

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAKE WORTH  
CITY COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 22, 2014 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 6:03 PM in the City Commission Chamber, located at 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 and Records and Information Manager Deborah Andrea.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Andy Amoroso.

**3. UPDATES/FUTURE ACTION/DIRECTION:**

**A. Lake Worth 2020 discussion**

Jamie Brown, Public Services Director, provided a recap of the proposed projects and funding sources, which included a General Obligation Bond (GOB), City reserve funds, and grants.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding roadways, neighborhood enhancements, cost estimates based on each roadway block per year, and if the City should hire contract employees or new City staff.

City Manager Bornstein discussed in detail the pros and cons of hiring contract employees versus hiring City staff. He recommended the City hire contract employees because they would not be permanent employees and the high-level staff members hired would be "at will" employees. He said the current staffing level could not do the work.

**Request/comment summary**

1. Vice Mayor Maxwell asked if contract employees would be paid from GOB money.

City Manager Bornstein replied that newly hired City staff and the Project Manager would be paid from bond money.

2. Commissioner Szerdi asked who the contract employees would report to.

City Manager Bornstein replied that contract employees would report to the Project Manager.

3. Commissioner Amoroso requested clarification on the role of City staff.
4. Vice Mayor Maxwell commented that he did not want to put an undue burden on the current staff to work on the Lake Worth 2020 projects.
5. Commissioner Amoroso commented that gave staff the help they needed.
6. Commissioner McVoy commented that he did not want to shorten the staffing level to support Lake Worth 2020.
7. Mayor Triolo commented that a firm would add professional support to the City's professional employees.
8. Commissioner Szerdi requested a copy of the Request For Proposal for professional services to eliminate any perception that the current staff would be doing the work.
9. Vice Mayor Maxwell suggested the public be informed about the projects being funded from a GOB and which would be funded by City reserves and grants.

Larry Johnson, Water Utilities Director, replied that \$12 million would be funded from the Water Fund, \$16.5 million from reserves, and \$1 million from an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. He said the \$60 million bond represented a 3.33 mill rate increase based on a 4% property value increase.

Request/comment summary:

10. Vice Mayor Maxwell commented that the proposed projects totaled approximately \$78 million.
11. Commissioner McVoy requested information on climate change comparisons such as underwater storage and shoreline stabilization.
12. Commissioner Szerdi commented about tide surges, stormwater drainage relief, and raising some of the roadways.

Lengthy discussion ensued about drainage, water pipes needing to be replaced on both sides of a road, lowering the term of the GOB, the size of the bond amount depending on grant funds obtained, increasing the water rates to pay for a Revenue Bond issued to fund the water pipe replacement

project, wanting to hear public comment, and improve publicizing Lake Worth 2020 meetings.

Request/comment summary:

13. Vice Mayor Maxwell suggested scheduling four district town hall public meetings.
14. City Manager Bornstein commented that the deadline to submit the ballot question to the Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections was June 20, 2014.

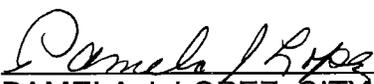
Consensus: To schedule four district town hall meetings, one located in each district, prior to taking action on the ballot language resolution.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

Consensus: To adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

  
PAM TRIOLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
PAMELA J. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: June 3, 2014

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

