railroad crossing quiet zone, thanked everyone who volunteered to work on the Easter Egg Hunt and helping with children, announced that two properties were demolished at a cost of \$7,000 each, the cost was paid with Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 funds, and the demolition was part of the City's program to remove derelict properties.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:

The following individual spoke on issues written on her comment card.

Teresa Wallis said she had a dispute with the Utilities Department because she received a bill with a payable due date of April 21, 2014; however, on April 8, 2014, her water was turned off. She said she always paid her bills on time and asked why her water was turned off.

The following individuals spoke on various issues; however, they did not write anything on their comment cards: Wes Blackman, Loretta Sharpe, and Teresa Miller.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Szerdi and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve the following minutes as submitted:

A. City Commission Special Meeting – March 25, 2014

B. City Commission Meeting – April 1, 2014

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. Resolution No. 15-2014 – support the regulation of recovery residents or sober houses

City Attorney Torcivia did not read the following resolution by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2014 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT AND GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES OR "SOBER

HOUSES" IN THE FORM OF STATEWIDE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- B. (Reordered to New Business as Item J) Resolution No. 16-2014 – support the County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s effort to secure Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds**
- C. Resolution No. 17-2014 – amendment number 1 to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 State Aid to Libraries Grant agreement**

City Attorney Torcivia did not read the following resolution by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2014 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT 14-ST-60 BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- D. Resolution No. 18-2014 – submit grant application to the County Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 2014 Cycle Transportation Alternatives grant program**

City Attorney Torcivia did not read the following resolution by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2014 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$750,000 UNDER THE 2014 CYCLE OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT “A” STREET AND LAKE AND LUCERNE AVENUES FOR IMPROVED SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- E. Authorize use of \$1,375 in Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the County PAL to use for the Lake Worth Safety Patrol picnic**

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance No. 2014-10 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – amend beach parking regulations**

City Attorney Torcivia read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION; ARTICLE II, BEACH PARKING; SECTIONS 7-17 AND 7-21, TO REVISE SAID SECTIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SEASONAL RESIDENT PARKING DECALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to approve Ordinance No. 2014-10 on second reading.

Request/comment summary:

1. Commissioner Amoroso commented that staff would be instructed to allow more than one motorcycle or scooter to park in each decal parking space and motorcycle/scooter decals would be smaller in size than vehicles.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment.

Catherine McCarthy said she did not receive a homestead exemption on her property, had purchased beach decals for the past three years, was told she could not purchase a decal this year, and 50 decal parking spaces was not a lot of spaces.

Loretta Sharpe said she supported the ordinance; asked if staff knew how long tenants lived in the City after they purchased a beach parking decal; and asked what happened when tenants moved away from the City, but still had a decal on their vehicle.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

B. Ordinance No. 2014-11 – Second Reading and Public Hearing – amend Bryant Park boat ramp parking

City Attorney Torcivia read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-11 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION; ARTICLE V, "BOAT RAMP PARKING"; SECTION 7-54, "BOAT RAMP PARKING" TO ALLOW FOR THE LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR TO PROMULGATE RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING BOAT RAMP PARKING PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action Motion made by Commissioner Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to approve Ordinance No. 2014-11 on second reading.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no Unfinished Business items on the agenda.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. (Reordered from New Business, Item I to New Business as Item A) Agreement with Alcalde & Fay, LTD for federal government relations and comprehensive grant services

Attorney L.A. "Skip" Bafalis announced Alcalde & Fay's local government clients and said the firm was bi-partisan.

Attorney Jim Davenport said Alcalde & Fay would meet with each of the elected officials and staff in order to develop a comprehensive plan for seeking federal grant funding. He explained the services they would offer to help the City pursue federal grants.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Szerdi and seconded by Commissioner Amoroso to approve an agreement with Alcalde & Fay, LTD for federal government relations and comprehensive grant services.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment.

Loretta Sharpe said she would be proud of the elected officials if they hired Alcalde & Fay because they could arrange meetings between the Commission and various managers in Washington, DC.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

Mayor Triolo recessed the meeting at 7:44 PM and reconvened at 8:02 PM.

B. (formerly New Business, Item A) Resolution No. 19-2014 – amend the Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Fee Schedule to include several beach and boat ramp parking, pool, and ballroom fees

City Attorney Torcivia did not read the following resolution by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2014 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE ANNUAL BOAT TRAILER PARKING PERMITS AND BEACH PARKING DECALS AND UPDATING THE FEES FOR THE LAKE WORTH POOL AND CASINO BALLROOM; AMENDING RESOLUTION NOS. 41-2013, 61-2013, 68-2013, 05-2014 AND 09-2014; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Juan Ruiz, Leisure Services Director, explained that the resolution provided for the establishment of an annual boat trailer parking permit fee for County residents and commercial parking at the Bryant Park Boat Ramp, updated the Lake Worth pool fee schedule, provided for year round and seasonal resident beach parking decal fees, and updated the Casino Ballroom fees.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to approve Resolution No. 19-2014.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment.

