

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
BY TELECONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Triolo on the above date at 6:00 PM by teleconference from City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Mayor Pam Triolo; Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso; and Commissioners Scott Maxwell, Omari Hardy and Herman Robinson. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein, City Attorney Christy L. Goddeau and City Clerk Deborah M. Andrea.

**INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** was led by Commissioner Omari Hardy.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was led by Commissioner Scott Maxwell.

**AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering:**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS:** (there was no public comment on Presentation items)

There were no Presentations on the agenda.

**COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Robinson: wished Mayor Triolo's father good health and said that Pelican Pete was recovering. He wished the parents of students returning to school virtually the best and extended Commissioner Hardy's fiancée a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Hardy: announced that he had gotten engaged the previous week and that he had won the primary election, creating the opportunity to serve in the Florida House of Representatives. He said that it was important day and he looked forward to the discussion of the items on the agenda.

Commissioner Maxwell: did not make any remarks.

Vice Mayor Amoroso: extended a big thank you to the CRA which won three awards for the Day of the Dead. He thanked all the teachers and City staff who volunteered at the food distribution and said that the food distribution would continue as long as it was needed.

Mayor Triolo: thanked Patrick Livingston for providing so many meals at the south end of the City. She stated that the City would be having COVID-19 testing during the week and reminded everyone to maintain social distancing and to wear masks during the Labor Day weekend. She said that the beach and beach complex would be open for regular hours. She said that she was invited to attend the meeting with Bryant Park and new owners of the Gulfstream Hotel; she thanked them for reaching out and said that they cared about the community.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Deborah Andrea, City Clerk, read the public comments submitted by the following:

Ali Amercupan wrote that there should be a freeze on permits and guidelines with strict rules for short term rentals in the historic part of LWB.

Mark Deming wrote requesting that the rental license for 1810 N. Ocean Breeze be revoked and that the stop signs at N. Ocean Breeze and Wellesley be reinstalled.

Krista Rachell wrote to complain about the AirBnB operating with an expired license at 1810 N. Ocean Breeze.

John Rachell wrote to inquire where the stop sign was on the corner of Wellesley & Ocean Breeze now that the road was newly paved and complete.

Lieghann Fischer wrote that 1810 N. Ocean Breeze was operating an AirBnB with an invalid permit and requested that the permit not be renewed.

Alyson Noller wrote to ask how the City could control the influx of short term rentals and keep neighborhoods safe, clean and respectful to neighbors.

Maureen Mollineaux wrote that short term rentals were ruining her neighborhood and there should be rules to govern them.

Dustin Zacks wrote to inquire why Commissioner Maxwell had not asked about saving money on the Sheriff's contract.

Pattie Schultz wrote to ask why the Commission would be discussing vacation rentals during a pandemic.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve the following minutes:

- A. Budget Work Session #3 - August 6, 2020
- B. Regular Meeting - August 18, 2020

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell, Hardy and Robinson. NAYS: None.

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

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Agreement with CRS Max to provide consultant services for FY 2021

- B. Resolution No. 33-2020 – Healthier Lake Worth Beach grant application
- C. Authorize Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Amendment 1 to Loan Agreement DW501731 for the 2-inch watermain phase 4 replacement project
- D. Utility Easement and Bill of Sale by and between Corner Investments, LLC and the City of Lake Worth Beach
- E. Cost Sharing Contract by and between 1939 7th Ave LLC and the City of Lake Worth Beach

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell, Hardy and Robinson. NAYS: None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were no Public Hearings on the agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There were no Unfinished Business items on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Agreement with National League of Cities (NLC) for services related to the Race, Equity And Leadership (REAL)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve the Agreement with the NLC REAL Program in an amount of \$21,780.

Michael Bornstein, City Manager, introduced Clarence Anthony, Executive Director of the National League of Cities, Leon Andrews, REAL Director, Rita Soler Ossolinski, REAL Program Director, and Seantae Byers, Senior Executive and Director for Member and Partner Engagement.

