

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
BY TELECONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 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 (absent for roll call; arrived a few minutes later) and Herman Robinson. Also present were City Manager Michael Bornstein, Assistant City Attorney Pamala Ryan and City Clerk Deborah M. Andrea.

INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE: led by Mayor Pam Triolo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Commissioner Scott Maxwell.

AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Reordering:

Deborah Andrea, City Clerk, announced that there were no changes to the agenda, but the Public Hearing for Consent Item A would be heard at the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting, not July 7, 2020.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

A. Legislative update by Representative David Silvers
Representative Silvers gave an overview of the legislation passed in the recent session. He said that there would be raises for teachers across the board and this was the first year that the Sadowski Fund was not swept into the Trust Fund and would go to Affordable Housing. He stated that there was still an attack on Home Rule and had become a partisan issue. He reported that mental health was one of his top priorities and he had sponsored four comprehensive policy bills dealing with mental health, affordable housing, domestic violence and protection of vulnerable investors were passed by the legislature. He spoke about House Bill (HB) 945 – Children's Mental Health to de-escalate situations so children are less likely to be sent for a traumatic Baker Act evaluation, HB 1459 – Affordable Housing to assist in affordable housing development, HB 241 – Domestic Violence Injunctions to help prevent victims from staying in abusive relationships out of fear for their family pet, and HB 813 – Protection of Vulnerable Investors to protect vulnerable adults from financial exploitation.

Commissioner Hardy thanked Rep. Silvers for his work on mental health and for attending the meeting. He asked about an upcoming special session.

Rep. Silvers replied that there were no discussions with the minority party and he did not

know if the Governor would make cuts across the board instead of cutting entire projects.

Vice Mayor Amoroso thanked Rep. Silvers for his work on behalf of the City and for helping with the Wifi project.

Rep. Silvers stated that the digital divide was affecting children across the state and country. He said that mobile hotspots would not work, but some areas were using school buses as Wifi hotspots.

Commissioner Robinson thanked Rep. Silvers for his initiatives and asked if he had a feeling about what the Governor would sign, about the ocean current project and redrawing the districts.

Rep. Silvers responded that he thought the Governor would sign everything that had passed both Chambers led by the Governor's own party. He said that the appropriation for the ocean current project had not gone through this session and the districts would be redrawn in 2021 after the election process.

Mayor Triolo expressed appreciation to Rep. Silvers and said that the Commission would have him back soon.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Robinson: said that everyone should wear their masks and fill out the census. He drew attention to Pride Month and said that people should take COVID-19 seriously.

Commissioner Hardy: reported that he and Commissioner Robinson had a Sunshine Meeting regarding racial issues and the PBSO contract; the issues should be discussed at length in the future. He said that there was interest by residents and officials to have uncomfortable conversations regarding racial issues and stated that he would put his interests aside to have a special meeting to discuss the issues.

Commissioner Maxwell: stated that Patrick Livingston was honored with the Local Heroes Award and suggested having a proclamation to honor his good work. He said that there was information in the news about the increase in COVID-19 cases and PBC and LWB had large numbers of cases; it would be important to educate and encourage people to social distance, wear masks and sanitize. He said that he distributed informational pamphlets in three languages and that there was a need to do something further to minimize the impact.

Vice Mayor Amoroso: announced that there would be a 2020 Census call to action to try to get the numbers up. He said that Feeding South Florida would continue the drive-up distribution of food through the CRA, Patrick Livingston was giving out food to walk or drive ups and he would be delivering 500 meals to the needy.

Mayor Triolo: stated that there would be a press conference regarding the census. She said that she would attend the TPA meeting and had attended meetings with the Conference of Mayors and another with female leaders in the County to come up with innovative solutions. She said that there were some big issues to discuss, but the way to improve would be to solve the issues together by being real and focusing on real solutions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Andrea stated that all the public comments were submitted for agendaed items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no Minutes on the Agenda.