Mayor Triolo read the comment written by Steve Sprague. Mr. Sprague wrote that he was co-owner of Tuppens Marine & Tackle [that was] in Lake Worth since 1956. [He wrote that Tuppens] strongly felt that it was important for boaters of Lake Worth to be able to use the City boat ramp without the daily fees. Boating was a good healthy family activity and Lake Worth had no in/out storage facility or any docks available. Therefore, use of the boat ramp was very important. Tuppens Marine & Tackle employed 29 people, and [they] worked hard to promote the City and its waterfront. Boaters were good for [the City's] economy. A small annual permit [fee] for residents and businesses would be acceptable. [He wrote asking to] please keep them in mind when deciding the future of boaters in Lake Worth.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: Vice Mayor Maxwell.

- C. (formerly New Business, Item B) Ordinance No. 2014-12 – First Reading – amend Chronic Nuisance Property Code related to exemptions from chronic nuisance activities and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014**

City Attorney Torcivia read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE XIX "CHRONIC NUISANCE PROPERTY CODE", DIVISION 1 "CHRONIC NUISANCE SERVICES", SECTION 2-201 "PATTERN OF NUISANCE ACTIVITY", TO MODIFY THE EXEMPTIONS OF NUISANCE ACTIVITY; AMENDING SECTION 2-208, "METHOD OF NOTICE; CONSTRUCTION", TO MODIFY

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Amoroso and seconded by Vice Mayor Maxwell to approve Ordinance No. 2014-12 on first reading and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014.

William Waters, Community Sustainability Director, explained that the ordinance provided for additional triggering calls for service, shared responsibilities between the City Attorney's Office and Code Compliance Division, clarified the 12-month jurisdiction of the special magistrate over a property, changed the types of abatement activity to be considered in an action plan, automatically scheduled a hearing as part of a notice of violation, clarified how costs were determined and assessed, and removed the delinquent payment process.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment.

Loretta Sharpe said there had been problems with a building owner for over 25 years, violations were still going on because the building owner could not make any money on their tenants, they had a dumpster along Federal Highway, and asked the City to remove the dumpster.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

D. (formerly New Business, Item C) Ordinance No. 2014-13 – First Reading – amend Chronic Nuisance Property Code related to special assessments and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014

City Attorney Torcivia read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE XIX "CHRONIC NUISANCE PROPERTY CODE", DIVISION 2 "LEVY AND COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS", SECTION 2-221 "UNPAID CHRONIC NUISANCE SERVICE COSTS; NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT" TO DEFINE THE TERM "CHRONIC NUISANCE SERVICES COSTS"; PROVIDING LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ABATEMENT SERVICES AS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Amoroso to approve Ordinance No. 2014-13 on first reading and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

E. (formerly New Business, Item D) Ordinance No. 2014-14 – First Reading – amend Buildings and Structural Regulations and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014

City Attorney Torcivia read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-14 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 "BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURAL REGULATIONS", ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL", SUBSECTION 9-2.2(G) TO CLARIFY THE TIMELINE FOR A REQUEST FOR HEARING; AMENDING SUBSECTION 9-2.2(H) TO CLARIFY THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IN A NOTICE OF VIOLATION; AMENDING SUBSECTION 9-2.2(I) TO ALLOW FOR DIFFERENT FORMS OF NOTICE TO RUN CONCURRENTLY AND TO INCLUDE A TIME LIMITATION ON THE RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED MAIL; AMENDING SUBSECTION 9-2.2(P) TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAILING OF THE INVOICE OF COSTS BY REGULAR MAIL; AMENDING SUBSECTION 9-2.2(Q) TO CLARIFY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Amoroso to approve Ordinance No. 2014-14 on first reading and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

F. (formerly New Business, Item E) Ordinance No. 2014-15 – First Reading – amend definition of appraised value and clarify methods of sale and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014

City Attorney Torcivia read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-15 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 GENERAL, SECTION 2-1 "SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY" TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF APPRAISED VALUE AND CLARIFY THE METHODS OF SALE; PROVIDING FOR

SEVERABILITY, THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION,
AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to approve Ordinance No. 2014-15 on first reading and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

William Waters, Community Sustainability Director, explained that the ordinance amended the definition of appraised value and provided clarification regarding the methods of sale of City surplus real property.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

G. (formerly New Business, Item F) Ordinance No. 2014-16 – First Reading – amend the foreclosure registry program and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014

City Attorney Torcivia read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-16 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE VII "ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE, SECTION 2-75.11 "FORECLOSURE REGISTRATION PROGRAM" TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES NOT IN FORECLOSURE; TO AMEND AND ADD DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEE FOR REGISTRATION SHALL BE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION; TO ALLOW BOARDING UP OF VACANT PROPERTIES AS A MEANS OF SECURITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to approve Ordinance No. 2014-16 on first reading and schedule the public hearing date for May 6, 2014.

