

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH
CITY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, Florida.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Pam Triolo; Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell; and Commissioners Christopher McVoy (arrived 6:02), Andy Amoroso, and John Szerdi. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein and City Clerk Pamela Lopez.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Andy Amoroso.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation declaring September 19, 2014, as International Talk Like a Pirate Day

Mayor Triolo read a proclamation declaring September 19, 2014, as International Talk Like a Pirate Day.

4. UPDATES/FUTURE ACTION/DIRECTION:

A. Update and Commission direction concerning the East Central Region Wastewater Facility Biosolids Improvement Project

Larry Johnson, Water/Sewer Utility Director, explained that the biosolids improvement project for the East Central Region Wastewater Reclamation Facility (ECR) was nearing critical design completion. He said the facility was located just east of the turnpike between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45th Street.

He commented that the City was one of five municipal members of the ECR Facility Board. The facility provided wastewater treatment, reclaimed water and disposal for the five members and seven sub-regional municipal members. The expense of this facility was included in the City's local sewer and regional sewer rates established by the Commission annually.

He explained in detail the average daily influent flow, challenges of the facility, history of the biosolids facilities, and new contract for biosolids disposal. He said the new project was designed to reduce biosolids' quantities below the maximum Solid Waste Authority Pelletizer capacity limit for 20 plus years at a 23% reduction. He provided information on the status

of the biosolids project and review and value engineering during the design phase. The result was a project scope that met Solid Waste Authority's requirements and provided treatment reliability relief. He cited other project benefits and favorable impact on Solid Waste Authority's Pelletization Facility.

He said the proposed bond payments, needed to fund the construction, were included in the City's Fiscal Year 2015 budget as pass through costs for the ECR. An 8% rate increase in Fiscal Years 2015-2019 was proposed. He advised that the estimated construction cost at 60% design was \$94,400,000; construction engineering services was \$7,548,000; and financing costs, which included the Debt Service Reserve Fund of \$9,700,000, was \$10,896,000. The total estimated bond cost was \$112,794,000. He commented that he just saw the estimated construction cost at 90% design, and it was still at \$94,400,000.

He said West Palm Beach was the ECR plant operator; ECR's legal opinion was that all five entities had to approve a change in operator; West Palm Beach, Palm Beach, and Palm Beach County had already indicated they would not approve a change in plant operator; the sale of the facility was not recommended; and the contract operation was technically feasible, with competitive Request For Proposal and performance criteria.

He asked for Commission direction on how he should vote, as the City's voting member, on the biosolids' project construction and contract operations request. He recommended not taking action at this time to see if there was something that could be done in the future.

He announced that there had always been an expectation that, once the design phase was completed, the construction phase would move forward. He said there was no cost impact for the plant operator issue.

Consensus: To move forward with the process and for staff to watch the costs closely.

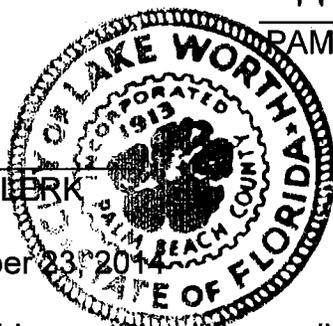
5. ADJOURNMENT:

Consensus: To adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.


RAM TRIOLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAMELA J. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK



Minutes Approved: September 23, 2014

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