



**City of West Palm Beach
Special City Commission**

AGENDA

**March 30, 2020
9:45 A.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.

RESOLUTION (1):

1. **Resolution No. 104-20(F) authorizing transfer of General Fund operating funds from the Mayor's Office to Housing and Community Development to provide budget appropriations for the COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program.; Swearing in ceremony for newly elected City Commissioners for the City of West Palm Beach.**

RESOLUTION NO. 104 -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 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET BY REALLOCATING EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Agenda Cover Memorandum No.: 22849

Staff Recommended Motion:

Approve Resolution No. 104-20(F).

Background:

The Mayor is requesting City Commission approval of a reallocation of \$18,000 from the Mayor's General Fund budget to the Housing & Community Development General Fund budget to supplement start-up funds for the COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program. On March 23, 2020, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 101-20(F) authorizing the execution of all documents necessary for the operation of the COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program. The purpose of the Program is to provide temporary food assistance to households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Existing funds in the amount of \$12,000 was authorized to initiate the Program. However, the City Commission expressed a strong desire to increase the level of funding for the Program. In response, the Mayor has identified \$18,000 from the Mayor's General Fund budget and requests the transfer of these funds to the COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program budget to bring the total funding to \$30,000.

Approval of Resolution No. 104-20(F) will authorize moving \$18,000 from the Mayor's Office General Fund budget to the Housing and Community Development General Fund budget and establishing project account number 001.029900.569.500340.92324788.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not only caused a global health crisis but has also resulted in severe economic hardship for a large number of City residents. Residents are experiencing massive job losses in nearly all sectors of the economy but in particular restaurants, bars and the hospitality industry. The COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program will provide prepared meals for low-income households who have been impacted by the economic downturn that has occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City will partner with existing food providers, volunteers and non-profits to provide funding to assist such partners in providing prepared meals to City residents impacted by job loss and to low income elderly. The intent is to also provide some restaurant workers with an opportunity for short term employment. This Program is meant to fill the assistance gaps until state and federal funds begin to be distributed locally.

The COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program will be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development and will be leveraged with private and other public sources as they become available.

Fiscal Note:

The transfer will reduce the Mayor's FY20 General Fund operating budget by \$18,000 and bring the COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program budget to \$30,000.

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.