

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH  
UTILITY CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor 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:** (0:16)

Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy, Commissioners Sarah Malega (arrived at 6:06 PM), 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:** (0:32) led by Mayor Betty Resch.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

A. Electric Utility Update by Ed Liberty, Electric Utility Director (1:10)

B. Water Utility Update by Sam Heady, Water Utility Director (1:41)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:** (9:55)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (11:34)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the following minutes:

A. August 29, 2023

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** (public comment allowed during Public Participation of Non-Agendaed items) (12:00)

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

- A. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 22FRP69 between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Lake Worth Beach
- B. Fiscal Year 2024 Resilient Florida Grant Program Additional Funding Request for the Eden Place Sea Level Rise Mitigation Project
- C. Fiscal Year 2024 Resilient Florida Grant Program Application for the 9th Avenue South Pump Station Project
- D. Fiscal Year 2024 Resilient Florida Grant Program Application for the Parrot Cove Stormwater Resiliency Project

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Update (PCA) (12:08)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to maintain the current PCA rates.

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

- B. Resolution No. 31-2023 – Establishment of an Electric Utility Rate Stabilization Fund (47:22)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega to transfer \$500,000 for the Establishment of the Rate Stabilization Fund. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Malega to transfer \$2.5 million for the Establishment of the Rate Stabilization Fund. Motion amended to transfer \$2.5 million to Rate Stabilization Fund and bring back a resolution at a future meeting for the transfer of \$500,000 to a Storm Fund.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Resolution No. 43-2023 – Establishing the rates and charges for the Electric Utility for Fiscal Year 2024 (1:03:19)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve Resolution No. 43-2023 – Establishing the rates and charges for the Electric Utility for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

B. Resolution No. 44-2023 – Establishing the rates and charges for the Water System for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (1:03:43)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve Resolution No. 44-2023 – Establishing the rates and charges for the Water Utility for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

C. Resolution No. 45-2023 – Establishing the rates, fees and charges for the City's Sub-regional Sewer System for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (1:03:59)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve Resolution No. 45-2023 – Establishing the rates and charges for the City's Sub-regional Sewer System for Fiscal.

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

D. Resolution No. 46-2023 – Establishing the rates and charges for the Local Sewer System for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (1:04:16)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the water meter purchase with Badger Meter for the City's Water Utility Department.

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

E. Agreement with Encop, Inc. for the renovation of Men's Room, the Employee Lounge, small Ladies' Room, Supplies Room and for construction of the Linemen's Ready Room at the 1900 2nd Avenue North Building (1:04:30)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve the agreement with Encop Inc., to provide construction services for the renovations of the 1900 Building – Phase 2 at a cost not to exceed \$242,467.30.

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

F. Exception to Procurement Approval for NuCAT Corporation Work Orders 61 thru 73 (1:05:44)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve Work Orders #61 to #73 for the total aggregate cost of \$412,672.

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

G. Request for approval for the City of Lake Worth Beach to join the Transmission Operator Alliance operated by Orlando Utilities Commission on behalf of Alliance parties (1:24:28)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve the City of Lake Worth Beach signing the Transmission Operator Alliance Agreement and becoming a member of the Alliance.

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

H. Approval of contracts with L. E. Myers Co., Michels Power Inc., Wilco Electrical LLC., and Hooper Corporation to provide construction services for the Electric Utility System Hardening and Reliability Improvement Program (1:42:12)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the construction services agreements with L. E. Myers Co., Michels Power Inc., Wilco Electrical LLC., and Hooper Corporation for the Electric Utility System Hardening and Reliability Improvement Program Project.

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

I. Approval of contracts with NuCAT Corp., TeamWorknet, Inc and Powerserve Technologies, Inc for professional services to perform electrical equipment inspection, testing, repair and maintenance for the City's Electric Utility (1:46:39)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve the contracts with NuCAT Corp., TeamWorknet, Inc. and Powerserve Technologies, Inc. for professional services to perform electrical equipment inspection, testing, repair and maintenance for the City's Electric Utility systems and facilities.

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

J. Agreement with Bermex, Inc. for the reading of electric and water utility meters during emergency situations (1:47:00)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the agreement with Bermex, Inc. for the reading of electric and water utility meters on an as-needed basis.

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

K. Agreement with Gresco Utility Supply, Inc., for the purchase and delivery of 27 kV Capacitor Banks (1:48:07)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the

agreement with Gresco Utility Supply, Inc., to provide and deliver 27 kV, 4 MVAR 2-STEP Shunt Capacitor Banks to the city at a cost not to exceed \$581,523.

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

L. Resolution No. 47-2023 – Designate Vaughn Hayduk as the City’s Board Member for the East Central Regional Water Reclamation Facility (ECR) as Sam Heady’s alternate member representing Lake Worth Beach (1:48:32)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to designate Vaughn Hayduk as an Alternate Board Member for ECR representing Lake Worth Beach.

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

M. Piggyback agreement with Tripp Electric, Inc. for pump, motor, and equipment services (1:48:57)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the piggyback agreement with Tripp Electric Motor, Inc. for motor and pump repairs for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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

N. Third Amendment to Agreement with Allied Universal Corporation to purchase Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach) for water treatment and odor control (1:49:09)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the third amendment to agreement for purchasing bulk Sodium Hypochlorite from Allied Universal Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

O. Piggyback agreement with Miller Pipeline, LLC for the provision of Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Services (1:50:16)

**Action:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the piggyback agreement with Miller Pipeline, LLC pipeline contractor services.

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

P. Agreement for On-Call Large Pipeline Contractor Services with Amici Engineering Contractors, LLC (1:50:39)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the piggyback agreement with Amici Engineering Contractor, LLC for on-call large pipeline contractor services.

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

Q. Purchase Order with PSI Technologies, Inc. for a Wilo Sewage Pump for the Regional Master Pump Station (1:51:17)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve Purchase Order with PSI Technologies Inc. for a Wilo Sewage Pump for the Water Utilities Department for a cost not to exceed \$251,100.00.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** (1:51:34)

**Action:** Motion made by Commissioners Malega and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.

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

ATTEST:

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Betty Resch, Mayor

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Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: October 31, 2023

Item time stamps correspond to the meeting recording on YouTube.