

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2025 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 14-2023 IN ORDER TO SUNSET THE CITY WATERWAYS BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2023, Resolution 14-2023 revised the C-51 Canal Advisory Committee, which had been tasked with monitoring and reviewing the results of the state's engineering and feasibility or any other subsequent studies, and renamed it as the Waterways Board to advise and inform the City Commission regarding water bodies and public lands adjacent to or discharging into the Lake Worth Lagoon and/or near to Lake Worth Beach for recreational uses, youth education, water safety, protection of water quality and protection of native aquatic species; and

WHEREAS, since the recreation of the Board in May 2023, it has been unable to fulfill its mission because the City of Lake Worth Beach does not have jurisdiction over the Lake Worth Lagoon or its connecting waterways, which are instead overseen through a multi-agency framework led by Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resources Management, the South Florida Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative; and

WHEREAS, since March 2024, the Waterways Board has been unable to meet due to a lack of quorum, and as of the date of this Resolution, there are two (2) vacancies on the Board which remain unfilled; and

WHEREAS, while the Waterways Board has provided invaluable advisory assistance and recommendations to the City in the past, the City Commission believes the Waterways Board's role has concluded and that its active members may be better utilized in other capacities to further assist the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Worth Beach deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City to sunset the City Waterways Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: Resolution No. 14-2023 of the City of Lake Worth Beach is hereby repealed in order to sunset the City Waterways Board.

Section 3: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

The passage of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch
Vice Mayor Sarah Malega
Commissioner Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Mimi May
Commissioner Anthony Segrich

The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk