

I. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The City of Lake Worth is a home-rule city. Its City Charter was adopted in the election of April 6, 1965 and last amended in the election of November 4, 2008. Home-rule cities have full power of local self-government as stipulated in the Local Government Code, Section 51.072. The City of Lake Worth is a “Council-Manager” form of government.

II. CITY ELECTIONS

Qualifications (Article III, Section 3.02, City Charter)

Each member of the City Council, including the Mayor, shall meet the following qualifications:

1. Be a registered voter of the City.
2. Have resided in the City for at least twelve (12) months preceding the election at which they are candidates.
3. Continue residency in the City during the term of office.
4. Not hold more than one public elective office.
5. Not hold an appointed office of the City excluding boards, committees, and commissions.
6. Be at least 21 years of age.
7. Not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.
8. Not have been convicted, whether final for appeal purposes or not, of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.

A member of the Council ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section or any other section of the Charter, or convicted of a felony while in office, shall immediately forfeit his office.

General Duties and Powers of Council (Article II, Section 2.03, City Charter)

1. To abolish or consolidate such offices, departments, and agencies of the City government as it may deem to be to the best interest of the City, and may divide the administration of any such departments as it may deem advisable; may create new departments, and may discontinue any offices or departments at its discretion, except those specifically established by the Charter.
2. Adopt the budget of the City.
3. Authorize the issuance of bonds by a bond ordinance.
4. Inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City and make investigations as to municipal affairs.
5. Establish operating policy.
6. Establish the boundaries of the City.

When and Where for Meetings

The City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for regular meetings. The meetings are normally held at the Council Chambers located at 3805 Adam Grubb. All other meetings are called as deemed necessary. Agendas are posted on the bulletin board outside the City Hall building at 3805 Adam Grubb for public inspection as well as on the city website at www.lakeworthtx.org.

Except as provided by State Law, all meetings shall be open to the public. Also, they shall be held and notice given in accordance with State Law.

Agendas and Agenda Packets

Agendas and Agenda Packets are available to the Mayor/Council on Friday afternoon prior to the meeting date (for regular scheduled meetings). The Mayor/Council has city issued iPads; therefore, agenda packets are sent via electronic mail. A hard copy is available upon request. Hard copies can either be put in the Mayor/Council members' mail slot at city hall, or can be hand delivered, whichever is preferred and requested. The Mayor/Council members each have their own mail slot at the city administrative building to receive mail and correspondence. If they are unable to pick up their mail, it will be brought to the next regular council meeting.