



**City of West Palm Beach
City Commission**

**DRAFT
AGENDA**

**March 9, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 401 CLEMATIS STREET, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33401, {(561) 822-1210}

**MAYOR
KEITH A. JAMES**

**CITY COMMISSION
PRESIDENT CHRISTINA LAMBERT**

**COMMISSIONER KELLY SHOAF
COMMISSIONER RICHARD A. RYLES**

**COMMISSIONER CORY NEERING
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH A. PEDUZZI**

**ADMINISTRATION
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, FAYE W. JOHNSON
CITY ATTORNEY, KIMBERLY ROTHENBURG
CITY CLERK, HAZELINE CARSON**

CALL TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CIVILITY AND DECORUM: The City of West Palm Beach is committed to civility and decorum by its officials, employees and members of the public who attend this meeting. The City Code, Secs. 2-31(8), 2-31(18) and 2-31(22), provides in pertinent part:

- Officials shall be recognized by the Chair and shall not interrupt a speaker.
- Public comment shall be addressed to the City Commission as a whole and not to any individual on the dais or in the audience.
- Displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, lack of respect and personal attacks are strictly prohibited.
- Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells and similar demonstrations shall not be permitted.
- Offenders may be removed from the meeting.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA:

PROCLAMATION (1):

1. **Proclaiming: March 2020 as: Florida Bicycle Month; and March 16-20, 2020 as: Bike to Work Week. Proclamation to be accepted by Penni Redford, Resilience & Climate Change Manager, Heather Danforth, Senior Planner, Alex Hansen, City Comprehensive Planner and Tara Applebaum, Vision Zero Coordinator.**
Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22818

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS:

CONSENT CALENDAR (2-11):

2. **Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of February 10, 2020.**
Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22819

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of February 10, 2020.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal impact.

3. **Resolution No. 33-20 authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the Town of Palm Beach and the City of West Palm Beach for the 2020 – 2022 Town of Palm Beach Water Main Improvements project, in the amount of \$2,500,000; and Resolution No. 1-20(F) appropriating funds for the Improvements.**

RESOLUTION NO. 33-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH AND THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH FOR THE 2020 – 2022 TOWN OF PALM BEACH WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-20(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER OF CITY FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT FUND BUDGET TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2020-2022 TOWN OF PALM BEACH WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22820

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 33-20 and Resolution No. 1-20(F).

Background:

In 1999, the City of West Palm Beach and the Town of Palm Beach entered into a Water Franchise Agreement ("Franchise Agreement") under which the City provides potable water service to the Town. The water infrastructure which serves the Town is owned by the City. The Franchise Agreement requires the City and the Town to review the infrastructure on an annual basis and to identify the repair and replacement projects necessary for maintenance of the system. The Franchise Agreement also requires five percent (5%) of the gross water sales in the Town to be deposited into the Town's Renewal & Replacement (R&R) Fund to be used to make water main improvements in the Town.

The City and the Town have identified water system projects for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 and have agreed that it is in the best interest of both entities to enter into an agreement to accomplish the water main design and construction of the agreed projects. Pursuant to the proposed Interlocal Agreement, the Town will hire the consultants and contractors to design and construct the improvement projects with review and oversight by the City. The 2020 - 2022 Town of Palm Beach Water Main Improvements ("Improvements") will be accomplished on various roadways within the dedicated rights-of-ways in the Town, as described in detail in Attachment "A" to the Agreement. The Interlocal Agreement provides that the estimated cost of the Improvements, \$2,500,000,

will be funded from the Town of Palm Beach Renewal & Replacement Fund (Fund 457). Fund 457 is to be used for water main improvements in the Town of Palm Beach pursuant to the Franchise Agreement. No General Fund dollars required.

The Interlocal Agreement for the 2020 - 2022 Town of Palm Beach Water Main Improvements is planned to be on the Town Council meeting agenda of March 2020 for approval.

Resolution No. 33-20 approves the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Palm Beach for the 2020 - 2022 Town of Palm Beach Water Main Improvements.

Resolution No. 1-20(F) appropriates \$2.5 million from reserve for future projects in Fund 457 to the 2020 - 2022 Town of Palm Beach Water Main Improvements project.

