

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

1:00 PM

Commission Chambers Room 219

Regular City Commission Meeting

CITY COMMISSION

Josh Levy, Mayor

Adam Gruber, Vice Mayor - District 4

Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1

Linda Hill Anderson, Commissioner - District 2

Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3

Kevin Biederman, Commissioner - District 5

Idelma Quintana, Commissioner - District 6

George R. Keller, Jr., CPPT, City Manager

Douglas R. Gonzales, City Attorney

Patricia A. Cerny, City Clerk

The Regular City Commission Meeting of the City of Hollywood, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Levy on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 1:11 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida.

1. **Moment of Silence**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Recognition of Veterans, Active Service Personnel & Their Families**
4. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Caryl Shuham, Commissioner Linda Anderson, Commissioner Traci Callari, Vice Mayor Adam Gruber, Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman, Commissioner Idelma Quintana and Mayor Josh Levy

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

5. [R-2023-351](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget, Authorizing Year-End Budgetary Transfers And Adjustments For Fiscal Year 2023.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

6. [R-2023-352](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing Payment Of Attorneys' Fees To Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. In An Additional Amount Up To \$50,000.00 For Fiscal Year 2023, Bringing The Total Amount Authorized For Fiscal Year 2023 To \$250,000.00.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

7. [R-2023-353](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of June 7, 2023.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
8. [R-2023-354](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Joint / Special City Commission / Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting Minutes Of June 7, 2023.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
9. [R-2023-355](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Special City Commission Meeting Minutes Of June 14, 2023.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
10. [R-2023-356](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of June 21, 2023.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
12. [R-2023-358](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Agreements With Qualified Vendors In Ranked Order For Residential Property Insurance Broker Services For A Combined Annual Amount Up To \$150,000.00 For A Term Of Three Years.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
13. [R-2023-359](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Renaming The "MENA" Plat To "MENAH 21" Plat, Being In The City Of Hollywood, Broward County, Florida, And Generally Located On North 24th Avenue, Approximately 125 Feet South of Johnson Street.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

14. [R-2023-360](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Amendment No. 15 To The Landscape Inclusive Memorandum Agreement With The Florida Department of Transportation To Include The Pinnacle 441, LLC Landscape Improvements; Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Maintenance Agreement With Pinnacle 441, LLC To Maintain The Landscape Improvements within State Road 7 Rights-Of-Way Associated With The Pinnacle 441 Phase One Mixed-Use Development Located At The Southwest Corner Of State Road 7 And Johnson Street.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

15. [R-2023-361](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The City Manager's Approval Of A Purchase Order To Environmental Products Group, Inc. For The Provision Of Parts, Maintenance, And Repair Services For Four Vector Trucks And One Sewer Inspection TV Truck In An Amount Up To \$100,000.00 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(1) Of The City's Procurement Code. (Emergency Purchases)

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

16. [R-2023-362](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Pantropic Power Inc. For Generator Preventative Maintenance And Repair Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$500,000.00 From December 01, 2023, Through August 20, 2024, Based Upon Broward County Contract No. OPN2125761Q1 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code. (Piggyback)

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

17. [R-2023-363](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida,

Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Carville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram For 10 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles In An Amount Up To \$486,500.00 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(9) Of The Procurement Code. (Best Interest)

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

18. [P-2023-094](#)

A Proclamation In Recognition Of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month, November 2023.

Vice Mayor Gruber read the proclamation in recognition of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month, November 2023.

Mikal Cartier, Homelessness Taskforce, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

19. [P-2023-095](#)

Presentation By Dan Booker, Fire Chief, Recognizing Recipients of the 2022 Meritorious Service Award.

Simon Serrao, Division Fire Chief, read the commendation which resulted in the members of the Firefighters Honor Guard being recognized with the 2022 Meritorious Service Award.

20. [P-2023-096](#)

Presentation by Dan Booker, Fire Chief, Recognizing Recipients of the Veterans Service Award.

Simon Serrao, Division Fire Chief, presented awards to the recipients of the Veterans Service Award.

21. [PO-2023-17](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Articles 2 And 3 Of The Zoning And Land Development Regulations By Providing A Definition And Establishing Distance Separation Requirements For Smoke Shops. (23-T-30)

The Mayor announced the ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes.

Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, provided a presentation explaining the intent of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to amended the Ordinance to define cannabis shops and have a distance separation of not within 2,500 feet of a medical marijuana treatment center. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

The Mayor opened the public hearing; there being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt on first reading the Ordinance with the amendment to define cannabis shops and have a distance separation of not within 2,500 feet of a medical marijuana treatment center. The motion on roll call vote carried:

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Callari
Vice Mayor Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Commissioner Quintana
Mayor Levy

22. [PO-2023-18](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Section 3.22 Of Article 3 Of The Zoning And Land Development Regulations Entitled "Standards For The Painting And Color Of Exterior Surfaces Of Buildings And Structures" To Establish Regulations For Art In Public Places. (23-T-31) (20-T-19)

The Mayor announced the ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes.

Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, provided a presentation on the intent of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and Claire Garrett, 3148 Calle Largo Drive, expressed personal opinions/concerns; being there was no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared

closed.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt on first reading the Ordinance and to have a pilot program. The motion on roll call vote carried:

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Callari
Vice Mayor Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Commissioner Quintana
Mayor Levy

23. [R-2023-364](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Establish The Partnership For Engaged Neighborhoods Program.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, explained the intent of the resolution.

Alison Saffold, Strategic Administrative Director, provided additional information on the proposed program.

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Terry Cantrell, 745 Harrison Street
2. Lynn Smith, 1939 Adams Street
3. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, responded to concerns raised by the Commission

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Vice Mayor Gruber left the meeting at 3:20 PM and returned at 3:21 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

24. [PO-2023-19](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 50 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Solid Waste And Recycling

Management” To Update The Regulations To Be Consistent With The City’s Collection Services Operations.

Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, explained the intent of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Mayor Levy passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Gruber and left the meeting at 3:54 PM; he returned at 3:55 PM.

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Siobhan McLaughlin, 1439 Rodman Street
2. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
3. Terry Contrell, 745 Harrison Street
4. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street
5. Tom Lander, 3186 Roosevelt Street

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Gruber, to withdraw the Ordinance. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

11. [R-2023-357](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Supporting And Adopting The Broward County September 2022 Update Of The Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Pursuant To The Disaster Mitigation Act Of 2000, Which Establishes Criteria For The Distribution Of Federal Funds For Local Disaster-Related Mitigation Projects; Authorizing The Establishment Of Certain Accounts To Recognize And Appropriate The Federal Funds, If And When Distributed; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Participation Agreements To Receive The Funds.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 4:16 PM.

Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue, expressed personal opinions/concerns.

Commissioner Shuham left the meeting at 4:17 PM.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, responded to questions raised by the public.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Callari were absent.

25. [P-2023-097](#) Presentation By Ricky Engle, Director Of Parks, Recreation And Cultural Arts, Regarding A Drone Show For The Fourth Of July Event.
- Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 4:17 PM and returned at 4:22 PM.
- Commissioner Shuham returned to the meeting at 4:19 PM.
- Ricky Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, provided a presentation regarding a drone show for the Fourth of July event.
- Commissioner Callari returned to the meeting at 4:20 PM.
- Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.
26. [R-2023-365](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing City Staff To Identify Qualified Subrecipients To Administer The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program And Further Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Hollywood Home Program Agreements With All Qualified Subrecipients Using Home Investment Partnership Funding In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,767,607.16 Pursuant To Section 38.41(C)(9) Of The Procurement Code. (Best Interest)
- Ryan Coote, Director of Community Development, explained the intent of the resolution.
- Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.
- ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
27. [R-2023-366](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC D/B/A Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc. For The Purchase Of A Pierce Impel 2nd Generation Top Mount Pumper Fire Engine For An Amount Up To \$970,698.34 Based Upon The Florida Sheriff's Association Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract FSA23-Vef17.0 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Purchasing Ordinance. (Piggyback)
- Dan Booker, Fire Chief, explained the intent of the resolution.
- ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

28. [R-2023-367](#)

A Resolution Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Interlocal Agreement With Broward County For Airport Zoning Regulations. (23-ILA-91)

Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, explained the intent of the resolution.

