

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2023 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ONE-CENT SALES SURTAX TO FUND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2036; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the voters of Palm Beach County approved an increase to the local sales tax from 6 cents per dollar to 7 cents per dollar; and

WHEREAS, the one-cent sales surtax increase became effective on January 1, 2017, and will automatically sunset upon the earlier occurrence of either December 31, 2026, or the generation of \$2.7 billion in total revenue; and

WHEREAS, the generated one-cent sales surtax revenue is divided between the School District of Palm Beach County (50%), Palm Beach County (30%), and the 39 Palm Beach County municipalities (20% shared amongst them); and

WHEREAS, the generated one-cent sales surtax revenue may only be utilized for infrastructure projects such as roads, sidewalks, bridges, schools, parks, and government buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure projects provide access to clean water, electricity, transportation, and other essential services, which directly impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, and the wider community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach has received one-cent sales surtax revenue in the amount of \$20,674,615 since January 1, 2017, which has allowed the City to improve its infrastructure facilities and simultaneously maintain a lower property tax millage rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach recognizes the direct and beneficial impact the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects has provided to Lake Worth Beach residents, as well as the schools of Palm Beach County, and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach supports a collaboration with the School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County, and the other municipalities of Palm Beach County to extend and continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects beyond its current automatic sunset deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach specifically supports seeking voter approval to continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this section of this resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Lake Worth Beach hereby expresses its support for seeking voter approval to continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to forward this Resolution to each of the Palm Beach County Commissioners with a copy to the Palm Beach County Administrator, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and the School District of Palm Beach County.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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 Christopher McVoy
- Commissioner Sarah Malega
- Commissioner Kimberly Stokes
- Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the ____ day of _____ 2023.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk