

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, TEXAS
HELD IN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3805 ADAM GRUBB
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017**

SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Walter Bowen called the Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A.1 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Council member Stuard gave the invocation. Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

A.2 ROLL CALL.

Present:	Walter Bowen	Mayor
	Geoffrey White	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2
	Jim Smith	Council, Place 1
	Gene Ferguson	Council, Place 3
	Ronny Parsley	Council, Place 4
	Pat O. Hill	Council, Place 5
	Gary Stuard	Council, Place 6
	Clint Narmore	Council, Place 7
Staff:	Stacey Almond	City Manager
	Debbie Whitley	Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
	Monica Solko	City Secretary
	Mike Christenson	Fire Chief
	Steve Carpenter	Interim Police Chief
	Sean Densmore	Public Works Director
	Barry Barber	Building Development Director

A.3 SPECIAL PRESENTATION (S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

No items for this category.

A.4 CITIZENS PRESENTATION / VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

A.5 REMOVAL OF ITEM(S) FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items for this category.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

No items for this category.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C.1 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2017, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget.

City Manager Stacey Almond summarized the item. The City is required by Section 102.006 of the Texas Local Government Code to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. On August 8, 2017, the City Council approved to schedule the public hearing on the proposed budget for August 22, 2017. The City Council held a budget workshop on August 11, 2017 on the FY 2017-2018 proposed budget. The proposed budget will be recommended for adoption at the September 12, 2017 Council meeting. Staff is available to answer any questions Council may have on the budget.

Mayor Bowen asked for public comments on the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bowen closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WHITE, TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, REGULAR MEETING.

MOTION TO CONTINUE CARRIED 7-0

C.2 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing and called on Stacey Almond to present the item.

City Manager Stacey Almond summarized the item. This is the first of two public hearings required on the proposed tax rate. The proposed tax rate for FY 2017-2018 is \$0.454920 per \$100 valuation. Ms. Almond advised that although the proposed tax rate is lower than last year's tax rate, the City Council is required to hold two public hearings in the proposed rate since the City's rate exceeds the effective rate. At the August 8, 2017, the City Council approved scheduling the dates for the public hearings as Tuesday, August 22, 2017 and Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and with the adoption of the tax rate on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Mayor Bowen asked for public comments on the proposed \$0.454920 tax rate. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bowen closed the public hearing and announced the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., and the City Council will take final action on the 2017 tax rate on

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at City Hall, 3805 Adam Grubb Road, Lake Worth, Texas.

NO ACTION IS NECESSARY BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

No items for this category.

E. PUBLIC WORKS

No items for this category.

F. GENERAL ITEMS

No items for this category.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items for this category.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

No items for this category.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Walter Bowen adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVED

By: _____
Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica Solko, City Secretary