

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
UTILITY CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Resch on the above date at 6:05 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: (0:17)

Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy, Commissioners Sarah Malega, Kimberly Stokes and Reinaldo Diaz. Also present were City Manager Carmen Y. Davis, Assistant City Attorney Christy L. Goddeau and Deputy City Clerk Shayla Ellis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (0:41) led by Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy.

AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering: (1:11)

Consent, Item C – Deductive Change Order No. 1 to Insituform Technologies, LLC was added to the agenda.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

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

A. Water Utility Update by Sam Heady, Water Utility Director (1:46)

B. Electric Utility Update by Ed Liberty, Electric Utility Director (6:45)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA: (16:06)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (19:37)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve the following minutes:

A. October 30, 2023

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: (public comment allowed during Public Participation of Non-Agendaed items) (19:48)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Fourth Amendment to Task Order No. 2 with Power Engineers, Inc. to complete additional revisions to voltage conversion plans
- B. Resolution No. 53-2023 – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program application
- C. (added) Deductive Change Order No. 1 to Insituform Technologies, LLC

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. PCA Discussion (19:58)

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution No. 52-2023 – Establishment of an Electric Utility Storm Fund (1:12:35)

City Attorney Goddeau did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2023 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC UTILITY STORM FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE EFFICIENT AND TIMELY RESTORATION OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOLLOWING STORM EVENTS; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$500,000 EXCESS POWER COST ADJUSTMENT REVENUES TO THE STORM FUND; SETTING GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE STORM FUND; AND, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve Resolution No. 52-2023 – Establishment of an Electric Utility Storm Fund which would be initially funded \$500,000 from the PCA balance revenues available as of August 2023 and directing staff to bring to the commission a proposed mock-up for updating the customer bills to show the current monthly utility contributions the customer contributed and the fund balance.

Action: Motion amended by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve Resolution No. 52-2023, establishment of an Electric Utility Storm Fund, which would be initially funded with \$500,000 from the PCA balance revenues as of August 2023 adding language in Section 3, Number 2 that the funds be placed in an interest bearing account and a requirement for commission approval to access the fund for payment or reimbursement.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

Action: Consensus to have the Electric Utility bring back a presentation from a rates consultant to address the required amount for the Storm Fund and assist with the establishment of when to add to or access the storm fund.

B. Purchase authorization for Quicklime from Lhoist North America of Alabama, LLC for the Water Treatment Plant (1:42:52)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the purchase of quicklime from Lhoist North America of Alabama, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$234,648.75 in FY 24, \$258,116.25 in FY 25, and \$283,925.25 in FY 26.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

C. Task Order No. 1 for WGI, Inc. Architecture Consulting Services Water Treatment Plant (1:43:01)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the Task Order No. 1 for WGI, Inc. to provide architecture consulting services for the Water Treatment Plant Roof Storm Hardening Project.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

D. Agreements with Gresco Supply, Inc and ULS Corporate, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of three-phase, pad-mounted distribution transformers (1:43:22)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve agreements with Gresco Supply, Inc. and ULS Corporate, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of three-phase, pad-mounted distribution transformers at a cost not to exceed \$2,500,000 per year per agreement.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

E. Third Amendment to Task Order No. 3 with Power Engineers, Inc. to provide additional civil, substation, and construction support engineering services for the 138 kV Canal switchyard (1:53:07)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the Third Amendment to Task Order No. 3 with Power Engineers, Inc., to complete additional engineering design services for the 138kV Canal Switchyard in the amount not to exceed \$55,140 for FY 2024.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

F. Contractor Agreement with The Davey Tree Expert Company (1:53:26)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve the contractor agreement with The Davey Tree Expert Company for utility easement and right-of-way vegetation management services for the Electric, Water & Sewer Utility Departments at stipulated unit prices up to the funds available in FY 2024.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: (2:00:16)

Action: Motion made by Commissioners Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: January 30, 2024

Item time stamps correspond to the meeting recording on YouTube.