Commissioner Biederman left the meeting at 4:38 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Gruber, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Biederman was absent.

29. [R-2023-368](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of The City of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing the Appropriate City Officials to Execute a Construction Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") for Proposed Improvements Along State Road A1A Between Hollywood Boulevard and the Southern City Limits In An Estimated Amount Of \$24,000,000.00 and Reimbursement of FDOT Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Project For An Estimated Amount Of \$3,790,000.00.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, explained the intent of the resolution.

Jorge Camejo, CRA Executive Director, provided a presentation on the proposed project.

Mayor Levy passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Gruber and left the meeting at 4:40 PM; he returned at 4:41 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Biederman was absent.

30. [R-2023-369](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Establishing The Large User Rate For Sewage Treatment And Disposal By The Large Users Of The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Including Broward County, Dania Beach, Hallandale Beach, Miramar, Pembroke Park, And Pembroke Pines At \$3.29 Per Thousand Gallons Of Wastewater Received For The Fiscal Year 2024.

Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, explained the intent of the resolution.

Commissioner Biederman returned to the meeting at 4:43 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

32. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Lawn Services

Commissioner Callari stated during the earlier discussion on lawn services blowing grass and leaves. If you have a ring camera and see lawn services doing a violation, please report to Code as they cannot see these violations.

Bridge Painting

Commissioner Callari stated there have been requests to have the bridge at Stan Goldman Park painted as lots of families would like to take pictures on the bridge. She requested to have some volunteers get together to accomplish the request.

C-10 Canal Tree Trimming

Commissioner Callari requested an update on what the South Florida Water Department and Florida Fish & Wildlife are doing regarding the trimming of the trees by the C-10 canal that she asked about a few meetings ago.

Chipper Program

Commissioner Callari suggested having a pilot chipper program and the City could obtain mulch from it. She stated she would like to see the City bring back a composting program, as it was great in prior years.

Permits

Commissioner Callari stated she has received many calls from residents regarding delays in their permit applications and the processing timeframe. She requested staff to please work on the process to make the turnaround time quicker.

Happy Birthday

Commissioner Callari wished her grandson a very happy birthday as he turns seven years old today.

Prayers

Commissioner Callari asked everyone to pray for health, world peace and those that are struggling and the release of hostages in the Middle East; as she knows seven people that have passed in the last week.

33. Vice Mayor Gruber, District 4

Permits

Vice Mayor Gruber stated he wanted to echo the request regarding the permits process. He stated it has been a topic of discussion, and he has been inundated with requests from residents for a smoother process.

File of Life Stickers

Vice Mayor Gruber thanked the Fire Department for dropping off the File of Life stickers. He stated the stickers are placed on the front door of a residence and the form is filled out with information so that in an emergency the Fire Department knows there is a file on the fridge with all the resident's health information.

Programs

Vice Mayor Gruber announced the operation paint brush and the electronic drop off events coming up. Usually these events are held on Saturdays and he asked if it can be held on other days, the Jewish community cannot make it to these events on Saturday.

Tallahassee

Vice Mayor Gruber congratulated Commissioner Callari on her trip to Tallahassee. He stated a lot of funding was accomplished for such causes as the Jewish School Security funding and the Highway Patrol Funding.

