

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH
CITY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
JULY 7, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 6:00 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 Ryan Maier. 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 Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell.

3. UPDATES/FUTURE ACTION/DIRECTION:

A. Infrastructure Oversight

City Manager Bornstein explained that this meeting was a follow up to prior public meetings held, under the "Lake Worth 2020" former name, regarding roadways and infrastructures. He explained that Redtail Design Group, Inc. was hired to provide survey and polling services for a bond issue. The results of the survey would be presented by Todd Mowery, president of Redtail Design Group, Inc.

Jamie Brown, Public Services Director, explained in detail roadway types, Lake Worth Master Plan, road and payment study, and the process for ranking roads. He said a firm was hired to study the condition of the City's roads, and they determined the roads' deficiencies. He provided a breakdown in costs for each of the proposed roads and said the cost for roads, sidewalks, and curbs in 2014 totaled \$4,823,109.96. The cost for roads, sidewalks, and curbs in 2016 totaled \$13,994,013.59 or a difference of \$9,170,903.62.

Comments/request summaries:

1. Commission McVoy commented about road maintenance and making sure there was enough money in future City budgets.
2. Mayor Triolo requested road maintenance money be addressed in the City's budget.

Mr. Brown replied that \$1.2 million was in the City's budget for maintenance; however, staff did not want to spend money for maintenance if the roads were not first fixed.

City Manager Bornstein commented that staff needed to increase the amount of money for road maintenance.

3. Commissioner McVoy asked if it made more sense to look into roads that needed to be completely redone, how much borrowed money was needed to bring all roads up to the industry standard, and what other cities were using for the industry standard.

Todd Mowery, President of Redtail Design Group, explained that his role was to find out what data was needed to create action plans for the future. He said he looked at polling methodology and used ClearView Research to create a platform that was similarly used by the County. He explained in detail the poll survey and said he received data from the County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Comment/request summary:

4. Commissioner McVoy asked about margin of error and commented that he wanted the data to be correct.

Mr. Mowery replied that the polling sample size was so large that there was no standard of error for this survey. He commented that the data was good.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding land lines versus cell phone, November versus March election, and community involvement.

Mr. Mowery announced the results of the poll were based on the dollar value of the numbers and responses heard from residents. He spoke about the various polling questions and the answers received from the community. He said he met with the Mayor and each of the Commissioners about the questions to be asked. He suggested, based on the results, to schedule the funding issue on the November 2016 ballot.

He said a resolution needed to be adopted to lay out a plan of objectives then, as a group, go out into the community to discuss the objectives to be used. There was a need to agree on the objective principles in order to find a way to make it work. He said it was not always easy to be a Commissioner, but the survey showed that the community wanted the roads fixed. He recommended a resolution be adopted at the next Commission meeting.

Comments/requests summaries:

5. City Manager Bornstein requested moving forward with two resolution.
6. Commissioner McVoy commented that he was concerned about the discussion being half of a two-part process. He said staff was trying to come up with a 75 word ballot language in order to sell the project.
7. Mayor Triolo commented that many public meetings about the bond were held under the former "Lake Worth 2020" project name. She said everyday people asked her about fixing the streets. Everyone wanted the potholes fixed, and the elected officials had to find the funding in order to fix them. She said not everyone wanted to pay for the roads, but the elected officials had to provide the best public safety.
8. Vice Mayor Maxwell commented that, by doing nothing, it was costing the City a lot of money each month. He said obstructionist attitudes needed to stop.
9. Commissioner Maier commented that he was upset with Mayor Triolo for calling roads and potholes a political issue. He said he was glad City Manager Bornstein brought the data forward, but he was trying to find out about the validity of the data. He said he attended the Lake Worth 2020 public meetings two years ago and what he heard was staff pushing for a bond.
10. Commissioner Amoroso commented that he had no problem with the survey. He said people spoke to him every day about the potholes, and everyone supported a bond.
11. Commissioner Amoroso recommended staff move forward with placing a bond on the November 2016 ballot.
12. Mayor Triolo requested the elected officials stand together and state that streets needed to be fixed. She requested showing the residents that the elected officials were standing together.
13. Commissioner McVoy commented that he took umbrage to Mayor Triolo's comment that "if you were not with us" then "you were against us." He commented that the facts came out 50-50, which was a clear sign that the City did not have a plan in place. He recommended getting the community involved.
14. City Manager commented that the Lake Worth 2020 bond included the Park of Commerce, neighborhood enhancements, etc. He said the City's streets were abysmal and that this was an opportunity to move

forward. He commented that he hoped all of the elected officials would go into the community and sell the need for the bond.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.


PAM TRIOLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAMELA J. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: August 2, 2016

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