Fiscal Note:

Post approval, the Town of Palm Beach Renewal & Replacement Fund 457 reserve for future projects balance will be approximately \$900,000.

4. **Resolution No. 34-20(F) authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 in sponsorship funds from the Miami Super Bowl LIV Host Committee for a Super Clematis by Night.**

RESOLUTION NO. 34-20(F): A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER OF CITY FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE WATERFRONT DISTRICT FUND BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE SUPER BOWL HOST COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR PAYMENT OF THE NATIONAL ACT FOR SUPER CLEMATIS BY NIGHT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22821

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 34-20(F).

Background:

On Thursday, January 30, 2020, the City of West Palm Beach hosted Super Clematis by Night, Palm Beach County's Official Super Bowl Host Committee celebration. Approximately 20,000 residents and visitors enjoyed the expanded activities at the City's weekly, heritage events. Super components included two stages of entertainment featuring a performance by national performing artists, Smash Mouth, and free, family sports activities through the 200 and 300 blocks of Clematis and NFL alumni coordinated by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission. The Miami Super Bowl LIV Committee sponsored the national act at Super Clematis by Night with a \$20,000 cash donation.

Fiscal Note:

Accepting \$20,000 cash sponsorship for Super Clematis by Night from the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee for sponsorship of the national act.

5. **Resolution No. 46-20 reauthorizing the Mayor to execute certain agreements with other law enforcement agencies as required or requested by the Chief of Police.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, FROM TIME TO TIME, WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS NEEDED OR REQUIRED UPON REQUEST OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE WHICH PROVIDE FOR COMBINED OPERATION ASSISTANCE AND VOLUNTARY COOPERATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22822

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 46-20.

Background:

On December 9, 2013, the City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach ("City"), through Resolution No. 225-13, authorized the Mayor to execute operation assistance and voluntary cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding with federal, state and local agencies. Some of these agencies include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, the Broward County Sheriff's Office and the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office. Generally, the purpose of these agreements is to delineate the responsibilities of each agency and formalize the relationships between the participating agencies. Other related agreements entail user agreements for access to intra-agency information and data-sharing networks, generally known as Criminal Justice Information (CJI) systems operated and regulated by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

In light of the sensitive in nature of these cooperative agreements, which may entail criminal intelligence information often exempt under state law from public disclosure, Resolution No. 225-13 authorized the Mayor to sign such agreements on behalf of the City, without having to bring each item before the City Commission for approval.

By law, a resolution means the expression of a temporary character of a governing body concerning matters of administration. As such, the Police Department brings forward Resolution No. 46-20, for the City Commission's consideration to reauthorize the Mayor to sign such cooperative agreements for a period of five (5) years.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal impact.

6. **Resolution No. 51-20 authorizing the assessment of city liens in the total amount of \$29,255.50 for unpaid water service, sewer service, and stormwater service charges for the month of December 2019.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT OF CITY LIENS FOR UNPAID WATER SERVICE, SEWER SERVICE, AND STORMWATER SERVICE; PROVIDING THAT SAID LIENS SHALL BE PRIOR IN DIGNITY TO ALL OTHER LIENS AGAINST THE ASSESSED PROPERTIES, SAVE AND EXCEPT A LIEN FOR TAXES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22823

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 51-20.

Background:

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, 2003, Sections 90-4 and 90-5, the City imposes liens on private real property for delinquent payments due for utility services. The liens to be assessed by Resolution No. 51-20 are for unpaid water service, sewer service, and stormwater service charges for the month of December 2019. The list of properties to be assessed and the associated charges totaling \$29,255.50 are attached to Resolution No. 51-20 as EXHIBIT A - Utility Lien List - December 2019. If not paid, these liens may be foreclosed by the City.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal impact.

7. **Resolution No. 52-20(F) amending the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 General Fund budget to recognize parking meter donation of \$3,039 for Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2020 and appropriating the funds for a donation to the Martin Luther King Caregivers.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER OF CITY FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.03 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE PARKING METER REVENUES AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR A DONATION TO MARTIN LUTHER KING CAREGIVERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22824

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 52-20(F).