34. Commissioner Biederman, District 5

Workshop

Commissioner Biederman requested to have a workshop on how to get a handle on the illegal dumping by the use of cameras and license plate readers. He stated this would be an opportunity to find out how to resolve this issue.

Boulevard Heights Civic Association

Commissioner Biederman congratulated Cathy Gonzales on being elected president of the Boulevard Heights Civic Association. He stated she was sworn in last night.

Tallahassee

Commissioner Biederman stated he enjoyed the trip to Tallahassee. He stated he feels the City accomplished a lot and everyone came together and provided a unified message.

35. Commissioner Quintana, District 6

Family Central

Commissioner Quintana stated she visited Kids In Distress program, and they have a free program called Family Central Training Academy. She stated this is a leadership program that will help assist parents by providing skills to enhance their child's life. Commissioner Quintana stated if anyone is interested, she has the information and to reach out to her office.

Lawn Services

Commissioner Quintana requested support to ban the gas leaf blowers used by landscaping/lawn service companies. She stated this would alleviate the waste being blown into the drainage in the streets along with lowering the noise. Commissioner Shuham supported the idea.

Mayor Levy stated there is an attack on the use of gas leaf blowers due to noise.

Commissioner Biederman stated there should be a fine for those that blow waste into the streets, however, he did not support the idea to ban blowers. He suggested notifying the lawn service companies not to blow debris into other peoples lawns and drains.

Happy Thanksgiving

Commissioner Quintana stated as this was the last meeting before the holiday, she wanted to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

36. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Permits

Commissioner Shuham stated she also receives lots of complaints from residents on the permitting back log. She stated she understands it is being worked on, however, the issue needs to be fixed as quickly as possible.

Thank you

Commissioner Shuham thanked Commissioner Callari for getting everyone together to go to Tallahassee. She stated it was great idea to go as a unit to the Capital.

Liberia 100 Year Celebration

Commissioner Shuham thanked Commissioner Anderson and everyone that worked so hard on the Liberia 100 year celebration event. She stated it was a fantastic event.

Broward County Approval

Commissioner Shuham stated she wanted to let everyone know that Broward County approved the pedestrian and bike project along Dixie Highway. She stated this is an important project for the City's downtown area.

Presentation

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Police Department for the personal safety presentation. She encouraged the other commission members to create large groups from their districts of residents that may want to attend the presentation.

Underground Project Presentation

Commissioner Shuham stated the North Beach Civic Association hosted the Underground Project presentation. She stated the residents were impressed by the professionalism provided by the Design and Construction Management team as they explained the upcoming project.

Presentation

Commissioner Shuham stated Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities; Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works; and Jose Cortez, Director of Design & Construction Management, gave a wonderful presentation to the Hollywood Lakes Civic Association.

Large Water Main Break

Commissioner Shuham thanked Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, for his cool and collective attitude as he quickly responded to a large water main break at the beach, along with king tides and all the rain.

Preservation of Historic Value of Homes

Commissioner Shuham requested Commission support for staff to research ideas and incentives to encourage residents to preserve the historic value of their homes. Mayor Levy and Commissioner Gruber supported the idea.

Compensation

Commissioner Shuham stated the Commission received information from staff on the Mayor's and Commissioners' of neighboring cities. She requested Commission support to have staff look into all the various compensations. Commissioner Shuham stated it is important to be able to compare what other cities are doing. Vice Mayor Gruber and Commissioner Quintana supported the idea.

Happy Thanksgiving

Commissioner Shuham wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

37. Commissioner Anderson, District 2

Liberia 100-year Celebration

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone that attended the Liberia 100-year Celebration. She stated it was wonderful to see everyone come out to celebrate.

Book Distribution

Commissioner Anderson stated if you picked up a copy of a book on some of the tables at the Liberia celebration event it was unauthorized, and she would like it to be thrown away as there was some incorrect information.

