

**CITY OF LARGO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**September 3, 2019
Minutes**

COMMISSION PRESENT: Mayor Brown, Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll

COMMISSION ABSENT: None

PARTICIPATING STAFF PRESENT: City Mgr. Schubert, City Attorney Zimmet, Asst. City Mgr. Paluch, City Clerk Bruner, Police Chief Undestad, Planning Mgr. Perez, OPB Mgr. Payne, OPB Dir. Semones, Rec. Business Mgr. Khoury, Asst. Rec., Parks & Arts Dir. Pincince, Comm. Dev. Dir. Stricklin, Economic Dev. Mgr. Brydon

Mayor Brown called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:58 pm.

Invocation was given by Reverend Matthew Trill, New Testament Baptist Church, Largo Police Department Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL

Police Department Promotions

Chief Jeffrey Undestad and the City of Largo recognize the following seven Police Department employees for their recent promotions.

- 1) Lieutenant Randall Chaney promoted to Major
- 2) Lieutenant Joseph Coyle promoted to Major
- 3) Sergeant Ann Starling promoted to Lieutenant
- 4) Sergeant Scott Gore promoted to Lieutenant
- 5) Detective Michael Vegenski promoted to Sergeant
- 6) Officer Jeffrey Losinski promoted to Sergeant
- 7) Officer Kreig Lake promoted to Sergeant

Chief Undestad introduced the employees to be promoted and described their careers. Mr. Zimmet administered the oath of office and badges were pinned on by family members. They were congratulated by the Mayor and City Commission, City Manager and City Attorney.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

AGENDA – APPROVED

Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting agenda of September 3, 2019.

Discussion:

None

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Carroll, to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2019.

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

MINUTES – APPROVED

Approval of the Regular City Commission Meeting minutes of August 20, 2019 as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion:

None

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fenger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2019.

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT DOCKET – APPROVED

Award Of Bid No. 19-B-685, Median Rehabilitation Project Missouri Avenue, To Morelli Landscaping, Inc. In The Amount of \$64,429

In December 2017, the City entered into a District Seven Landscape Reimbursement and Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the landscape rehabilitation of portions of state roadways within the City. In January 2019, a vendor was awarded the landscaping rehabilitation along State Road 686, State Road 688 and State Road 595 (Seminole Boulevard). The cost of the rehabilitation was less than the original funding awarded to the City. Therefore staff requested adding Missouri Avenue to the list of medians to have landscape rehabilitation and FDOT agreed. Staff proposed the landscape rehabilitation to provide plant material and landscape measures that reduce maintenance along the medians.

A bid was issued and Morelli Landscape, Inc. provided the lowest bid for the project. Morelli Landscape, Inc. has completed similar projects for the City over the years and has provided satisfactory service. Staff recommends approval of their bid.

Authorization To Perform Improvements To Fire Station 41 In The Estimated Amount Of \$138,212

The fiscal year 2019 budget included the updating of seven bathrooms at Fire Station 41. The project was to include floor tile replacement and replacement tile on the walls and floors of the showers.

Facilities Management and Fire Department staff worked together to assess the current needs at the station. The assessment identified that the original budget estimate did not include: low flow toilets, shower fixtures, low flow faucets, vanities, LED lighting, and new ceiling tiles. In addition, staff identified that the polished concrete floors in all areas of the station, not including the bunk rooms, needed to be reground, stained and sealed. Staff feels that the performance of polished concrete floors has not held up as anticipated and recommended that ceramic tile be installed in all areas except bunk rooms.

The following items will be purchased to complete the improvements to Fire Station 41:

Shaw Industries, Inc. (NJPA Contract #12175)	\$117,703
Pinellas Custom Cabinets, Inc.	\$ 9,640
Global Industrial	\$ 1,877
Yagmin Ceiling and Drywall Company	\$ 4,200
Hydrologic (Plumbing fixtures and supplies)	\$ 4,792
Total	\$138,212

Authorization To Renew School Resource Officer Agreement With The Pinellas County School Board For Largo High School, Largo Middle School And Pinellas Gulf Coast Academy For The 2019 – 2020 School Year

The Largo Police Department (LPD) requests authorization to renew the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement with the Pinellas County School Board for the 2019-2020 school year. LPD has assigned four full-time Police Officers to SRO duties at Largo High School, Largo Middle School and Gulf Coast Academy. In exchange for these full-time officers, the Pinellas County Board pays the City a set fee of \$237,916 for all four officers.

The SRO program is critical to LPD's community policing efforts. The program provides the opportunity for officers to become highly familiar with students, faculty and staff at each school, and establishes the officers as integral members of the school's culture. LPD also benefits by obtaining information on juvenile issues and crimes through the SRO's relationships with students, faculty and staff.

A copy of the agreement is available in the City Commission office.

Authorization To Purchase Technical Support Services For The Police Department For A One Year Period From CentralSquare Technologies In The Amount of \$256,949.62

The Largo Police Department (LPD) requests authorization to purchase technical support services from CentralSquare Technologies (formally Superior, LLC) for one-year period. The LPD communications system includes Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS) and Mobile Field Reporting (MFR) software and equipment. This renewal includes all annual software license fees, as well as technical support for various software modules based on the degree of priority. High priority modules utilized by officers and dispatch center staff are supported on a 7-day, 24-hour basis, while lower priority modules utilized by administrative staff are supported on a 5-day, 10 hour basis.

The total renewal cost is \$256,949.62 which reflects a \$32,336.49 (12.58%) increase over the previous year. LPD has added licenses and additional modules during the year. The FY 2019 Budget includes \$211,500 for this annual support. The Police Department has sufficient unspent funds to absorb the additional \$32,336.49.

Authorization To Purchase Six (6) Vehicles For The Departments Of Public Works And Environmental Services From Duval Ford And Kenworth Of Central Florida In Accordance With Florida Sheriffs Association Contract No. FSA 18-VEL26.0 In The Estimated Amount Of \$602,729

This item requests approval for the purchase of regularly scheduled replacement vehicles for the Departments of Public Works and Environmental Services, and an approved additional vehicle for the Solid Waste Division. The Department of Public Works Fleet Management Division consulted with the end users to ensure that the requested vehicles are economical, safe and mission appropriate. Standard policy is that as vehicles are replaced they are replaced with similar vehicles unless the users' needs have changed.

This request includes an additional refuse sideloader to accommodate increased demand due to an expansion of the Solid Waste Division's service area.

Vehicle 60-66-60 in the Department of Public Works is being upgraded to increase its operational capacity for

the Streets and Stormwater Division.

Authorization For Emergency Spending For Sanitary Sewer, Reclaimed Water And Stormwater Repair, In Accordance With Bid No. 19-B-644, To All American Concrete, In The Amount Of \$39,450

The purpose of this memo is to obtain City Commission authorization for emergency expenditures from FY 2019 budgeted funds within Bid No. 19-B-644, Sanitary Sewer, Reclaimed Water and Stormwater Repair. All approved wastewater funds under this agreement have been expended and additional work has been encumbered by All American Concrete Inc (All American). For this fiscal year, various purchase orders have been issued to All American for an aggregate amount of \$39,810. The emergency repairs put us over the \$50,000 City Commission threshold for a single vendor during a fiscal year.

Staff is requesting authorization to increase the expenditure threshold for construction services from All American under the bid pricing by an additional \$39,450. This request would authorize additional budgeted funds to be expended under the bid pricing to retro the cost to complete two sanitary sewer emergency repairs completed in August of 2019. The Engineering Services and Environmental Services Departments were able to work with All American Concrete using the current bid pricing to complete two emergency repairs that created unsafe and hazardous conditions at two separate locations. Due to the urgency of these repairs, staff authorized All American to complete the repairs immediately. The Engineering Services department has adequate funds available for the emergency repairs.

