

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
AUGUST 2, 2016 – 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 City Hall, 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, City Attorney Glen Torcivia, and City Clerk Pamela Lopez.

2. INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The invocation was offered by Commissioner Christopher McVoy.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Ryan Maier.

4. AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering:

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maier and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to waive the rules to:

- Delete Consent Agenda, Item C – Resolution No. 38-2016 – implement a solution to long standing water discharge issues plaguing the City; and
- Approve the agenda as amended.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Neighborhood Association Presidents Council update

Greg Rice and Mary Lindsey, representing the Neighborhood Association Presidents Council, provided an update on the 2016 Raft Race. They thanked everyone for participating in the event, thanked the business partners for contributing to the event, announced the winners, and offered their special gratitude to a local artist for designing the artwork.

6. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Maier: announced that the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County partnered with Veterans Affairs to put on a "Homeless Stand Down" event. He said 162 homeless or at-risk of being homeless individuals were served during the event. He commented that 77 individuals used bus passes, donated to the Homeless Coalition, to attend the event. He announced that four individuals chose to take steps to end their homelessness, which made the event special. This event was the only one held that offered individuals steps to end homelessness. He announced the next Sister City Board meeting was on August 8, 2016.

Commissioner Amoroso: offered no comments.

Commissioner McVoy: announced that the Zika Virus, which was transmitted by mosquitos, was in South Florida and that the Miami-Dade and Broward County blood banks were shut down. He asked everyone to dump containers that held standing water. He commented that it was discouraging to read about the number of drug overdose cases in the daily released Sheriff Office incident reports. He said drug overdose cases put a drain on resources and were associated with crime. He said he hoped the City would continue to actively pursue getting rental properties documented and continue to put pressure on State and Federal legislators. He commented that an item on the agenda regarding algae bloom and poor water quality was deleted because the resolution did not include specific solutions to the problem. He advised that the issue would be revisited.

Vice Mayor Maxwell: offered no comments.

Mayor Triolo: thanked everyone for attending the County League of Cities meeting hosted by the City. She said close to 200 people attended. She also thanked City staff for putting on a lovely event and The Cottages of Lake Worth for their involvement. She asked for a Lake Worth "Pop Up" event next year to coincide with The Cottages of Lake Worth's book release. She announced the Second Annual Putting for Patients fund raiser event would be coming soon. She said crime and drug activities recently going on in the Poinciana Park area and that the Sheriff's Office was aware of the activities. As Mayor of the City, she said she was concerned that people were sending their children with drug problems to this area for help, but the children were ending up dead from overdoses. Addicts needed help and there was a need to stand together as a community.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Mike Ramer spoke on various issue; however, he did not write anything on his comment card.

The following individual spoke on issues written on her comment card:

Monica Bilotti commented that she saw someone, who was wearing goggles, spraying chemicals along the Federal Highway sidewalks. She also commented about a bright street light shining outside her bedroom window. She said she was told that the street lights had shades and asked the City to install the shades.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maier to approve the following minutes, as submitted:

- A. City Commission Work Session Meeting – July 7, 2016**
- B. City Commission Budget Work Session – July 12, 2016**
- C. City Commission Meeting – July 19, 2016**

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maier and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve the Consent Agenda, less Item C.

- A. Resolution No. 36-2016 – agreement with the County for Domino Park pavilion improvements**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2016 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,813 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE DOMINO PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- B. Resolution No. 37-2016 – agreement with the State for Historic Preservation Survey funds**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2016 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF HISTORICAL

RESOURCES FOR GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 SMALL MATCHING HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

C. (Deleted) Resolution No. 38-2016 – implement a solution to long standing water discharge issues plaguing the City

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2016 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA URGING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND STATE OF FLORIDA TO IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS AND FIX PROBLEMS OF WATER DISCHARGE FROM KISSIMMEE RIVER VALLEY, LAKE OKEECHOBEE, AND AREAS WEST OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH INTO THE C-51 CANAL; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

D. First amendment to an agreement with Wantman, Inc. fka Bridge Design Associates, Inc. for professional services

E. First amendment to an agreement with Craven Thompson & Associates for additional professional services

F. Ratify the appointment and reappointment of board members to the Recreation Advisory and Sister City boards

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

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearings items on the agenda.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no Unfinished Business items on the agenda.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

There were no New Business items on the agenda.