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

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

- A. (Public Hearing was moved to July 21, 2020) Resolution 19-2020 - directing the development of a preliminary assessment roll for non-ad valorem assessments for lot clearing, boarding and securing and demolition costs
- B. Ratification of Work Order #3 for The Paving Lady
- C. Purchase Order with Alan Jay Fleet for the purchase of two new Toyota RAV4 Hybrid vehicles for the Building Division
- D. Agreement with AE Engineering for the Park of Commerce Phase 2 project
- E. Agreement with R&D Paving, LLC for construction of the Boutwell Road Lake Worth Park of Commerce – Phase II Project
- F. Agreements with DRC Emergency Services LLC and Sandy James Productions Inc. for food and catering services for disaster recovery
- G. Agreements with B&B Underground Construction, Inc., Johnson-Davis Incorporated, and Hinterland Group, Inc. for Emergency Utility Repairs for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater
- H. Agreements with The L. E. Myers Co. & Michels Power for electric utility storm restoration services for disaster recovery

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance No. 2020-07 – second reading – Amend Chapter 23 Land Development Regulations (LDRs) of the City’s Code of Ordinances

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Amoroso and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07 amending Chapter 23 Land Development Regulations of the City’s Code of Ordinances with the four words “Shall Not Be Granted” on line 713 that were stricken out, included.

City Attorney Ryan read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 2020-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” DIVISION 2,

“DEFINITIONS,” SECTION 23.1-12 - DEFINITIONS; ARTICLE 2, “SITE DESIGN QUALITATIVE STANDARDS” - SECTION 23.2-31. - SITE DESIGN QUALITATIVE STANDARDS; ARTICLE 3 “ZONING DISTRICTS” DIVISION 3, “MIXED USE DISTRICTS,” SECTION 23.3-18 - MU-W MIXED USE WEST; ARTICLE 3 “ZONING DISTRICTS”, DIVISION 6, “PLANNED DEVELOPMENT”, SECTION 23.3-25 - PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; ARTICLE 4 “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 23.4-10 - OFF STREET PARKING; AND SECTION 23.4-13 - ADMINISTRATIVE USES AND CONDITIONAL USES; AND ARTICLE 5 “SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS”, DIVISION 3, “NONCONFORMITIES”, SECTION 23.5-3 – NON-CONFORMITIES OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

William Waters, Community Sustainability Director, announced that there was a scrivener’s error to be corrected on line 713; the four words that were stricken out, “Shall Not Be Granted” should not be stricken.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comment cards.

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

B. Authorization of grant applications to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) funding of critical facility hardening projects in impacted communities and invitation of public comment.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve the submittal of grant applications to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for funding of critical facility hardening projects in impacted communities.

Brian Shields, Water Utility Director, explained that he was seeking approval to submit grant applications by June 30 to obtain 100% funding for four projects.

City Clerk Andrea stated that there were no public comment cards.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Rent deferral amendment to the Casino tenants’ leases for COVID-19 closures and authorization to City Manager to sign the Amendments

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Vice Mayor Amoroso to approve the rent deferral amendment to the Casino tenants’ leases for COVID-19 closures and authorization to the City Manager to sign the Amendments.

City Manager Bornstein stated that there had been two meetings and based on the approval of the lease with Benny’s, there was a suggestion of using that deferral language in the other leases. He explained that the tenants would have one year to repay back rent, but the CAM and other fees would be paid.

Comments/requests summary:

1. Vice Mayor Amoroso asked if all of the tenants had stopped paying at the same time.

City Manager Bornstein replied that Kilwins had paid in April but the other tenants had not paid since March.

2. Commissioner Robinson asked what the response had been regarding abatements for those tenants that had been completely closed.

City Manager Bornstein replied that he spoke with the tenants who favored abatements, but he proceeded with discussions of deferrals per the Commission's direction from two meetings.

3. Mayor Triolo asked which businesses had reopened.

City Manager Bornstein replied that Lake Worth Beach Tee's had been closed completely, but Mamma Mia's and Kilwin's had been able to do some takeout and delivery. He said that the beach club had decided to close.

