

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for City Council
Public Hearing/Special Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2010
3801 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas
6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Walter Bowen called the Council Public Hearing/Special meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Geoffrey White gave invocation and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

Council members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Curtis McKay, Myrt Fowlkes, Perry Lunsford, Dona Stuard, Pat O. Hill, Geoffrey White, and Clint Narmore.

Staff present were Brett McGuire, City Manager; Ken West, Assistant City Manager; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Debbie Whitley, Director of Finance; Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator; and Mike Christenson, Fire Lieutenant.

4. Public Hearing/Action Item:

a. Public Hearing/Action regarding Ordinance #951- Adopting the FY 2010/2011 City of Lake Worth Operating Budget.

Mayor Bowen opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 pm.

There were no other persons present wishing to speak. Brett McGuire made note that, should Council adopt the budget as is, two motions with specific language is required. One motion should approve the ordinance for the budget and the other should ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the budget.

Mayor Bowen closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 pm.

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Curtis McKay, to approve Ordinance #951 adopting the 2010/2011 City of Lake Worth Operating Budget as presented. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Dona Stuard, to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

5. Discussion/Action Item:**a. Ordinance #952- Adopting the FY 2010/2011 City of Lake Worth Tax Rate.**

Debbie Whitley stated the proposed tax rate is .492512/\$100, General Fund portion being .126172 and Debt Service Fund portion being .366340.

Pat Hill made a motion, seconded by Dona Stuard, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 49.2512 cents, which is effectively a 5.59 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion passed with all favor and none opposed.

6. Assistant City Manager Update on Quarterly Newsletter.

Ken West explained to Council suggested changes to the City's quarterly newsletter to citizens. Currently, the newsletter covers a four month time frame, thus causing concern regarding timeliness. Changing to a semi-monthly publication and using different methods of distribution (other than mailing with water bills) will hopefully improve content, accuracy, and be more cost-effective. If the proposed changes do not work as expected, the City can always go back to publishing it on a quarterly basis via the water bills. Council was receptive to the ideas.

7. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Council Public Hearing/Special meeting at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



 Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC
 City Secretary