Mr. Anthony thanked the Commission for allowing the NCL to bring forward a proposal to address systemic racism and stated that the NCL had experience with the issues. He introduced Leon Andrews to go through the process.

Mr. Andrews iterated REAL's mission, to strengthen local leaders' knowledge and capacity to eliminate racial disparities, heal racial divisions and build more equitable communities. highlighted the key issues in the scope of services and relayed that REAL had provided services to over 400 cities across the country. He stated that there were four components and the first phase would process assessments of staff, the agency or department and the community or stake holders. He suggested starting with racial equity training because a learning environment would be very important; normalizing racial equity would include creating a shared analysis and language about racism and equity and fostering the urgency of equity to prioritize it in governance. He stated the conversation would include local voices and be designed for LWB. He showed a video that illustrated the dynamics of a REAL talk and said that the first phase would include recommendations for future phases.

Comments/requests summary:

1. Commissioner Robinson asked if a suggested reading list could be provided to the community and if the core team had been established.

Mr. Andrews responded that REAL would provide a reading list as well as podcasts and other materials. He stated that a core team would be created, that the people who had met were the temporary core team until the official core team was finalized.

Commissioner Robinson asked for the names of the temporary core team.

City Manager Bornstein replied that the conversation had included himself, Assistant City Manager Juan Ruiz, Leisure Services Director Lauren Bennett, Commissioner Scott Maxwell and members of REAL and had focused on creating a workable scope of services to bring to the Commission, not on creating the program.

Commissioner Robinson expressed dismay that the whole Commission had not been included in the conversations and that no minutes had been taken.

2. Commissioner Hardy asked for clarification of the series in the scope of services.

Mr. Andrews explained that interactive historical context would be included in REAL 100, REAL 200 series would focus on operational tools for each agency, REAL 300 series would focus on racial equity plans and REAL 400 would train the trainer.

Commissioner Hardy spoke in favor of engaging in the conversation and expressed concern about what was excluded from the scope of services, such as the organizing, and asked why the City had not committed to other series.

City Manager Bornstein responded that the focus was on getting participants to understand and agree how to move forward and that there had been discussions with several groups in the community. He stated that there could be further contracts, but it was decided that the scope was enough to stand alone to suit the City's purposes. He explained that the conversations had regarded funding and how to listen to community voices.

Commissioner Robinson asked if there would be a discussion regarding who would participate, if phases two and three would cost the same amount and when they would be determined. He inquired whether other ethnic communities would be involved. He pressed to determine when the next phases would be implemented and if a date for a work session could be set.

City Manager Bornstein said that the item was not a work session, just to approve the scope of services.

3. Mayor Triolo stated that she was ready to start.
4. Commissioner Hardy asked if cost estimates for other phases had been obtained.

City Manager Bornstein replied that there was no written estimate.

5. Commissioner Maxwell thanked everyone for their thoughtful comments and requested a vote so that the City could move forward.

City Clerk Andrea read the comment cards submitted by the following:

Shanna Lillis wrote in support of a contract with REAL.

Sue Welch wrote in hope that REAL would help the City develop a plan to address racism in the City (comment was not read as it was not received until 7:17 PM).

6. Commissioner Hardy gave a history of racial inequities in LWB that still existed and said that there was a two-cities dynamic.

**Action:** Subsidiary motion made by Commissioner Hardy to add Series 200 and 300 to the contract and shorten the length of the contract until January 1. **Motion failed for lack of a second.**

7. Commissioner Robinson strongly voiced that the conversation should not drag on until June and that he had brought the task force issue forward.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell and Robinson. NAYS: Commissioner Hardy.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Attorney Goddeau did not provide a report.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Bornstein did not provide a report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM.

**Vote:** Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioners Maxwell, Hardy and Robinson. NAYS: None.

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Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah M. Andrea, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: September 15, 2020

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