4. Commissioner Robinson stated that he would favor granting a one-month abatement to LWB Tee's.

Commissioner Maxwell said that it would be unwise and unfair to grant an exception to one business.

Action: Subsidiary Motion made by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Vice Mayor Amoroso to approve a 100% rent abatement for April and a deferral of May and June's rent in accordance with the rest of the amendment for Lake Worth Beach T's.

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

Barry Freedman, owner of LWB Tee Shirt Company, wrote to request a 50% abatement of the base rent for April and May, putting June's rent on the end of his option on October 31, 2020 and that he would resume his regular payments on July 1, 2020.

City Manager Bornstein explained that LWB Tee's would be deferring those months' rent according to the amendment.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Appeal of the Historic Resources Preservation Board's decision to approve the construction of a new single-family structure at 403 South M Street

Mayor Triolo read the title of the case into the record saying that this was an appeal by Dan Walesky on behalf of Royal Building Group, LLC, appealing the decision of the Historic Resources Preservation Board approving the construction of a new single-family structure with conditions at 403 South M Street. She stated this was a quasi-judicial hearing to hear an appeal pursuant to section 23.2-17 of the City's code of ordinances and under the City's code, the Commissioners would consider only the evidence presented at the HRPB meeting. She explained that there would be no new evidence presented, instead, the city and the applicant will be given up to ten minutes to make a presentation, which should essentially be an overview of what occurred at the HRPB level. She said that the Commission could then ask questions or seek clarification on anything that was covered, brought up, or relied upon at the HRPB meeting and the public would also be given an opportunity to speak. She stated that a supermajority vote of the Commission would be required to overturn the HRPB's decision.

Mayor Triolo asked if there were any questions on the procedure. No one had any questions.

Mayor Triolo then asked if the Commissioners had any ex parte communications personal investigations, or campaign contributions to disclose.

Commissioner Robinson said that he had spoken to the applicant.

Mayor Triolo said that she had not spoken to the applicant.

Commissioner Hardy indicated that he had not had any communication with the applicant.

Commissioner Maxwell said that he had spoken to a member of the public, but not the applicant.

Vice Mayor Amoroso said that he had spoken to a third party, but not the applicant.

Mayor Triolo announced that all those giving testimony, should raise their right hands and be sworn-in.

Deborah Andrea, City Clerk, swore in those giving testimony and requested that they state their names and addresses for the record.

Mayor Triolo asked the Director for Community Sustainability or designee to give the departmental presentation, which could be no longer than ten minutes.

William Waters, Community Sustainability Director, introduced Abraham Fogel, Historic Preservation Planner who would give the presentation.

Mr. Fogel showed the location property on South M Street. He stated that at the February 12, 2020 Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB) regular meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve a new single-family residence on the vacant lot at 403 South M Street with conditions of approval which included the initial staff recommended conditions as well as modifications to conditions 7 and 8 which were amended by the Board at the meeting. He said that the applicant, Dan Walesky, on behalf of Royal Building Group LLC, was appealing the decision by the HRPB contending that the Board amended Conditions 7 and 8 were arbitrary and not supported by any historic context, code, or

ordinance existing in the City of Lake Worth Beach. He explained that the structure's design featured elements that were reminiscent of the Masonry Vernacular or Masonry Minimal Traditional architectural style, but the proposal lacked general features, massing, and detailing of any discernable architectural style. He reported that at the February 12, 2020 HRPB meeting, the Board determined that the proposed single-family residence did not represent a distinct architectural style and contained incompatible front yard site features and the Board discussion focused on the modification of the conditions based on the neighborhood context in order to increase visual compatibility and compliance with the Historic Preservation Ordinance. He summarized the modifications of Conditions 7 and 8 as follows: Condition 7 required that compatibly sized windows should be added to the north and south facades to avoid the long expanses of blank façade and the front porch window and column configuration should be changed to be symmetrical with two vertically oriented single-hung windows with columns spaced evenly across and Condition 8 required that the driveway be reduced in size so that a walkway connecting the front door with sidewalk could be added without going over the front yard impermeable surface provision and the driveway should be reduced from 12 feet to 10 feet wide with flares at the sidewalk.