The additional funds would cover the following completed repairs:

- A sewer lateral connection at 6535 142nd Avenue North had collapsed and prevented the property from discharging any sewage. Due to this infrastructure failure the business owner had challenges operating the business during normal business hours. The repair included the replacement of 60 linear feet (LF) of 6 inch sanitary pipe, modification to an existing sanitary manhole, and restoration of approximately 70 LF of roadway, curbing, and sidewalk to Pinellas County specifications. (\$29,600)*
- A temporary septic tank was installed at 705 25th Street SW to address sewer back up into the residential property until the City would correct the issue in FY 2020. Due to the high ground water table caused by the excessive rain in August 2019, the temporary septic tank cracked and is backing up the property. Environmental Services will need to pump daily until a new temporary tank is installed. (\$9,850)*

The Engineering Services Department's FY 2019 operating budget has funds for the completed emergency repair.

On October 16, 2018, the City Commission approved the award of Bid No. 19-B-644. Funds under the bid pricing are not expended unless a project and associated cost are assigned to a contractor.

Authorization For Additional Spending For Sanitary Sewer, Reclaimed Water And Stormwater Repair, In Accordance with Bid No. 19-B-644 In The Amount Of \$150,000

The purpose of this memo is to obtain City Commission authorization for additional expenditures from FY 2019 budgeted funds within Bid No. 19-B-644, Sanitary Sewer, Reclaimed Water and Stormwater Repair Annual Purchase Agreement (APA). The table represents both the budgeted funds approved in October 2018, January 2019, May 2019, and those requested for the additional spending authorization.

This request would authorize additional budgeted funds to be expended under the APA to repair several service requests that address failing sanitary sewer infrastructure and reduce maintenance. The Engineering Services Department's FY 2019 operating budget has funds to complete the service requests identified above and any additional repairs needed in FY 2019.

On October 16, 2018, the City Commission approved the award of Bid No. 19-B-644. Funds under the bid pricing are not expended unless a project and associated cost are assigned to a contractor.

Approval Of The West Bay Lofts Plat

A mixed-used development will be constructed on the 500 and 600 blocks of West Bay Drive consisting of approximately 2.76 acres. Platting of the property is required by the Comprehensive Development Code (CDC) because the parcel is not platted and platting will ensure that records are updated and mapping accuracy of the subject portion of land is maintained. The CDC requires a final plat when a Development Order is issued to ensure the accurate depiction of land subdivision when lot lines vary from previous records, or when parcels are combined or have never been platted.

The following outside utility agencies have reviewed the proposed final plat and have indicated no objections: Spectrum Communications, Duke Energy, Frontier, Wide Open West, Clearwater Gas, Level 3 Communication, and TECO/Peoples Gas. The following City Departments have reviewed the final plat and have also indicated no objections: Community Development, Public Works, Engineering Services, Environmental Services and Finance. The final plat meets all CDC requirements and is in conformance with Florida State and Pinellas County platting standards.

Proposal For Settlement

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Consent Docket without City Commission discussion and including staff background provided in the Commission packets.

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT DOCKET

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 2019-34 – Second Reading - Amending The Comprehensive Development Code To Establish Standards For Hotels - ADOPTED

CHANGES FROM FIRST READING:

None.

PREVIOUS CITY ACTION(S):

Approved on First Reading by a vote of 6-0 (Fenger absent) on August 20, 2019.

City Clerk Bruner read Ordinance No. 2019-34 by title only.

Public Hearing/Questions:

None

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-

34 on second and final reading.

Discussion:

None

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-65 – Second Reading – Amending The FY 2019 Budget In The Amount Of \$1,175,000 For Additional Improvements To The West Bay Drive Downtown Multimodal Improvement Project – ADOPTED

Changes from First Reading:

None.

Previous Action:

Approved August 20, 2019 (6-0, Fenger absent).

City Clerk Bruner read Ordinance No. 2019-65 by title only.

Public Hearing/Questions:

None

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fenger, to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-65 on second and final reading.