Background:

Resolution No. 52-20(F) assigns the Parking Meter Donation from the Martin Luther King (MLK) Holiday to the Martin Luther King Caregivers. The Martin Luther King Caregivers are volunteers who provide assistance to the frail elderly and homebound in the inner City of West Palm Beach. This program began in 1996 and continues to provide much needed assistance.

A donation of \$3,039 is awarded to the Martin Luther King Caregivers program for the 2020 MLK holiday.

8. **Resolution No. 55-20 approving the contracts for master property insurance, water system property insurance, excess liability insurance, excess workers' compensation insurance, crime insurance, and miscellaneous other insurance policies for policy year 2020-2021.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS FOR MASTER PROPERTY INSURANCE, WATER SYSTEM PROPERTY INSURANCE, EXCESS LIABILITY, EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION, CRIME INSURANCE, ECR PROPERTY GENERAL LIABILITY AND OTHER INSURANCE, PUBLIC OFFICIALS BOND, CITY CENTER PROPERTY INSURANCE, FIDUCIARY LIABILITY, CRA PROPERTY AND LIABILITY AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INSURANCE, FOR THE PERIODS OF MARCH 1, 2020 – FEBRUARY 28, 2021 AND OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY'S INSURANCE BROKER, ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ALL INSURANCE PREMIUMS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22825

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 55-20.

Background:

The City, through the broker of record, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., is in the process of obtaining master property insurance, water systems property insurance, excess liability, excess workers' compensation, crime insurance, and other miscellaneous insurance coverages for the 2020-2021 policy year. Master property insurance, utility systems insurance, excess liability insurance, excess workers' compensation insurance and crime insurance coverages will be bound effective March 1, 2020. Miscellaneous other coverages will bind as they expire. The City is self-insured for workers' compensation, automobile liability and general liability up to various self-insured retention levels. The City purchases excess insurance policies for liability claims exceeding \$350,000 and for workers' compensation claims exceeding \$500,000.

Section 66-94 of the City Code requires that contracts for insurance be approved by the City Commission.

Resolution No. 55-20 grants the Risk Manager authority to execute the application for master property insurance, water systems insurance, excess liability insurance, excess workers' compensation insurance, crime insurance and other miscellaneous insurance coverages.

9. Resolution No. 61-20 approving a Sponsorship Grant Agreement with Moonfest WPB, Inc., for the weekly closure of the 500 block of Clematis Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR MOONFEST WPB, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELATED GRANT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22826

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 61-20.

Background:

The City of West Palm Beach will be initiating the final phase of the Clematis Streetscape project this summer. Each year, the City has been working with businesses to better understand the impact of the streetscape project. This includes improvement of the overall street design, how people will use the public space once it is complete, minimizing the impact to business while the street is under construction and collecting data that can help inform other street projects in the City.

The merchants located on the 500 block approached the City to help assist in a weekly weekend closure of the 500 block. The proposal includes the following:

- Twelve (12) weekend closures beginning January 2020 ending April 2020.
- Closure of the 500 block will begin weekly on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and re-open Sunday at 9:00 p.m.
- No closure will occur the week of the Palm Beach International Boat Show – March 26-29.
- City will waive the parking fees in the amount of \$14,400 associated with closing the 500 block.
- City will provide a \$22,000 sponsorship for the project.
- The street will remain open to the public each weekend.
- Street will be activated with games, seating, music, entertainment, shade and lighting at no cost to the public.
- City will provide the barricades and a Method of Transportation (MOT) plan for the closure. Moonfest WPB, Inc. will be responsible for storage of the City's equipment during the duration of the Agreement.

- Merchants will extend their insurance coverage.
- Merchants will execute the set up and breakdown each weekend.
- Merchants will be required to file and obtain all necessary special event permits.

The purpose and goals for the weekend block closure is to test activities and pedestrian habits of residents and visitors when a street is closed to vehicular traffic regularly. Data will be collected by the merchants, Downtown Development Authority and City to measure the impact to the businesses, general public activities, visits, and qualitative data on what is liked and disliked. A final report will be developed and presented to City Administration once the project is completed. The report is expected to be delivered by June 2020.