William Waters, Community Sustainability Director, explained that the ordinance would require vacant and unimproved properties, not in foreclosure, to be registered; amended and added definitions; and allowed for the boarding up of properties as a means of security.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

H. (formerly New Business, Item G) Contract and agreement with two companies to construct Potable Well 16 located at 1900 2nd Avenue North

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to approve a contract with Florida Design Drilling Corp. at a cost not to exceed \$494,949; and the construction services/engineering contract with Mock Roos and Associates at a price not to exceed \$57,550.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Monica Morandi, Engineer, explained that staff had observed an increase in chloride levels in the Surficial Aquifer monitoring well network since 2000. As part of the requirements of a new South Florida Water Management District Water Use permit, the City must construct three new surficial wells to the west and north of the existing wellfield and abandon six existing facilities in the eastern portion of the surficial wellfield in a phased program extending through 2015.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

I. (formerly New Business, Item H) Contract and agreement with two companies to construct the Raw Watermain for Potable Well 16

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Vice Mayor Maxwell to approve a contract with B&B Underground, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$569,445; and the construction services/engineering agreement with Mock Roos and Associates at a price not to exceed \$54,900.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

J. (formerly Consent Agenda, Item B) Resolution No. 16-2014 – support the County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s effort to secure Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds

City Attorney Torcivia did not read the following resolution by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2014 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF THE PALM BEACH AND BROWARD COUNTIES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS TO SECURE A TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) GRANT FOR QUIET ZONE AND OTHER SAFETY IMPROVEMENT IN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Maxwell said there was an initiative to construct a high speed railway between Miami and Orlando, which would impact Lake Worth because of the additional train trips. The initiative was called All Aboard Florida. He said he was concerned about the quality of residents' life and supported the construction of quiet zones. He advised that, contractually, cities were required to improve and pay for railroad crossings that would benefit the railroad. The initiative would result in a second railway line being constructed; however, All Aboard Florida did not have a broad base support and he said he was concerned that freight trains would use the second railway. He asked that the resolution be amended to delete several whereas clauses which support the All Aboard Florida initiative.

Request/comment summary:

1. Commissioner Szerdi commented that he would be meeting with lobbyist from All Aboard Florida this week and suggested staff amend the resolution to strike reference to supporting All Aboard Florida. He said there was no movement to create an east/west transportation connectivity.
2. Commissioner McVoy said he supported a high speed passenger railroad and supported the All Aboard Florida initiative. He did not support amending the resolution.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding using support for the All Aboard Florida initiative as leverage in order to create an east/west transportation connectivity.

Request/comment summary:

3. City Attorney Torcivia summarized that three whereas clauses in support of All Aboard Florida would be deleted, and language added to support an east/west connectivity with the tri-rail.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Szerdi and seconded by Vice Mayor Maxwell to amend Resolution No. 16-2014 to delete language in support of All Aboard Florida; add language to support an east/west connectivity with the tri-rail; and approve amended Resolution No. 16-2014.

Mayor Triolo announced that it was time for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

City Clerk Lopez announced that Broward and Palm Beach Counties would be filing a joint application for TIGER funds. Palm Beach County asked for a signed letter of support from the Commission, which would be included in the grant application.

13. LAKE WORTH ELECTRIC UTILITY:

A. PRESENTATION:

1) Update on the electric utility system

No update was provided.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no Lake Worth Electric Utility Consent Agenda items on the agenda.

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Lake Worth Electric Utility Public Hearing items on the agenda.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

There were no Lake Worth New Business items on the agenda.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Torcivia announced his desire for advice concerning pending litigations in the case City of Lake Worth versus Charlotte Taylor, five Charlotte Taylor versus City of Lake Worth cases, and the case of Charlotte Taylor versus Greenpoint Mortgage Corp. during a closed door attorney/client session at 4:00 PM on April 22, 2014.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

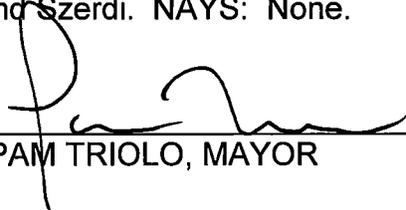
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City Manager Bornstein did not provide a report.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Amoroso and seconded by Vice Mayor Maxwell to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo; Vice Mayor Maxwell; and Commissioners McVoy, Amoroso, and Szerdi. NAYS: None.


PAM TRIOLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAMELA J. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK



Minutes Approved: May 6, 2014

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