Discussion:

None

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-80 – First Reading – Establishing The Property Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2020 – APPROVED

The Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice, mailed on August 19, 2019, included the tax rate of 5.7000 mills to be levied by the City of Largo for FY 2020, and the time, date and place for the first public hearing for property tax rate and budget adoption. During the public hearing conducted for property tax rate adoption, the City Commission may levy a tax rate lower, but not higher, than the proposed rate included in the TRIM notice. The second public hearing is scheduled at a regular City Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Following the August 13, 2019 Proposed Budget Work Session and subsequent City Commission direction, the

City Manager proposes lowering the property tax rate for FY 2020 to 5.6200 mills, lower than the rate the City Commission approved to advertise on the TRIM notices. This rate would have the following impacts:

- Generate an additional \$1,389,000 in total revenue in the General Fund;
- Equate to an additional \$4 annually for the average Largo homesteaded home;
- Maintain the City's progress in building and maintaining a fund balance in the General Fund near the target of 20%.

Adoption of this millage rate will allow the City to continue to provide the quality services that residents and businesses expect, while making progress toward achieving its goals as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

City Clerk Bruner read Ordinance No. 2019-80 by title only.

Public Hearing/Questions:

None

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Carroll, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-80 on first reading establishing the property tax millage of 5.62 on first reading and schedule a second reading and public hearing on September 17, 2019.

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution No. 2244 – Adopting A Tentative Budget For Fiscal Year 2020 - APPROVED

The City Charter requires that the annual budget be adopted by resolution and approved at a public hearing. State Statutes require that the City conduct two public hearings on the budget. During the first public hearing the City Commission is to approve a tentative budget, and at the second public hearing the City Commission is to adopt a final budget. Action on the budget may not occur until the City Commission has acted upon the ordinance establishing the property tax rate.

The City Manager's FY 2020 Proposed Budget was submitted on July 1, 2019, with all funds totaling \$167,799,700 of which \$82,757,200 is in the General Fund. The Proposed Budget was reviewed by the Finance Advisory Board (FAB) at a special meeting with the City Commission on July 12, 2019, and a subsequent City Commission Budget Work Session was held on August 13, 2019. The Finance Advisory Board supported the City Commission's advertised property tax rate at 5.7000 mills and supported the budget and revenue changes as proposed. The Finance Advisory Board and City Commission both supported the inclusion of funding for reconstructing the Parks Administration building in FY 2020, as well as funding a St. Petersburg College management fellowship. These changes are included, along with the revised proposed tax rate of 5.6200 mills. The Tentative Budget with this updated information and re-budgeted items totals \$174,354,100 (including re-budgeted items from FY 2019) and is submitted with this memo for consideration. General Fund expenditures total \$86,202,800 including re-budgeted items listed on the attached Reconciliation List. The City Commission may amend the Tentative Budget prior to final approval as the City's adopted budget. The Tentative Budget with the included changes can be viewed on the City's website at the following link:
https://www.largo.com/FY20_TENTATIVE_BUDGET_WEB.pdf

This Budget was shaped by the direction provided in the City's Strategic Plan, fund balance policies, and by the City Commission at the Budget Work Session.

City Clerk Bruner read Resolution No. 2244 by title only.

Public Hearing:

1. JB Butler stated the he was fortunate to live in Largo. He stated that the current City leadership was the finest he has experienced and that he supported the budget.

Questions:

None

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fenger, to approve Resolution No. 2244.

Discussion:

Mayor Brown thanked staff for their work on the budget, as well as the City Commission and Finance Advisory Board for their work.

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Ordinance No. 2019-42 - First Reading - Authorization To Enter Into A Lease Agreement For The Lease Of Forty-Eight Golf Carts And Two Utility Vehicles From TCF Equipment Finance For A Period Of 36 Months In The Amount of \$147,130.46 - APPROVED

Electric golf carts are a service provided by golf courses for those patrons who prefer to ride rather than walk while playing. The estimated annual revenue for the golf course from the rental of electric golf carts is over \$200,000.

