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**City of West Palm Beach
Special City Commission
Agenda
Monday, May 20, 2024
5:00 PM**

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, FL 33401, (561) 822-1210.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. 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.
- Any person desiring to address the Commission **shall** file a written request with the city clerk prior to consideration of the matter by the Commission or prior to the public comment portion of a meeting. The person wishing to speak **shall** complete a comment card for each agenda item the person wishes to address, which **shall** include the person's full name, address, and the numbered agenda item. The person will not be recognized if the comment card is not completed.

3. COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS

4. PROCLAMATION

- 4.1. Proclaiming May 2024 as: National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

Originating Department:
Mayor's Office

5. PRESENTATION

- 5.1. National League of Cities Centennial Roadshow: 100 Years, 100 Cities Presentation

Originating Department:
Mayor's Office

Background Information:

In December 1924, representatives from ten (10) state municipal leagues convened at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, laying the foundation for what we now recognize as the National League of Cities (NLC). For close to a century, the NLC has remained steadfast in its mission to champion local governance, advocating tirelessly for the interests of cities, towns, and villages throughout the United States.

Marking this significant centennial milestone, the NLC launched the "NLC Centennial Roadshow: 100 Years, 100 Cities," a year-long initiative aimed at commemorating the organization's legacy.

Throughout this journey, the NLC will visit 100 cities, both in-person and virtually, spotlighting the diverse narratives of municipalities across the nation and honoring the invaluable contributions of local governments and their residents over the past century. The roadshow commenced in March 2024 in Lawrence, Kansas, the birthplace of the NLC, and will culminate in November during the organization's annual City Summit in Tampa, Florida.

- 5.2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update Presentation

Originating Department:
Mayor's Office

Background Information:

The American Rescue Plan (ARPA) is legislation that was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden in March 2021.

ARPA included provisions for stimulus payments to individuals and families, extended unemployment benefits, aid to small business, and assistance for state and local governments.

The intended goal of ARPA was to mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic and help facilitate recovery efforts.

6. 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.