

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAKE WORTH  
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2015 – 5:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 5:30 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, Assistant City Attorney Christy Goddeau, and City Clerk Pamela Lopez.

Mayor Triolo announced the March 17, 2015, Commission meeting was rescheduled to March 24, 2015, and the March 21, 2015, Commission Work Session was postponed until further notice.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Christopher McVoy.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2015 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD MARCH 10 2015; AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Amoroso to approve Resolution No. 10-2015 to certify the returns of the officials of the municipal election.

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

**4. COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING CITY COMMISSIONER:**

- A. Commissioner, District 4 – John Szerdi  
Commissioner Szerdi congratulated Christopher McVoy and Ryan Maier on winning the election. He said a newspaper article about developing the beach “popped up”, just before the election, which effectively scared the people. Telling everyone that he had an ethics complaint also worked. He

said he always spoke truthfully and, to those who did not know him, he asked that they prove him otherwise.

He said being a part of this Commission was rewarding, he made many friends, no one needed a title to lead a community, and hoped there would be a balance. He thanked the City Manager, City Attorney, Directors, and all of the hard working staff. He thanked the Mayor and other City Commissioners for working well together over the past two years. He said over 90% of the votes taken on the dais were unanimous and hoped that would continue. He said he was disappointed with the low voter turnout and that about 5% of the registered voters voted. He commented that Lake Worth gained respect with its surrounding cities.

**5. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY THE ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY:**

A. Commissioner, District 2 – Christopher McVoy

Assistant City Attorney Goddeau administered the Oath of Office to Christopher McVoy as Commissioner, District 2.

B. Commissioner, District 4 – Ryan Maier

Assistant City Attorney Goddeau administered the Oath of Office to Ryan Maier as Commissioner, District 4.

**6. NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:**

A. Commissioner Christopher McVoy

Commissioner McVoy thanked John Szerdi for his two and one-half years of service and said it was a major responsibility for those seated on the dais. It was important to recognize that it took a team of people to make things happen. He thanked the supporters for making this happen. The City had been focused on numbers for the past few years, but said he believed this City was more than numbers. It was a place about people. A place where people lived, raised families, enjoyed their homes, and safety of their homes. The City was diverse and there was a strong commitment to that diversity. He said his goal was to capitalize on that diversity, make everyone feel welcomed, and to interact with each other. He said he was looking for events and facilities that would bring people together. There was a need to build pride. The City was known for being different. There was creativity in the City, and there was a need to build on that. He said his goal was to build on those strengths. Build the downtown, but most of the City was not downtown. People lived in neighborhoods, and there was a long way to go. There was a need for roadways, traffic calming, and more crime prevention. There was a need to: reduce noise in the community and to take pride in the community's appearance, increase code enforcement

because there were too many vacant and abandoned structures, train code enforcement officials to use discretion, strengthen the Building Department and learn how to help people, and improve governance and transparency. As a community, there was a need to know and hear them in a timely fashion. Public input was important and to listen in a diverse community to get a sense of what people wanted. There was a vote on the bond issue and a need to bring that whole concept back to the community, not the details of the Lake Worth 2020 projects, but what it would take to improve the community. He supported keeping the beach public and accessible for all. There was a need for energy, food, and landscaping sustainability. The City was a unique community that needed economic development. There was a need to build on the City's unusualness to attract young entrepreneurs' interested in green. He said those were the directions needed to strengthen the community.

B. Commissioner Ryan Maier

Commissioner Maier thanked the Commission for having them on his side, for his team for giving up their time to see that he was heard, and for attending this forum. He said he wanted to honor Commissioner Szerdi because he worked hard for the City and ran a fair campaign. He said it had to have been difficult for him to make his outgoing comments. There was a national nod for an open society and transparency was at the heart of this political platform. The people of Lake Worth sent a big message. They wanted transparency, they wanted the beach, they wanted their votes respected by their Commission, and they wanted to be treated as the City's best asset. He said he was happy to be here and was humbled to serve the residents as Commissioner, District 4.

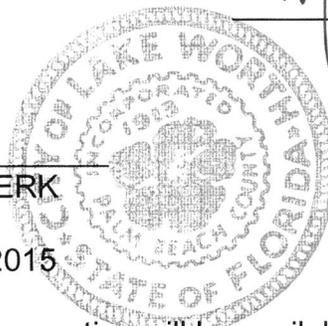
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

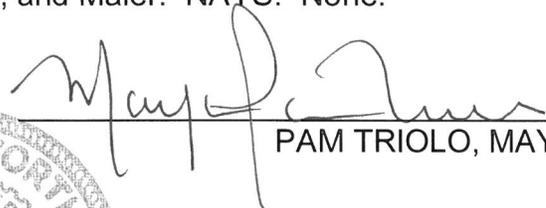
Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Amoroso to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM.

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

ATTEST:

  
PAMELA J. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK



  
PAM TRIOLO, MAYOR

Minutes Approved: April 21, 2015

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