In January 2016, a Request for Proposal was released. EZ Go provided the most cost effective proposal and was awarded the lease agreement for the electric golf carts and two utility vehicles. The agreement included a renewal option. EZ Go provided a great product and service, staff recommends renewing for an additional 36 months. Due to the eventual investment in repair and maintenance, it was determined that it is more cost effective to utilize the lease option to provide the golf cart service. EZ Go will provide 48 golf carts and two utility vehicles to be used for the maintenance of the golf course. The lease option with EZ Go also includes regular maintenance of the carts and also allows for in-house repair and maintenance without jeopardizing the warranty.

The current lease agreement expires on September 30, 2019. Funding is requested in the proposed FY 2020 budget based on the current prices, and the rise in interest rate prompted a higher annual cost. The cost difference is \$5,000 and staff evaluated other operating costs within the Golf Course Fund and identified savings measures to cover this additional cost. Appropriate funds will be requested for future years to cover the cost of the lease agreement. The annual lease cost is \$43,850.88, or \$913.56 per cart and \$5,192.64 per year for the utility vehicles.

City Clerk Bruner read Ordinance No. 2019-42 by title only.

Questions:

Commissioner Holmes questioned whether the carts were breaking even. Ms. Khoury stated that the carts cost \$50,000 per year and generated \$200,000 in revenue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Carroll, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-42 on first reading and schedule a second reading and public hearing on September 17, 2019.

Vote:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Smith, Fenger, Holmes, Robinson, Holck, Carroll, Mayor Brown

Motion carried 7-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Temporary Outdoor Storage Containers On Big Box Retail Store Properties

The purpose of this item is to seek City Commission direction on temporary outdoor storage containers at big box retail store sites.

On June 28, 2019, the Walmart stores at 990 Missouri Avenue and 2677 Roosevelt Blvd submitted applications for small scale site plan approval to allow the use of temporary outdoor storage containers for additional holiday inventory for a period of 90 days. Planning staff was unable to approve the request due to restrictions in the Comprehensive Development Code and the City Code of Ordinances.

The Comprehensive Development Code, Section 16.2 does not allow permanent placement of portable storage containers in the Commercial General Future Land Use classification. The Code of Ordinances, Section 11-81 limits temporary portable storage containers on commercial properties to one (1) storage container on site for a maximum of thirty (30) continuous days.

On August 13, 2019, city staff met with the Walmart store general managers and their legal counsel to discuss their proposed site plans and the reasons why the City could not approve them. At the meeting the Walmart representatives requested staff bring their concern to the Commission for the following reasons:

- Onsite temporary outdoor storage containers are a regular part of their current business model and practice for managing holiday inventory during the last quarter of the calendar year – October through December,
- Walmart considers the alternatives to the practice of having onsite temporary outdoor storage containers as being prohibitively expensive and logistically impractical. Alternatives include offsite storage and expanding the existing store principal buildings to accommodate storage space internal to the building only part of the year,
- Onsite temporary outdoor storage containers may be applicable to other big box retail stores.

Staff has assessed the request and concluded that should the Commission be willing to accommodate the request, the following actions could be made to attempt to reasonably accommodate Walmart's intent:

Long-term Solution: Staff can prepare amendments to the Comprehensive Development Code (CDC) and Code of Ordinances to bring to the Commission. These amendments could accommodate the request to allow temporary outdoor storage containers for big box retail stores with reasonable restrictions and/or conditions to mitigate any negative impacts to protect public health, safety and neighborhood character.

The formulation of the proposed amendments will include input from the Community Development Advisory Board and the Planning Board. Staff estimates that amendments to the CDC and Code of Ordinances will take

6 to 8 months to prepare and adopt.

Immediate Short-term Solution: To address the current need for onsite temporary outdoor storage containers for the coming season beginning October 1, 2019, additional extraordinary efforts by the Commission would have to be taken with the assistance of the City Attorney's Office to allow some onsite temporary outdoor storage containers beyond what the CDC and Code of Ordinances currently allows.

