

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2019 -- 6:00 PM**

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

1. **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 Goddeau and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Ann Coyne.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Commissioner Scott Maxwell.
3. **UPDATES/FUTURE ACTION/DIRECTION:**

A. Adding items to an agenda by Commissioners

Michael Bornstein, City Manager, stated that he sought process and procedure for the Commissioners to bring items forward to the agenda. He gave an overview of the current process by which to add items to the agenda 11 days before the meeting. He said that there would be three options, green where the item would be prepared for an agenda, yellow where additional information would be needed or a workshop set up and red where only one or two Commissioners were in favor of the item and would not go forward at that time. He said that the current process did not provide enough opportunities to discuss potential items.

Comments/requests summary:

1. Mayor Triolo stated that there were few occasions at which the Commission could discuss issues because of the Sunshine Law.
2. Commissioner Maxwell said that open discussion would improve the transparency of the City.
3. Commissioner Hardy said that he would concur with moving forward with the process.

City Manager Bornstein said that a decision would have to be made as to when the discussion could take place; before the regular meeting or at another time during the week.

4. Commissioner Maxwell recommended that the discussion be held before the regular meetings or have a work session once a month or every other month due to time constraints. He said that he did not favor having a discussion meeting following a regular meeting as some of the meetings ended late. He stated that a stand alone

meeting would remove the time pressure that would exist during a regular meeting and that it was not a frequency issue but an efficiency issue. He opined that during a regular meeting, if a Commissioner irritated the others, they might not be open to discussing the item.

5. Mayor Triolo agreed with Commissioner Maxwell that having a work session would be more conducive to discussion, but it should not be during election season. She suggested adding a topic to the agenda to allow for discussion at the regular meetings; that the process came from some Commissioners believing that their items were not being addressed at the public level.
6. Vice Mayor Amoroso suggested holding a work session every other month or on an as needed basis. He said that the discussion meeting should follow a pre-existing meeting. He suggested piggybacking work sessions with regular meetings depending on how many items were being brought forth.
7. Commissioner Robinson spoke in favor of a stand alone meeting but said that would take up another evening; he would prefer having a half hour meeting before the regular meetings.
8. Commissioner Hardy suggested having a seasonal discussion or limiting the number of ideas that could be brought forth by each Commissioner. He requested seeing the flow chart in word form as an amendment to the resolution. He said that there would be the ability to not advance an idea. He spoke in favor of having a discussion during the regular meetings to add items to the agenda.
9. Vice Mayor Amoroso asked what the process would be if the discussion lasted more than 30 minutes to prevent going to a workshop.

City Attorney Goddeau said that the resolution could be amended as desired. She stated that a motion could be made to extend the discussion to avoid going to a workshop.

10. Commissioner Robinson expressed concern about taking a vote after only five or ten minutes of discussion.
11. Commissioner Maxwell stated that if an item was discussed and agreed to, it should not have an additional lengthy discussion when it was put back on the agenda.
12. Commissioner Robinson said that staff's input would be valuable during the discussions.

City Manager Bornstein stated that the intent would be for staff to inform the Commission about the items.

13. Vice Mayor Amoroso said that when meeting with City Manager Bornstein, the appropriate staff member would attend to speak to the matter. He stated that after that discussion, he might decide not to proceed with the matter.

14. Commissioner Robinson said that the public deserved to hear all of the ideas even those that were not feasible.
15. Mayor Triolo expressed disappointment that a process for putting items on the agendas was even necessary.

City Manager Bornstein said that an item could be put on the agenda but staff would not do any work until there would be a consensus to proceed with the item.

16. Commissioner Hardy said that very few meetings went past 10:00 PM so there would not be a time constraint and that there would not need to be a limit to the number of items discussed. He asked City Manager Bornstein if staff could present information to the Commissioner.

City Manager Bornstein said that the appropriate staff would attend the meeting to provide information but he did not have staff available to work on an item before there was consensus to bring it forward. He urged prudence in presenting an item but said that staff would answer questions in the day to day business.

17. Commissioner Robinson asked if an item was presented in writing to the City Clerk, it would be on the agenda.

City Manager Bornstein replied that if the 11 day time frame were followed, the item would be on the agenda.

18. Mayor Triolo asked that each Commissioner voice their opinion.
19. Commissioner Maxwell supported having a meeting every other month. He said that 30 minutes should be enough time to decide an item.
20. Vice Mayor Amoroso said that he supported the stand alone meetings.
21. Commissioner Hardy spoke in favor of the having the discussion during the regular meetings.
22. Commissioner Robinson said that he favored the discussion during the regular meeting.

City Manager Bornstein said that the discussion would be where appropriate, even in a new section if so created in the resolution.

23. Mayor Triolo said that she was being respectful by letting everyone speak but even in a debate there was a time limit, not having the speaker continue to discuss the item over and over.
24. Commissioner Maxwell said that the issue of public comment would have to be addressed and that something ironclad would have to be determined.

City Attorney Goddeau said that public comment would not be required if it were just a discussion item; without official action, no public comment would be necessary.

25. Mayor Triolo said that politics should not be a part and that public comment should not be a part of the item discussions whether in a stand alone or regular meeting.

Consensus: Consensus was to have the discussions on the regular meeting agendas (YEA: Mayor Triolo and Commissioners Hardy and Robinson. NAY: Vice Mayor Amoroso and Commissioner Maxwell).

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah M. Andrea, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: August 6, 2019

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