Mr. Fogel announced that the Applicant's presentation contained new information that was not presented at the HRPB meetings and could not be considered.

City Attorney Ryan said that Mr. Walesky should identify all of the new information.

Commissioner Hardy suggested that the item be postponed until the presentation was compliant with the rules and procedures.

City Attorney Ryan stated that staff could comment on each slide regarding what had been presented to the HRPB.

Mr. Waters said that there would be a special meeting on June 30, with just the Bohemian item and the appeal could be heard then.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Hardy to postpone the appeal until June 30 and empower City Attorney Ryan to decide what was pertinent, relevant and allowable for the hearing in the Applicant's presentation.

Vice Mayor Amoroso asked if the Commission would hear about the Applicant's first appearance at the HRPB.

City Attorney Ryan stated that the Applicant did not amend his application, but started with a new application, which was irrelevant to the proceeding.

Commissioner Maxwell said that the issue would become convoluted if the Applicant did not work with staff to make the presentation compliant.

Commissioner Robinson asked for a definition of arbitrary and capricious regarding HRPB decisions.

City Attorney Ryan stopped Commissioner Robinson because he was deliberating.

Mayor Triolo requested a phone conversation to understand the issues.

City Attorney Ryan said that the appeal had to be done appropriately and she would work with Mr. Walesky to ensure that his presentation met the code.

Vice Mayor Amoroso requested the backup that was shown at the meeting.

Mr. Waters stated that he would include the presentation in the backup.

Commissioner Robinson asked if the Commission could watch the HRPB meetings.

City Attorney Ryan replied that it would be appropriate for the Commission to watch the meetings. She said that the Applicant's presentation was not appropriate for an appeal and the Commission's duty was to decide if HRPB's decision was arbitrary and capricious; she would add the definition to the presentation as well as having staff define HRPB's duties.

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

The meeting recessed at 7:42 PM and reconvened at 7:52 PM.

B. Creating a Task Force to make recommendations to the City Commission on the issue of eradicating systemic racism in the City of Lake Worth Beach

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Hardy to set a special meeting to create a Task Force to make recommendations to the City Commission on the issue of eradicating systemic racism in the City of Lake Worth Beach. **Commissioner Maxwell withdrew his motion.**

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to set a special meeting on June 23 to create a Task Force to make recommendations to the City Commission on the issue of eradicating systemic racism in the City of Lake Worth Beach.

Comments/requests summary:

1. Commissioner Robinson said that given that there was a lot of public input, for the sake of moving forward, he would prefer to vote after hearing from the public.
2. Commissioner Hardy stated that he and Commissioner Robinson had discussed the issue during the Sunshine Meeting and that the task force should be speedily established with recommendations coming back from the task force quickly to move forward with police reform.
3. Commissioner Maxwell asked for clarification regarding the issue.

City Attorney Ryan replied that there was to be a presentation at the meeting to help the Commission decide whether to set a special meeting at which action would be taken.

4. Vice Mayor Amoroso said that a 20 to 30-person task force compiling data within 30 days would be problematic. He suggested that the Commission should reach out to groups that were already working to make a presentation and work with them and that the City should have an Office of Racial Equality.

5. Mayor Triolo expressed concern about having a plan without input from the Conference of Mayors and the Obama.org pledge. She said that she was expecting a presentation on the issue. She said that it would be important to reach out to City residents.

Commissioner Robinson said that he was looking for a vote on a task force to include everyone the Mayor had mentioned.

Commissioner Hardy explained that Commissioner Robinson had wanted consent regarding a future meeting to set up a task force, which was the same item on the agenda. He opined that a 10 to 20-person task force would not be unwieldy and if the Commission did not approve a task force, it needed to come up with a plan to address the issue soon.

