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**City of West Palm Beach
Special City Commission
PASS/FAIL Agenda
Thursday, April 11, 2024
5:00 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. RESOLUTIONS- APPROVED

- 2.1. Resolution No. 89-24 declaring the results of the March 19, 2024, General Election for City Commissioner and Ballot Questions.

Originating Department:

Mayor's Office

Ordinance/Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-24: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION IN SAID CITY HELD ON MARCH 19, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING THE RESULTS OF BALLOT QUESTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 89-24.

Background Information:

On March 19, 2024, a general election for the purpose of electing a City Commissioner of the City of West Palm Beach and for the purpose of submitting two ballot questions was held in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City and the laws of the State of Florida governing and regulating the holding of General Elections.

Resolution No. 89-24 declares the results of the March 19, 2024, General Election as follows:

For City Commissioner District 5, the following votes were cast by the qualified electors residing and voting within said City:

For:	Christina Lambert	6,991	72.43%
For:	Matthew Luciano	2,661	27.57%

For City Commissioner District 1, Cathleen Ward was unopposed.

For City Commissioner District 3, Christy Fox was unopposed.

Ballot Question:

INCREASE THE RESIDENCY PERIOD REQUIRED FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO RUN FOR OFFICE FROM SIX MONTHS TO TWELVE MONTHS.

The charter requires a candidate running for mayor to continuously reside in the City and candidates running for city commission to continuously reside in their respective district for the six-month period immediately prior to the date of election. Should the six-month period be increased to a twelve-month period?

YES	7,778	80.55%
NO	1,878	19.45%

Ballot Question:

PROHIBITING MAYOR'S OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND LIMITING BUSINESS REALTIONSHIPS.

The charter requires the Mayor to devote full time to city duties but does not otherwise limit outside employment or business relationships. Should the charter be amended to prohibit the Mayor from having outside employment and limit holding a financial interest in any business entity to interests that will not impair the Mayor's independent judgment or conflict with performance of city duties?

YES	6,989	72.45%
NO	2,658	27.55%

The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections has duly canvassed the returns of said election and the results are attached to this agenda item. Resolution No. 89-24 declares the results of the general election of a City Commissioner for District 5 and the two approved ballot questions and declares the two unopposed candidates for District 1 and 3 winners.

Fiscal Note:

Fully budgeted.

3. OTHER BUSINESS- COMMISSIONERS WERE SWORN-IN; CATHLEEN WARD WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION.

- 3.1. Swearing in ceremony for newly re-elected City Commissioners for the City of West Palm Beach.

Originating Department:

Mayor's Office

Background Information:

The swearing in ceremony for the newly elected City Commissioners is being held pursuant to Sec. 2-1, Code of Ordinances, which reads: "Sec. 2-1. - Commencement of terms of office. The term of office of a newly elected mayor or newly elected city commissioner shall commence at 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday immediately following the regular election." The oath of office will be administered to the newly elected City Commissioners: Cathleen Ward (District 1), Christy Fox (District 3), and Christina Lambert (District 5).

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal impact.

- 3.2. Election of the President of the City Commission.

Originating Department:

Mayor's Office

Background Information:

The election of the President of the City Commission will take place pursuant to Sec. 2.05 of the City's Charter which reads: "Sec. 2.05. - Induction and meetings. After each annual city election, the newly elected members shall be inducted and assume office at a public meeting. At such meeting, the city commissioners shall elect one (1) of their number to the office of the president of the city commission who shall serve at the pleasure of the city commission."

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

4. 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; 2.) written communications shall be placed in the record; and 3) site visits, investigations, etc. shall be disclosed.

NOTICE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission at this meeting, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim records of the proceedings be made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The City of West Palm Beach does not prepare or provide such record.