

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING - ARTIFICIAL TURF & TREE PLANTING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 6:07 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: (0:28) Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Sarah Malega (via Zoom), Commissioners Christopher McVoy, Mimi May and Reinaldo Diaz. Also present were Interim City Manager Jamie Brown, City Attorney Glen Torcivia (via Zoom) and City Clerk Melissa Ann Coyne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (1:00) was led by Commissioner Christopher McVoy.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Commissioner May to amend the agenda by deleting New Business A, Scope of Services for the RFQ for tree planting services recommended by the Tree and Landscape Board and having the item on a meeting in June.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1:42)

A. Discussion of the RFQ for the Development Professional Services for the Lake Worth Beach Municipal Beach Complex (2:58)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to amend the RFQ by adding the following language to page 2, paragraph 1, "The City emphasizes that many years ago, the City's 19+ acres of ocean front land were with great foresight and vision set aside as a public park, for the benefit of the residents of Lake Worth Beach. While concessions have long been allowed, and while it is beneficial for limited activities within this area to contribute favorably to the City's finances, the primary intent of this land is for public enjoyment of the natural wonders of the Atlantic Ocean" and adding the following to page 4, paragraph 1, "As introduced on page 2, the relevant 19+ acres of ocean front land owned by the City of Lake Worth Beach hold a special place in the hearts of many residents, as a park; as a window on the ocean; and as a unique location of spiritual renewal. At the same time, it is desirable that a certain amount of amenities and concessions be present, and for these to generate a degree of income to the city. A central objective of this RFQ will be seeking a sensitive and healthy balance between these two, sometimes conflicting, objectives"; changing references from the Intercoastal to the Lake Worth Lagoon and adding information on page 16 regarding the dates relating to the pool.

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

B. Discussion regarding the use of Artificial Turf (14:37)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Diaz that, consistent with our city's commitment to positive environmental stewardship, our legal obligation to protect the Lake Worth Lagoon, and our commitment to proactively reducing inland flooding, we maintain our existing LDRs, which do not allow artificial turf as a landscape material.

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

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner May to extend the discussion for an additional 30 minutes.

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

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega for staff to bring an ordinance back allowing artificial turf in rear yards only, not in historical areas, with direction on installation and quantity. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to adopt the recommendations of the Tree and Landscape Board prohibiting artificial turf.

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

Action: Direction for staff to come back with options for impermeable surfaces and clarifying landscape code for both residential and commercial properties

NEW BUSINESS:

A. (deleted) Scope of Services for the RFQ for tree planting services recommended by the Tree and Landscape Board

ADJOURNMENT: (2:19:13)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner May to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

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

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: June 4, 2024

Item time stamps correspond to the recording on YouTube.