

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 6:08 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Sarah Malega and Commissioners Christopher McVoy, Mimi May and Anthony Segrich. Also present were Interim City Manager Jamie Brown, City Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan and City Clerk Melissa Ann Coyne.

INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE: was led by Commissioner Anthony Segrich.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Vice Mayor Sarah Malega.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING:

There were no changes to the agenda.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy to move New Business I, Discussion regarding the City's response to ICE and FHP immigration activity, to follow the Consent Agenda. **MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

PRESENTATIONS: (there is no public comment on Presentation items)

A. Proclamation declaring January 19, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to approve the following minutes:

- A. December 12, 2025 - pre-agenda workshop
- B. December 16, 2025 - regular

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: (public comment allowed during Public Participation of Non-Agendaed items)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Agreement with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. to provide Bond and Disclosure Services
- B. Resolution No. 01-2026 – amending the governing plan document for the City of Lake Worth Beach 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance No. 2025-24 – Second Reading – amending multiple sections of Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations” related to recovery residences

City Attorney Lenihan read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE 2025-24 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” DIVISION 2 “DEFINITIONS,” SECTION 23.1-12 DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE 2 “ADMINISTRATION,” DIVISION 3 “PERMITS,” SECTION 23.2-34 REQUEST FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Commissioner May to approve Ordinance No. 2025-24 amending multiple sections of Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations” related to recovery residences.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

- B. Ordinance No. 2025-30 – First Reading – amending multiple sections of Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations” to establish definitions, regulations, and performance standards for manufacturing and processing facilities with apparatus

City Attorney Lenihan read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE 2025-30 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” DIVISION 2 “DEFINITIONS,” SECTION 23.1-12 – DEFINITIONS; ARTICLE 3 “ZONING DISTRICTS,” DIVISION 1, “GENERALLY,” SECTION 23.3-6 USE TABLES; AND DIVISION 5, “INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS,” SECTION 23.3-24 – I-POC – INDUSTRIAL PARK OF COMMERCE; ARTICLE 4 “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS” SECTION 23.4-10 OFF-STREET PARKING, AND SECTION 23.4-13 ADMINISTRATIVE USES AND CONDITIONAL USES; AND ARTICLE 5 “SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS,” SECTION 23.5-9 PUBLIC PURPOSE DEDICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to approve Ordinance No. 2025-30 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for January 20, 2026.

Action: Amended Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to approve Ordinance No. 2025-30 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for January 20, 2026 with the following changes: in Exhibit E, increase the buffer to the maximum extent possible (D-6), add 15% to lot area coverage for apparatus (D-10) and change the minimum setbacks (D-11).

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

Commissioner McVoy left the meeting at 7:25 PM and returned at 7:28 PM.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to reorder the agenda to hear Unfinished Business C and New Business F before Unfinished Business A.

Vice Mayor Malega left the meeting at 7:26 PM and returned at 7:28 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch and Commissioners May and Segrich. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioner McVoy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

C. (reordered) Ordinance No. 2025-17 – First Reading – amending Chapter 23, Article 6, Section 23.6-1 regarding penalties for tree abuse and removal without a permit, fee-in-lieu of replacement of trees, and appeals

City Attorney Lenihan read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE 2025-17 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE 6 “ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS,” SECTION 23.6-1 – LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS, PARAGRAPH (m)(7)c.7, AND SUBSECTIONS (p), AND (q), RELATED TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF REPLACEMENT OF TREES, PENALTIES FOR TREE ABUSE AND REMOVAL WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND APPEALS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Commissioner May to approve Ordinance 2025-17 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for February 3, 2026 with the following changes: adding that the violator could employ their own arborist for the appeals process and in Section 3, the appeals would be limited to the size and/or the condition of the tree.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners May and Segrich. NAYS: Commissioner McVoy.

NEW BUSINESS: (reordered from further on the agenda)

F. (reordered) Ordinance No. 2025-29 – First Reading – amending Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations” related to Article 4 “Development Standards,” Section 23.4-10 – Off-Street Parking

City Attorney Lenihan read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE 2025-29 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE 4 “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS,” SECTION 23.4-10 – OFF-STREET PARKING, PARAGRAPHS (f)(3) and (g), RELATED TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF PARKING AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve Ordinance No. 2025-29 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for January 20, 2026.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

The meeting recessed at 8:30 PM and reconvened at 8:42 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Discussion regarding downtown trees

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to plant the Dahoon Holly trees that had been purchased for downtown.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: Commissioners McVoy and Segrich.

B. Resolution 02-2026 – Policy for Facility Fee Waiver Requests

City Attorney Lenihan did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING CITY POLICY FOR FACILITY FEE WAIVER REQUESTS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve Resolution 02-2026 – Policy for Facility Fee Waiver Requests.

Action: Amended Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve Resolution 02-2026 – Policy for Facility Fee Waiver Requests with the following changes: removing full fee from the policy statement, adding cleaning fees to the scope and amending the financial criteria to 15 points for #1; 15 points for #3; and 30 points for #4.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners May and Segrich. NAYS: Commissioner McVoy.

C. (reordered to earlier on the agenda) Ordinance No. 2025-17 - First Reading – amending Chapter 23, Article 6, Section 23.6-1 regarding penalties for tree abuse and removal without a permit, fee-in-lieu of replacement of trees, and appeals

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Task Order No. 3 with Stantec Consulting Services for hydrogeological services for Mechanical Integrity Testing (MIT) of Deep Injection Well (IW-1)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve Task Order No. 3 with Stantec Consulting Services for hydrogeological services for Mechanical Integrity Testing (MIT) of Deep Injection Well (IW-1).

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

B. Agreement with Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC. to pre-chlorinate pipe bursting of potable water mains

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve the Agreement with Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC. to pre-chlorinate pipe bursting of potable water mains.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

- C. Agreement with Safety Boot Center, Inc. to supply safety boots and supplies for the Water Utility Department

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the Agreement with Safety Boot Center, Inc. to supply safety boots and supplies for the Water Utility Department.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

- D. Emergency Water Damage Remediation Services Agreements with Paul Davis Restoration of Palm Beach County and Rytech Tri County

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the Emergency Water Damage Remediation Services Agreements with Paul Davis Restoration of Palm Beach County and Rytech Tri County

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

- E. Task Order No. 10 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for construction phase engineering services to support the City during the construction of the seawall and drainage improvements located on Eden Place and 16th Avenue North

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to approve Task Order No. 10 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for construction phase engineering services to support the City during the construction of the seawall and drainage improvements located in Eden Place at 16th Avenue North.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

- F. (reordered to earlier on the agenda) Ordinance No. 2025-29 – First Reading – amending Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations” related to Article 4 “Development Standards,” Section 23.4-10 – Off-Street Parking

- G. Ordinance No. 2026-01 – First Reading – amending Chapter 21 “Traffic” Article I “General”; Section 21-16 “Permits for Special Events”

City Attorney Lenihan read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE 2026-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 21 “TRAFFIC,” ARTICLE I “GENERAL,” AMENDING SECTION 21-16 “PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS,” TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve Ordinance No. 2026-01 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for January 20, 2026.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to extend the meeting to 11:00 PM.

Vote to extend: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to call the question.

Vote on question: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Segrich. NAYS: None.

Vote on Ordinance: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners May and Segrich. NAYS: Commissioner McVoy.

Commissioner May left the meeting at 10:35 PM.

H. Discussion regarding the establishment of a Task Force to address crime at the Cultural Plaza brought forward by Commissioner Segrich

Action: Consensus for Commissioner Segrich to bring the item back with a defined goal and more structure.

I. (not discussed due to time constraints) Discussion regarding the City's response to ICE and FHP immigration activity

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Action: Consensus for the city to host one of the Florida League of Cities' luncheons

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interim City Manager Brown provided the following report:

- Ribbon cutting at 4 pm at South Palm Park on Monday, January 12
- Reminder about the four town halls related to the referendum questions: January 8 at the Haitian Peniel Church, January 12 at the Osborne Community Center, January 22 at the Library and January 28 at the Casino Ballroom all starting at 6 PM

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Lenihan provided the following report:

- Working on nuisance abatement cases in the area where Operation Unplugged occurred at PBSO's request
- New foreclosure counsel had been hired to work on foreclosures authorized by the commission
- There would be a new special magistrate contract on an upcoming agenda

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS:

January 16 - pre-agenda workshop @ 9 am

January 20 - regular

ADJOURNMENT:

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy and Segrich. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner May.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved January 20, 2026

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