

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 6:04 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: (0:40) 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: (1:06) was led by Mayor Betty Resch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (2:08) led by Commissioner Mimi May.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING:

There were no changes to the agenda.

CRA BOARD APPOINTMENTS: (2:45)

A. Ratification of CRA Advisory Board appointments

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the appointments of Carla Blockson, Leah Foertsch, Richard Mahler, John Szerdi and Harry Wolin to the CRA Board for four (4) year terms beginning on August 21.

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

PRESENTATIONS: (there is no public comment on Presentation items) (3:16)

A. Presentation regarding tourism in Palm Beach County by Sergio Piedra, Senior Director of Community Engagement & Advocacy, Discover The Palm Beaches (3:21)

B. Proclamation declaring July 2025 as National Parks and Recreation Month (31:48)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (36:16)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to approve the following minutes:

- A. June 13, 2025 - pre-agenda workshop
- B. June 17, 2025 - regular

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (36:33)

- A. Resolution No. 34-2025 -- adopting the final assessment roll for non-ad valorem assessments levied for Chronic Nuisance Services and directing that such final assessment roll be certified to the Palm Beach County Tax Collector

City Attorney Lenihan did not read the resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2025 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATED TO THOSE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE LEVIED FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING LOT CLEARING, AND BOARDING AND SECURING SERVICES TO ELIMINATE NUISANCE CONDITIONS ON PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve Resolution No. 34-2025 adopting the final assessment roll for non-ad valorem assessments levied for Chronic Nuisance Services and directing that such final assessment roll be certified to the Palm Beach County Tax Collector.

Action: Consensus for the City Attorney's office to move forward with a foreclosure of 719 S C St.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no Unfinished Business items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: (40:57)

- A. Agreement with Palm Beach County Food Bank, Inc. for Food and Catering Services for Disaster Recovery (41:03)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve the Agreement with Palm Beach County Food Bank, Inc. for Food and Catering Services for Disaster Recovery

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

- B. Resolution No. 35-2025 -- Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Central Palm Beach County Coalition brought forward by Commission May (43:02)

City Attorney Lenihan did not read the resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2025 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE PRIVATE INVESTMENT, DEVELOPMENT, REDEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED

INITIATIVES IN CENTRAL PALM BEACH COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve Resolution No. 35-2025 -- Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Central Palm Beach County Coalition brought forward by Commission May.

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

C. Guidelines for proclamations and flag raisings (48:04)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy to continue the previous practice of raising the Pride flag, the American flag, the Haitian flag and consider expanding that to include the Guatemalan flag and keep the policy based on population of different groups in the community. **MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Segrich and seconded by Commissioner May to have the only country flag flown at government buildings in the City to be the American flag and continue to fly the Pride flag in recognition as official policy that the City is a Sanctuary City and the flag represents diversity for all groups, all nationalities and all peoples from all walks of life.

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

Action: Motion made by Commissioner May and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to extend the discussion for 15 minutes for a total of 23 minutes.

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

Action: Consensus to decide on proclamations during Pre-Agenda workshops.

Action: Consensus to allow Public Participation after this item.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS: (1:25:38)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner Segrich to have the 14th Annual KidsFit Jamathon® Day on the July 15 agenda. (1:35:44)

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

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS: (1:36:30)

Action: Consensus to have a discussion regarding parking adjacent to Bryant Park on a future agenda. (1:56:18)

Action: Consensus to have a discussion regarding an ordinance rather than a policy change for the escalation of fines on a future agenda. (2:01:10)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: (2:09:13)

- the P3 policy would be on the July 15 agenda

- the lease amendment for Benny's would be on an agenda in August
- Evening on the Avenue would be discussed during the budget process; it would be an extremely expensive event due to safety concerns
- the overnight parking issue would be on the August 5 meeting as an ordinance modification
- the City's Finance Director submitted the audit yesterday, which was a huge accomplishment that had not happened in many years
- Senate Bill 2500 awarded the City a little over \$2M in the upcoming State budget for three of four projects that had been requested; \$750,000 for the dual-zone monitoring well, \$750,000 for storm improvements at 10th Avenue South and Dixie Highway and \$526,000 for the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative
- the July 15 agenda would be published on Monday, July 7 due to the short week; Budget Workshop #1 was moved to July 21 from July 16 as it would be too difficult to follow a late night meeting with an all-day meeting
- there would be an update about the Palm Beach beach and water issues
- alternatives for the tree at Dave's Last Resort would be presented to the Tree & Landscape Board

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: (2:21:46)

City Attorney Lenihan provided the following report:

- there were ordinances in the works that would be coming to future agendas
- all legislation from the current session was final as of today; a legislative update would be given at future meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS:

July 11 - pre-agenda workshop @ 9 am

July 15 - regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT: (2:22:27)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

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

ATTEST:

Betty Resch, Mayor

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved July 15, 2025

Item time stamps correspond to the recording on YouTube.