13. LAKE WORTH ELECTRIC UTILITY:

A. PRESENTATION:

1) Update on the electric utility system

No update was provided.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no Lake Worth Electric Utility Consent items on the agenda.

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Lake Worth Electric Utility Public Hearing items on the agenda.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Agreement with Exceleron Software, LLC for prepaid account management system software

Joel Rutsky, Revenue Protection Supervisor, explained that the agreement with Exceleron Software, LLC provided for a prepaid billing software to allow customers to prepay their electric, water, and sewer usage. He cited examples of utility deposit amounts and listed other companies using prepaid services. He explained the various payment channels, ease in processing disconnect and reconnect service, mobile application availability, customer usage monitoring, and debt recovery. He said the City budgeted \$500,000 per year for bad debt and, in the past 36 months, sent \$1.5 million worth of debt to a collection agency. He explained in detail the cost for this service.

Comments/requests summaries:

1. Vice Mayor Maxwell suggested this item be scheduled to a work session. He commented that he was not ready to make a decision on this issue and cited his concerns for wanting to have additional discussion.
2. Commissioner Maier commented that offering prepaid service was an obvious direction for the City to move towards and that many companies were also moving towards that service. He commented that this agreement would provide a service to a whole new customer base of individuals with bad or no credit.

3. Commissioner Maier asked how this service would work with the current Siemens project.

Mr. Rutsky replied that Siemens included the cost of a prepaid service portal in their project. The cost difference would be reimbursed to the City.

4. Commissioner Amoroso commented that he liked the idea because it would fill a gap. People were looking for ways to reduce their utility bills.
5. Vice Mayor Maxwell commented that this service may attract a larger poverty demographic to the City. He said he hoped this item would be scheduled to a work session.
6. Mayor Triolo commented that there would be a benefit to scheduling this item to a work session. She said she understood Vice Mayor Maxwell's concerns, but the City was also losing money. She commented that she was concerned about customers, with low technical skills, being able to access the service.
7. Commissioner McVoy requested staff include debt receivable number information to the work session.
8. Vice Mayor Maxwell requested the following information be presented at the work session: the legality and process of disconnecting electric and water, what it took for a landlord to evict a tenant, and whether the deposit amount would decrease if the billing cycle was changed.

Consensus: To schedule discussion regarding an agreement with Exceleton Software, LLC for prepaid account management system software to a work session.

2) Agreement with S.T. Utility Consulting, LLC for power plant management

Jack Borsch, Electric Utility Director, explained that the department was in need of extensive professional services at the Tom G. Smith Power Plant due to the recent retirement of the City's Power Plant Manager. He announced that Scott Trantham, owner of S.T. Utility Consulting, would act as the temporary Power Plant Manager and report directly to the Electric Utility Director.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve a professional service agreement with S.T. Utility Consulting, LLC for power plant management services in an amount not to exceed \$33,187.50.

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

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

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Torcivia announced that the Court ruled in the City's favor in the Viera et al. versus City of Lake Worth lawsuit.

Comment/request summary:

1. Commissioner Amoroso commented that he attended the Court hearing and watched the City Attorney defend the City. He said it was great to watch what went on during a trial.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

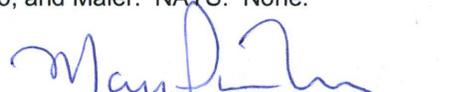
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City Manager Bornstein did not provide a report.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

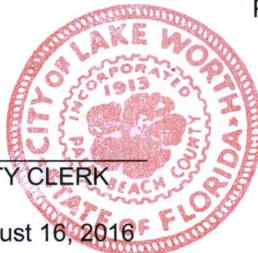
Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maier and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

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


PAM TRIOLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAMELA J. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK



Minutes Approved: August 16, 2016

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