It is expected that the preemptive block closure during the weekends will bring more people and business to the 500 block prior to the construction beginning.

Resolution No. 61-20 approves an economic development grant incentive in the amount of \$22,000 and provides an additional waiver of parking fees in the amount of \$14,400.

PROJECT LOCATION: Commission District 3 – Richard Ryles.

Fiscal Note:

Funding has been earmarked in the Economic Development line item under Innovation District place making. Additionally, there will be lost parking meter revenues in the amount of \$14,400.

10. Resolution No. 64-20 approving pet health insurance for some of the City's K-9 police officers.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PET HEALTH INSURANCE FOR K-9 POLICE OFFICERS FROM HEALTHPAWS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22827

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 64-20.

Background:

Based on the Police Department's recent experience with a recent K-9 illness and surgery related to that illness, having health insurance coverage proved to be cost effective. Securing health insurance for other eligible K-9s will save the City considerably as other K-9s may require medical treatments and/or procedures.

The City's K-9s' veterinarian recommended HealthPaws as insurance provider. Four (4) of the City's eight (8) K-9s will qualify for health insurance coverage at a rate of \$213.14 per month.

The Police Department General Fund has sufficient budget to allow this expense. The impact to FY 2020 for 4 of the K-9 policies is \$5,967.92 and there should be no impact to FY 2021 for the 12 months of coverage due to the savings that the coverage will provide. Current year impact is due to the high costs already paid.

Pursuant to Section 66-94 of the City's Code of Ordinances, contracts for insurance require City Commission approval.

Fiscal Note:

Police General Fund has sufficient budget to cover the insurance. Impact for FY 2020 is \$5,967.92.

11. **Resolution No. 65-20 authorizing submittal of the City's grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Hiring Program 2020, to fund thirty additional police officers.**

RESOLUTION NO: 65-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COPS HIRING PROGRAM 2020 TO FUND THIRTY ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22828

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 65-20.

Background:

The U. S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS), through the Cops Hiring Program (CHP) provides grant funding for three years (36 months) for each position awarded. The hiring or rehiring of officers under CHP must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, officers who otherwise would have been hired or rehired with local funds. Any CHP-funded officer positions awarded must be retained for at least twelve (12) months immediately after the 36 months of federal funding has ended for each position. Applicants are required to affirm in their CHP grant application that their agency plans to retain any additional officer positions awarded following the expiration of the grant and identify their planned source(s) of retention funding.

Under FY 2020 CHP, new hire officer positions are not required to be military veterans, however, as the COPS Office supports the Attorney General's commitment to hiring military veterans whenever possible, applicants who commit to hiring or rehiring at least one military veteran under CHP will receive additional consideration for FY 2020 CHP funding. A military veteran hire must have served on active duty for a period of at least 180 days, any part of which occurred on or after September 11, 2001.

The application will identify a specific crime and disorder problem/focus area as required in the grant documents.

Additional consideration will be granted to applicants selecting the following focus areas: Violent Crime, Homeland and Border Security Problems or School Based Policing.

Hiring Categories

CHP grants may be used on or after the official grant award start date to: (1) hire new officer positions (including filling existing officer vacancies that are no longer funded in your agency's budget); (2) rehire officers who have been laid off by any jurisdiction (at the time of application) as result of state, local, or BIA budget cuts; and/or (3) rehire officers who are (at the time of application) scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget cuts.

Maximum Federal Share, Local Share Requirements

2020 CHP grants provide up to 75 percent funding of the approved entry level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time sworn career law enforcement officer over the three (3) year (36 months) grant period, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position. All budget calculations must be based on the current authorized salary and fringe benefits of an entry level officer in the department. Any additional costs for higher than entry level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the grantee agency.

The cost for three (3) years for thirty (30) full time positions is approximately \$8,040,394 for salaries and benefits. Grant funds will provide a maximum of \$3,750,000 and City match funds required at 25% is \$1,250,000, leaving an additional \$3,040,391 that the City will have to add to the match for the three (3) year grant period to cover salaries and benefits. Additionally, the first-year employment for all positions will require operating and capital expenditures in the amount of \$2,175,653.

