

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 1ST BUDGET HEARING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 6:03 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: (0:52) Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy, Commissioners Sarah Malega, Kimberly Stokes and Reinaldo Diaz. Also present were City Manager Carmen Davis, City Attorney Christy L. Goddeau and City Clerk Melissa Ann Coyne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (1:08) led by Commissioner Kimberly Stokes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (4:12)

- A. Resolution No. 37-2023 – First Public Hearing – Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Millage Rate and set the second public hearing for September 28, 2023 (4:16)

City Attorney Goddeau did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2023 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve Resolution No. 37-2023 – Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Millage Rate and set the second public hearing for September 28, 2023.

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

- B. Resolution No. 38-2023 - First Public Hearing - Adopt the Debt Service Rate and set the second public hearing for September 28, 2023 (6:14)

City Attorney Goddeau did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2023 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR VOTER APPROVED DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve Resolution No. 38-2023 - Adopt the Debt Service Rate and set the second public hearing for September 28, 2023.

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

C. Resolution No. 39-2023 – First Public Hearing - Adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 proposed City budget and set the second public hearing for September 28, 2023 (6:42)

City Attorney Goddeau did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2023, A GENERAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, MAKING SEPARATE AND SEVERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ITS NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES, THE USES AND EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Mayor Resch (who passed the gavel) to approve Resolution No. 39-2023 - Adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 proposed City budget and set the second public hearing for September 28, 2023 with the addition of \$3.52 million in ARPA funding for cemetery fencing, FDOT Lake Worth Road street lighting, water distribution mains, local sewer system pipe network, and stormwater conveyance and collection improvement.

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

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to suspend the 30-minute discussion rule and extend the discussion for 10 minutes.

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

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve the budget as discussed in the five budget work sessions with the condition that the scope of the audit be increased to include a performance audit of each department. **Motion amended.**

Action: Motion amended by Commissioner Stokes to approve the budget as discussed in the five budget work sessions with the condition that City Manager bring back options to the commission on how to increase the scope of the audit within 30 days. **Motion withdrawn.**

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve Resolution No. 39-2023 - Adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 proposed City budget and set the second public hearing for September 28, 2023 with the addition of the three apprentice linemen, the second phase of demand response study and the Use and Occupancy Officer for Community Sustainability.

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

The meeting recessed at 7:53 PM and reconvened at 8:06 PM.

NEW BUSINESS: (2:03:10)

A. Resolution No. 40-2023 - Establish the Stormwater Annual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (2:03:12)

City Attorney Goddeau did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2023 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA; IMPOSING STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; CONFIRMING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM COLLECTION METHOD AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve Resolution No. 40-2023 - Establish the Stormwater Annual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

B. Fiscal Year 2024 Contribution from Enterprise Operations (2:05:13)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Contribution from Enterprise Operations.

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

C. Fiscal Year 2024 Administrative Charge for Services (2:05:24)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Administrative Charge for Services.

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

D. Resolution No. 41-2023 - Fees and charges for City services in Fiscal Year 2024 (2:05:39)
City Attorney Goddeau did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2023 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING REASONABLE FEES FOR CITY SERVICES AND OTHER

CHARGES FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve Resolution No. 41-2023 - Fees and charges for City services in Fiscal Year 2024.

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

E. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Position Count (2:05:52)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Position Count to include the four previously approved positions.

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

F. Cost of living base salary adjustment for City Manager (2:08:41)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the cost of living base salary adjustment for City Manager.

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

ADJOURNMENT: (2:08:57)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Malega at 8:12 PM.

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

ATTEST:

Betty Resch, Mayor

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: October 3, 2023

Item time stamps correspond to the recording of the meeting on YouTube.