Security

Commissioner Anderson requested the Public Safety Director to extend the hours the security personnel are at City Hall when meetings are held. She stated there are board meetings on some evenings and the doors are closed leaving residents no way to access the building. Commissioner Anderson stated the Civic Associations would like the NTL Officer to stay until the conclusion of the Civic Association meetings.

Conference room

Commissioner Anderson requested making available to the Civic Association the use of the conference room at the Parks building for their meetings, instead of using the McNicol recreation room.

Bus Benches

Commissioner Anderson requested the bus benches to be serviced and cleaned for litter on a daily basis especially on the gateway into Liberia, Sheridan Street and Federal Highway. She stated these areas always have litter and it does not look presentable.

Mayor Levy stated a business owner complained about 24th Avenue and Hollywood Blvd, about the bus bench area needing to be cleaned and needs a trash bin.

Happy Holiday

Commissioner Anderson wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Gruber left the meeting at 5:10 PM.

38. Mayor Levy**Citations**

Mayor Levy requested Commission support for the Code to be amended for code violations for tenants and businesses, instead of the property owner. He stated sometimes it is the business or tenant's responsibility to resolve the code violation issues instead of the landlord.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated the Code does allow the City to cite tenants and businesses.

Commissioner Shuham stated both the landlord and the tenant should receive the citation for the violation along with the property owner.

Mayor Levy stated he wants one process to cite the tenants and businesses and not the property owners, and to have staff research the process. Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Quintana supported the idea.

Vice Mayor Gruber returned to the meeting at 5:11 PM.

Emerald Hills Park

Mayor Levy stated he received an email from a resident regarding the Lakes of Emerald Hills Park. He stated the resident advised that the playground area is not suitable for children under five and requested an appropriate playground area be placed in the park also. Mayor Levy requested support to supplement the area with a tot area.

Commissioner Gruber stated the equipment was chosen by the residents that attended the zoom meeting.

Ricky Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, explained the process when new equipment is being installed and meeting with the residents.

Vice Mayor Gruber and Commissioner Shuham supported the idea. Commissioner Callari supported and requested the City look into accommodating all the parks, so it is fair to all the districts.

Hate Crimes

Mayor Levy announced on November 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall the Broward State Attorney's Office will host a presentation on what are hate crimes to all residents. He stated this presentation will update residents on the laws concerning hate crimes.

Commissioner Shuham requested the presentation be recorded to accommodate those residents that cannot attend in person.

31. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Sean DeRosa, 1503 N Federal Highway
2. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
3. Tom Lander, 3186 Roosevelt Street
4. Siobhan McLaughlin, 1409 Rodman Street
5. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street
6. Elliott Rimon, Hollywood Park Apartments
7. Carmella Gardner, 2239 Freedom Street

39. City Attorney

Verdict

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced in the case by Mr. Francis vs. City of Hollywood who alleged two police officers had battered him when he was arrested. The cases were resolved, and the outside council representing the City received a directive verdict for the City.

40. City Manager

Flood Watch

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the City is under a level three flood watch until 10:00 AM tomorrow morning. He stated the City is doing everything they can to prepare for the impacts.

Commission Meeting

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the December 6, 2023 Commission Meeting will be the next and last meeting before the end of the year. He stated if there are issues that need to be addressed, they will be brought forth at this meeting.

New Equipment

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, requested Jeffrey Devlin, Interim Police Chief, to present the new grappler equipment that the City recently purchased.

Jeffrey Devlin, Interim Police Chief, introduced Mileta Djokic, Police Sergeant, who provided a presentation on the new grappler equipment.

Citizen Statements

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated during citizens' comments today there were some accusations made regarding the City Manager's Office. He stated the cloudy accusations need to be brought forth with evidence as these matters are taken seriously.

33. Vice Mayor Gruber, District 4

Rimon Case

Vice Mayor Gruber questioned if an executive session can be held to discuss the Rimon case.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated yes an executive session can be held.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated staff will be happy to explain all the information.

41. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