Mayor Triolo stated that she expected a presentation from Commissioner Robinson because Commissioner Maxwell had asked for information for the Commission to make a decision.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that his motion at the last meeting was for Commissioner Robinson to bring back a presentation regarding the conversation about a task force. He said that the Commission needed to work together to come up with positive results to address difficult issues. He stated that after George Floyd's death, the priority had changed and elected officials had to listen to constituents before answering questions. He said that a conversation was needed once the unrest calmed down and the affected parties who had lived through inequities should lead the conversation. He proposed how the Commission could work with the stakeholders to find out how they felt, the hardships they had experienced, what LWB would need to acknowledge to fix the issues. He iterated that public policy would come out of the conversations and it would be foolhardy to think that 400 years of issues could be solved in 90 days.

Vice Mayor Amoroso requested that the Commission hear from the public.

Commissioner Hardy said that the job of elected officials was to listen to their constituents in order to make public policy and the task force would do that. He stated that civic organizations in the City would choose people to serve on the task force and there were vast sources of literature that could be used as the basis for policy. He spoke in favor of holding a special meeting to determine what the task force would look like.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that he spoke with the Race Equity Division of the National League of Cities established in 2015 which had the resources to facilitate the necessary conversations. He said that all the participants should be heard; the community should tell the Commission what the priorities should be.

Mayor Triolo read the letter written by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Schumer stating that Congress should take action to work towards police reform and social justice, that the Conference was committed to working with Congress on the police reform bill and urged Congress to speak with Mayors and Police Chiefs around the Country who had a wealth of experience with the issues. She announced that the National League of Cities (NLC) had a task force comprised of Mayors and members of law enforcement. She said that there would be more traction

to create policies by working with bigger organizations; the City should reach out to the community. She said that the City needed to address the citizens' concerns.

Commissioner Hardy said that some Mayors had no credibility because of their dealings with the peaceful protesters. He stated that having a task force would be a perfect melding.

Mayor Triolo asked if the City could influence some of the issues like banking, unless it worked with other cities to create strength in numbers.

Commissioner Hardy stated that there were issues that the task force could deal with immediately.

Commissioner Robinson stated that either the Commission would address the systemic racism or it would not. He said that the public had an interest in the issue and there should be five committees helmed by one Commissioner each. He suggested setting a date to discuss the item.

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

Patrick Livingston wrote in favor of putting a task force together.

Dr. Carlos Betancourt of the Church of God wrote in opposition to the creation of a task force.

Elie Louissaint, Pastor of Salem Haitian Evangelical Lutheran Church, wrote that the police should be held accountable for their actions.

Ramsay Stevens wrote in support for the establishment of the proposed task force.

Jamas Ward, President of the Memorial Park Neighborhood Association, wrote that the City's ordinances and laws should be enforced as written and sent a list of police reform suggestions.

Edmund Deveaux wrote in opposition to a task force.

Kim Stokes wrote that the public should know what PBSO is doing with the money they receive from the City and a line item budget should be made available.

Jeannie Hoban wrote in opposition to a task force.

City Clerk Andrea read a letter in favor of a task force signed by 15 residents requesting that a meeting be set up quickly for a constructive discussion with PBSO.

Rev. Jason Fairbanks, Pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ, wrote in favor of the creation of a task force.

Tony Cato, Pastor of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, wrote in opposition to a task force.

Sam Goodstein wrote on behalf of the Whispering Palms Neighborhood Association and its President, Retha Lowe, to request that the membership of the task force be representative of the community.

Noah Wilson wrote in favor of a task force.

Sue Welch wrote that the City should reevaluate the contract with PBSO and look at what other cities had implemented.

Autumn Barksdale wrote in favor of establishing a task force and divesting 50% of the budget away from PBSO and reallocate to community services and infrastructure.

Tiffany Griffis wrote in favor of divesting 50% of funding from PBSO and reallocating the funds to community services for minority and low-income groups.

Katherine Clarke wrote requesting the defunding of the police department and reallocating funds for mental health, education and ending the back log of unsolved rapes, etc.

Todd Kimberlain wrote to ask that that a careful analysis of current spending levels be undertaken to reduce the current police budget in favor of spending increases elsewhere within the community.