Discussion:

Mayor Brown asked whether there have been similar issues with stores other than Walmart. Mr. Perez stated that other stores have not made the same request. Commissioner Robinson stated that his experience with Walmart was that all of them that he dealt with used their property for temporary outdoor storage. Mayor Brown questioned what happened during the holiday season last year. Ms. Stricklin stated that a complaint was received and investigated, part of which was checking other stores. She stated that Walmart went to the Special Magistrate and was given a compliance date in January. She further stated that they were advised at that time to consult with the City prior to the 2019 holiday season.

Commissioner Robinson stated that there was no way to make the storage containers fit in with the neighborhood at the Rosery store. He stated that other stores keep the containers behind the stores. He stated that Walmart has been a good community partner and he did not want to take away from them. He stated that he would like to see Walmart continue with their business model, suggesting fencing off the container areas. Mr. Zimmet stated that staff could come back with a guidelines Resolution allowing for containers this year, with the understanding that there is not sufficient time to draft an ordinance before the holiday season. Vice Mayor Carroll stated that he wanted to know the feedback from the advisory board and questioned what the City is attempting to regulate. Mayor Brown stated that he got a lot of questions last year regarding the containers at the Rosery Road Walmart. He stated that he was hesitant to change the rules because one company changed their business model. Commissioner Fenger stated that she was not in favor of changing the rules if there was only an impact on one or two entities, however she would be in favor of change if there are other retailers with the same issue. She questioned the short term solution proposed by staff. Mayor Brown stated that it would allow time to determine a solution for future holiday seasons. Ms. Stricklin stated that it is staff's intent to restrict what can happen based on compatibility concerns. Commissioner Robinson stated that their business model hasn't changed, rather the containers have traditionally been kept behind the stores. Mayor Brown stated that the previous store, as well as the Roosevelt store, lent themselves to storage behind the stores. Commissioner Robinson stated that he would like staff to work on a solution. Commissioner Smith stated that he did not support a short term solution, however he wanted to work on a long term solution. He stated his concern that other big box retailers, as well as smaller retailers, will also want the same treatment. Commissioner Fenger questioned the impact of the City taking no action. Ms. Stricklin stated that there was an action of the Special Magistrate, and that if the containers are placed, fines would begin immediately. Commissioner Fenger stated that any solution should treat all businesses equally.

Commissioner Smith questioned how many units Walmart is asking for. Mr. Zimmet stated that the plan they presented to staff included 15 at each store. Mr. Perez stated that staff would look at compatibility, placement, buffering, traffic and parking. He stated that there are also emergency vehicle standards to be addressed. Mr. Zimmet stated that the intent of the short term solution would be to establish minimal parameters and that, given the time frame, it was not possible to develop extensive regulations. He stated that Walmart has an alternative plan for this year if there is no short term solution. Commissioner Holmes stated that he was not interested in a short term solution and questioned the fine. Ms. Stricklin stated that the fine will be \$500 per container per day. Mayor Brown stated that he was less concerned about the short term, however he wanted Walmart to understand the impact of the containers on the Largo community. He stated that he wanted input from advisory boards, residents and other big box stores. Vice Mayor Carroll stated that he would like to take a long term approach. Commissioner Holck stated that she was not in favor of changing the existing ordinance. Mr. Perez stated that staff's intent would be to bring something to the next meeting in order to show legislative intent, with Code amendments to be brought at a later date. Mr. Zimmet stated that staff had an idea of

minimal parameters for this season that will address compatibility and fire lane issues, however it would not be a detailed set of regulations. Mr. Zimmet stated that Walmart will be required to sign off that they understand that any short term regulations would be for this year only. Mayor Brown questioned how parking will be addressed. Mr. Perez stated that they would have to demonstrate that they meet minimum parking standards. Commissioner Fenger stated her concern that a short term solution could set a precedent. Commissioner Fenger stated that it appeared that she, Commissioner Holmes and Commissioner Smith indicated that they did not want a short term solution. Mayor Brown stated that containers at the Roosevelt store had minimal public impact and that he believed that staff can determine whether Walmart's plan is manageable for this year and work toward a long term solution. Mr. Zimmet stated that the Resolution would likely not include a maximum number of containers. Commissioner Robinson stated that any requirement for a fence should include covering the fence.

