MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
AND
BUDGET DISCUSSION NO. 4
JULY 8, 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 Andy Amoroso and John Szerdi. Commissioner Christopher McVoy was absent. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein, City Attorney Glen Torcivia, and City Clerk Pamela Lopez.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell.

3. AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering:

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to waive the rules to:

- Add to New Business, Item A – Resolution No. 38-2014 – support the Port of Palm Beach's application to the US Foreign Trade Zone's Board for an alternate site framework designation;
- Reorder New Business, Item A to New Business as Item B;
- Reorder New Business, Item B to New Business as Item C; and
- Approve the agenda as amended.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution No. 38-2014 – support the Port of Palm Beach's application to the US Foreign Trade Zone's Board for an alternate site framework designation

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2014 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH TO BE INCLUDED IN AN ALTERNATIVE TRADE ZONE APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY PORT OF PALM BEACH; APPROVING AND

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR SAID APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Szerdi to approve Resolution No. 38-2014 to be included in the Foreign Trade Zone #135 application.

Dolores Key, Economic Development Manager, explained that the Resolution supported the inclusion of the City into the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #135 expansion application. She said the Port of Palm Beach was the grantee to FTZ #135 and offered millions of dollars in savings through duty relief or duty deferment to companies operating within the FTZ since 1987. The Port of Palm Beach was making application to expand the boundaries of the FTZ and had extended an invitation to the City to be included within the FTZ. She said that, if the Port of Palm Beach was successful in their application, the City would have another tool in the recruitment of value added employers in order to create jobs.

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

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

B. Resolution No. 34-2014 – establish the Proposed Tentative Millage for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and schedule the first public hearing date for September 8, 2014

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2014 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 5.4945 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE FIRST HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED FORMS TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Douglas Wood, Finance Director, announced that, pursuant to Florida Statutes 200.065(2)(b), the City must advise the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser of the Tentative Operating Millage Rate and date of the City's first public budget hearing scheduled for September 8, 2014. He said the Tentative Operating Millage Rate, approved at this public meeting, established the maximum millage rate the City may consider and approve during the budget hearings in September. The Tentative Operating Millage Rate may be lowered by the Commission at the hearings, but it could not be raised. He said that, based on the information from the County Property

Appraiser's Office, the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Rollback Millage was 5.0197. This was the millage rate that would generate the same property tax revenue that was generated in Fiscal Year 2014. With the inclusion of the County Fire Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) millage of 3.4581, the maximum available Operating Millage could not exceed 6.5419 mills.

Request/comment summary:

1. Commissioner Amoroso requested a copy of the assessed values and resulting ad-valorem taxes document.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Szerdi and seconded by Commissioner Amoroso to approve Resolution No. 34-2014 and schedule the first public hearing date on September 8, 2014, at 6:00 PM at Lake Worth City Hall.

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 Amoroso and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

C. Discuss Fiscal Year 2015 proposed budget

1) Electric Fund

Clayton Lindstrom, Electric Utility Director, explained in detail the meter change out program, theft of service investigations, collection activity, phone application for bill paying, new bill format, reliability, and comparisons between Fiscal Year 2013 through the Fiscal Year 2014 forecast and requested Fiscal Year 2015 budgets.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Informational Technology's cost to all departments, prosecuting theft of service, number of turn offs, securing outside electrical circuits on City facilities, the City's reliability rating being in the State's top 10, and increase in contractual services.

2) Golf Fund

Juan Ruiz, Leisure Services Director, and Chris Fletcher, Golf Course Manager, explained in detail the personnel organization chart, reliance on volunteer staff, and five-year plan. They said expenses had decreased over the past five years; provided revenue highlights to the Fiscal Year 2014 budget and membership information between Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014; said the golf course closed 22 days due to rain; and discussed maintenance projects, use of social media to sell memberships, customer satisfaction survey results, and Fiscal Year 2015 revenue generating initiative.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding increasing merchandise revenue, how the social media was updated and monitored, and future drainage improvements.

Mayor Triolo recessed the meeting at 7:27 PM and reconvened at 7:40 PM.

3) Library/Simpkin Trust

Juan Ruiz, Leisure Services Director, and Vickie Joslin, Library Services Supervisor, explained in detail the personnel organization chart, Library Trust Fund balance, and funding sources. They provided staffing and library material highlights to the Fiscal Year 2014 budget; budget breakdown in staffing, Information Technology cost, and other operating costs between Fiscal Year 2014 and requested Fiscal Year 2015; children and adult programs, outreach, and tours; Library usage; Friends of the Library Grant fund usage; and encouraging donations.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Information Technology costs, if there was a need to give direction to the Library Board members, and fund raising efforts and promotions.

5. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

<u>Action:</u> Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Amoroso to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.

<u>Vote</u>: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Maxwell, and Commissioners Amoroso and Szerdi. NAYS: None.

PAM TRIOLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAMELA J. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: August 19, 20

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