Collin Barndt wrote in favor of a task force.

Nate Barksdale wrote requesting divesting 50% of funding from PBSO and reallocating the funds to community services for minority and low-income groups.

Bridget Marquez wrote in favor of a proposed systemic racism task force and for divesting 50 percent of the PBSO budget and reallocating it into community services and infrastructure for minority and low-income groups.

Jordan Clemmons wrote in favor of the systemic racism task force and for 50% of the \$13 million committed to PBSO to instead go to the underfunded community where it will have a more positive impact.

Jess Hawkins wrote in favor of the proposed systemic racism task force and for divesting 50 percent of the budget away from PBSO and reallocate it into community services and infrastructure for minority and low-income groups.

Siena M. wrote asking to reallocate the gross amount of money spent on police, surveillance, and punitive measures in Lake Worth into programs that get to root of the problems.

Bobby Love wrote in favor of the proposed systemic racism task force, and for divesting 50 percent of the budget away from PBSO and reallocate it into community services and infrastructure for minority and low-income groups.

Cara Jennings wrote that the City should divest from the police and reinvest in important community programs and to hold the police accountable.

Cameron Stempel wrote to limit the scope of Sheriff Department's activities and cut their

budget in half.

Mason Youell wrote that part of the conversation about defunding the police needed to include reallocating funds from PBSO and investing them back into the community.

Benjamin Brown wrote that the City's contract with the PBSO must be renegotiated.

Stephen Sellas wrote in support of the Anti-Racism Task Force and any measure meant to limit police authority and put it back in the hands of people.

Nick Paliughi wrote in favor of defunding the police and refunding programs that help people get and stay on their feet.

6. Commissioner Maxwell reminded everyone that he had spoken to the affected parties, none of whom were in favor of a task force. He said that the City should do what it could, starting with listening to the residents and he could not vote for the item.
7. Commissioner Hardy said that PBSO deputies in the City had been extremely professional, but the issue was about creating mechanisms of accountability. He stated that a conversation was necessary regarding how to spend police funds and about creating a task force that could speak with the police. He said that he desired to amend his motion to add a date certain.

Mayor Triolo asked City Manager Bornstein about upcoming meeting dates.

City Manager Bornstein replied that the meeting on June 18 included a presentation from the School Board regarding Wifi and a discussion about a utility repayment plan and no meeting was scheduled on June 23.

Mayor Triolo stated that the task force should be subject to the same rules as the advisory boards, no members from the Commission on the task force. She said that it would be necessary to fine tune the items.

Vice Mayor Amoroso said that he would need to discuss various issues with staff and the City Attorney; it should be done right and there should be a determination about what was in the City's scope. He said that he could not vote for the issue as it was written.

Commissioner Robinson said that there was selective input but no commitment to set up a meeting on June 23. He stated that a task force would be necessary to listen to residents with each Commissioner heading one of the committees.

Discussion ensued regarding the establishment, makeup and particulars of the potential task force.

Action: Subsidiary Motion by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Vice Mayor Amoroso to direct staff to come back with some direction with respect to how the Commission could utilize either the National League of Cities or the U.S. Conference of Mayors to the resources they had available to them to give guidance on how to establish a task force that provided for the affected parties here in the City of LWB to be directly involved in the process so the Commission could figure out what the community was feeling, what their needs were and how to address them

going forward.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo and Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioner Maxwell. NAYS: Commissioner Robinson. DID NOT VOTE: Commissioner Hardy.

Vote on original motion: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo and Commissioners Hardy and Robinson. NAYS: Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioner Maxwell.

City Attorney Ryan explained that there would be a meeting on June 23 to talk about a task force and staff would try to have someone from the national or local League of Cities to help with the discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Ryan 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 10:00 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Triolo, Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioner Maxwell. NAYS: Commissioner Hardy. DID NOT VOTE: Commissioner Robinson.

Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah M. Andrea, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: July 21, 2020

A digital audio recording of this meeting will be available in the Office of the City Clerk.