If all 30 positions are approved, the total first year employment City funds required is approximately \$2,864,885. The hiring process is lengthy and training resources are limited. It is expected only 15 officers could be hired, trained and successfully deployed independently during the first fiscal year. The amount needed in FY21 for City share would not exceed \$1,100,000.

Resolution No. 65-20 authorizes submittal of a grant application. If awarded the grant agreement will be brought back to the City Commission for approval, in accordance with the grant policy.

Fiscal Note:

Total cost for 30 FTE for 3-year grant term is \$8,040,394. If awarded, City will receive grant funding in the amount of \$3,750,000. City required match under grant is \$1,250,000. City will be required to fund remainder of positions in the amount of \$3,040,391.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS (12-13):

- 12. Resolution No. 49-20 granting "Face of the City" approval of the design features for the proposed improvements for the Clematis Street Streetscape, the 400 & 500 Blocks and additional aesthetic improvements to the 600 Block.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE DESIGN FEATURES PRESENTED TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE PROPOSED ABOVE GROUND IMPROVEMENTS TO CLEMATIS STREET STREETScape- BLOCKS 400 & 500; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22830

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 49-20.

Background:

The Clematis Streetscape Project goal is to improve the public realm on Clematis Street by addressing issues like shade, seating, and increased walkways. The project builds on and parallels other important planning efforts in the city, including the 2016 Downtown Study and the Parking and Mobility Studies that have been adopted. The improvements will enhance the pedestrian comfort and safety for these blocks and will significantly improve the esthetics of this downtown street.

A presentation was made to the City Commission of the design features of the proposed enhancements to Clematis Street for the 400 and 500 Blocks, from Dixie Highway to Sapodilla Avenue, with additional minor improvements in the 600 Block (the "Improvements").

Section 66-13 of the City of West Palm Beach Code of Ordinances requires City Commission approval of design features for above-ground changes involving streets, parks, buildings, or landscaping, referred to as the "Face of the City".

Resolution No. 49-20 approves grants Face of the City design approval for the Improvements, as presented to the Commission.

COMMISSION DISTRICT: This project is in Commission District 3 - Commissioner Richard Ryles.

Fiscal Note:

Funded by CRA.

13. Resolution No. 62-20 Adopting the 5-year Economic Development Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22831

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 62-20.

Background:

Since April 2014, the City of West Palm Beach has been operating its Economic Development Department under a plan developed from data and input from the business community. Beginning in 2018, the City initiated an update of its economic development plan.

The update began with a comprehensive study that involved benchmarking general economic conditions and taking a closer look at the target industries of the City. The targeted industries of the City included medicine, marine and the financial sectors. In addition, the City began investigating new trends. This included traditional areas such as tourism, nighttime economy, Jefferson Terminal District, and Antique Row.

Once the study was completed, the business community was asked to react to the study and express to City Staff where their needs lie. Following discussions with the business leaders, a general survey was sent out City wide to ask for similar feedback. All the information was then developed into a working document or initial draft plan.

The draft plan was then shared with over 20 organizations representing all industries and economic development stakeholders. The final plan establishes five goals in order including: talent, business climate/marketing, infrastructure, quality of place, and entrepreneurship/innovation. In addition, two transformative projects are also listed: revitalizing the north end of the City and development of the Jefferson Terminal District.

The Economic Development Plan is intended to be a guiding document to help develop programs, policies and funding priorities through FY23/24. On February 3, 2020 direction was given at a City Commission work session to bring the plan forward for adoption with minor changes.

Resolution No. 62-20 approves the Economic Development Plan.

COMMISSION DISTRICT: City-wide.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Pursuant to Resolution No. 179-95, adopted according to the provisions of Section 286.0115, Florida Statutes, members of the Commission shall disclose on the record: 1) ex-parte communications - verbal or written and written communications shall be placed in the record; and 2) site visits, investigations, etc.**

NOTICE: IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR THAT PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH DOES NOT PREPARE OR PROVIDE SUCH A RECORD.