NOTE: Commissioner Holmes left the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Mayor Brown recessed the City Commission meeting and convened the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board meeting.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

West Bay Drive – CRA Fund Overview

This item is to inform the City Commission about the FY 2019 WBD-CRA Fund and West Bay Drive Multimodal Improvements and Trailhead changes to the FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets.

The August 13, 2019, FY 2020 budget package included the re-budget and addition of \$600,000 for the Pinellas Trail trailhead project. This project is unique because it is the first time that the City of Largo is working on a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Local Agency Program (LAP) project. The City solicited competitive bids for this project in June but received only one bid that was significantly over budget. Because only one bid was received, FDOT regulations require the City to re-bid the construction of the project. City staff reviewed the previous bid and identified ways to reduce construction costs and will solicit new bids by the end of September. In addition to the LAP process, FDOT is providing the City a grant to fund the trailhead connections. These funds must be encumbered within a limited time frame and staff is working with the agency to ensure the re-bid process will be completed within this timeframe.

In the FY 2019 budget, funds were appropriated for projects and activities, including the trailhead, that were under budget or re-budgeted to FY 2020. During the August 6, 2019, City Commission meeting, an additional \$29,845 initially appropriated for other projects and activities was utilized to construct the Downtown Plaza Element located at the southwest corner of Seminole Boulevard and West Bay Drive. The City Commission also approved a budget amendment appropriating additional West Bay Drive-CRA funds to the West Bay Drive Multi-Modal Corridor Improvement project. This project was originally a re-stripe and re-surface of West Bay Drive between Seminole/Missouri and Clearwater-Largo Roads, but an expanded scope will require the additional funds in the amount of \$1,160,000. These changes were included in the City Commission's budget reconciliation list presented at the August 13, 2019 Work Session.

The fund summary of budget reconciliation items for the West Bay Drive – CRA Fund included the following information:

West Bay Drive – CRD Fund	FY 2019	FY 2020 Budget
Expenditures	-\$274,300	\$2,326,100
Revenues	\$0	\$182,600

Discussion:

Commissioner Smith questioned whether staff has researched the 5G lights. Ms. Brydon stated that she has not received any inquiries about them, however she has communicated with both the City's IT department and 5G installation vendors. Mr. Schubert stated that the Legislature has preempted the City's ability to regulate 5G. He stated that some of the downtown poles will be installed with the capability for 5G lights. Commissioner Smith asked whether staff has responded to the letters, to which Mr. Schubert stated that staff will prepare a response. Mayor Brown questioned the projected increase in staffing. Mr. Payne stated that the budget included an intern and a portion of the Director's personnel cost.

Mayor Brown adjourned the CRA Board meeting and reconvened the City Commission meeting.

ITEMS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSION, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER

Commissioner Robinson reminded everyone that Rosery Road will close tomorrow for a 17 month construction period.

Commissioner Holck congratulated the Police Officers on their promotions.

Vice Mayor Carroll stated that he has been forwarding correspondence regarding 5G to the City Manager and requested a response from the City be prepared. He announced that his first grandchild, a girl, was born last night.

Commissioner Smith stated that he attended the Rosery Road community meeting and thanked staff for their work keeping the community informed. He stated that he attended the 25th Anniversary of *Watermark* magazine on Friday.

Commissioner Fenger thanked staff for working to ensure the City was ready for Hurricane Dorian over the weekend.

Mayor Brown stated that he sat in on Emergency Management meetings and commended staff all over the City for their dedication. He stated that the builder of the dance center was very complimentary of City staff for their work during the project.

Mr. Schubert stated that the City coordinated emergency management activities with Pinellas County and that he felt comfortable that the City is prepared.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Request by Vice Mayor Carroll that staff prepare an official response to the correspondence opposing 5G lighting in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Diane L. Bruner, CMC, City Clerk