

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

## **Regular City Commission Meeting**

### ***CITY COMMISSION***

***Josh Levy, Mayor***

***Kevin Biederman, Vice Mayor - District 5***

***Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1***

***Peter Hernandez, Commissioner - District 2***

***Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3***

***Richard Blattner, Commissioner - District 4***

***Linda Sherwood, Commissioner - District 6***

***Dr. Wazir Ishmael, 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 4, 2020 at 1:08 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, Hollywood, Florida.

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

Note: City Commission members had no objections to Commissioner Sherwood and Mayor Levy attending virtually due to COVID-19 concerns.

**Present:** Commissioner Caryl Shuham, Commissioner Peter Hernandez, Commissioner Traci Callari, Commissioner Richard Blattner, Vice Mayor Kevin D. Biederman, Commissioner Linda Sherwood and Mayor Josh Levy

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Callari, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

6. [R-2020-283](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of July 1, 2020.

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

7. [R-2020-284](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of August 26, 2020.

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

9. [R-2020-286](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Certify And File A Right Of Way Maintenance Map Dedicating And Vesting All Rights, Title, Easement And Appurtenances Of That Portion Of The Constructed Washington Street In The City In Accordance With Section 95.361(3), Of The Florida Statutes.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
11. [R-2020-288](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Hollywood Home Program Agreement With Liberia Economic And Social Development, Inc. For The Construction Of A Single Family Home In The Liberia Neighborhood; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Community Housing Development Organization Certification.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
12. [R-2020-289](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Grant Participation And Reimbursement Agreement With Brightline Trains Florida, LLC., For Construction Of Supplemental Safety Improvements At Selected Railroad Crossings In The City.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
13. [R-2020-290](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Blanket Purchase Agreement ("BPA") Along With An Addendum To The Terms And Conditions Of The BPA To OMB, LLC, For The Remaining Duration Of The 50/50 Shared Cost Sidewalk Program And Implementation In The Amount Of \$199,375.95 Based Upon Section 38.41(C)(9) Of The Procurement Code (Best Interest).
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

14. [R-2020-291](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Issuance Of A Blanket Purchase Order With The Broward Sheriff's Office For The Purchase Of Medical Supplies, Fire Equipment And Janitorial Supplies In The Estimated Amount Of \$160,000.00.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
17. [R-2020-294](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Information Sharing Access Agreement With Department Of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Federal Insurance Mitigation Administration For Access To Certain National Flood Insurance Program Documentation And Data.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
18. [R-2020-295](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Blanket Purchase Agreement to Lhoist North America of Alabama, LLC. For Rice Size Quicklime, In An Estimated Annual Amount Of \$506,000.00, Based Upon The City of Tamarac's Cooperative Bid 20-21B In Accordance With Section 38.47 of City's Procurement Code (Cooperative Purchase).
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
19. [R-2020-296](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Modifications To The Public Improvement Plan Of The "Hillcrest Country Club North" And "Hillcrest Country Club South" Plats.
- The City Attorney explained waiving the quasi-judicial procedures and Mayor Levy questioned if there were any objections to waiving them. There were no objections, and the quasi-judicial procedures were waived.
- Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, explained the intent of the resolution and proposed project.
- Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Dennis Mele, Attorney for the Applicant, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, provided additional information.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 1:39 PM and returned at 1:43 PM.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

5. [R-2020-282](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budgets Of Various Funds As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2020-232; Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan.

The City Clerk read comments submitted from Thomas Clapp, 840 Johnson Street.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 1:57 PM and returned at 2:00 PM.

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

8. [R-2020-285](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ranking Architecture Firms To Provide Architectural And Engineering Consulting Services For The Dowdy Sports Field And Former Armory Renovation Project, A General Obligation Bond Project; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate An Agreement With Synalovski Romanik Saye, LLC., The Highest Ranked Firm, For Consideration By

The City Commission At A Later Date.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

10. [R-2020-287](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A First Amendment To The Coronavirus Relief Funds Sub-Grantee Agreement With Hope South Florida, Inc. To Provide Re-Housing And Eviction Prevention Assistance Utilizing Broward County Coronavirus Relief Funds By Increasing The Funding Amount From \$300,000.00 To \$1,237,623.11.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Anthony Grisby, Community Development Division Manager, explained the intent of the resolution.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

15. [R-2020-292](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue a Purchase Order For The Purchase Of 88 Dell Laptops, Docking Stations And Monitors Quoted From Dell Marketing, Inc. Utilizing WSCA-NASPO Contract # 43211500-WSCA-15-ACS, For An Estimated Amount Of \$114,622.00 And In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Code Of Ordinances (Piggyback).

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

16. [R-2020-293](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ranking Professional Engineering Firms To Provide Professional Engineering Services Related To Design And Construction Administration Services For Hollywood Beach Utility Improvements;

Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate An Agreement With Tetra Tech, Inc., The Highest Ranked Firm, For Consideration By The City Commission At A Later Date.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

20. [R-2020-297](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Appointing Three Members To The Emerald Hills Safety Enhancement Board Of Supervisors.

The City Clerk read comments submitted from the following individuals:

1. Robert Posner, 4731 N 33rd Court
2. Alan Greenbaum, 3340 N 46th Avenue

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Blattner, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the Resolution appointing Andrew Cagnetta, Adam Greenbaum and Robert Posner. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

21. [R-2020-298](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And If Awarded, Accept The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Complete Streets And Other Localized Initiatives Program Grant Award, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$6,000,000.00, To Implement Transportation Projects Relating To Bicycle Facilities, Filling In Sidewalk Networks, Pedestrian Level Lighting, Drainage And Other Pedestrian Safety Improvements Specifically For The Following Areas: 1) Sidewalk Construction Infill In Area Bordered By State Road 7, North 64 Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, And Johnson Street, And 2) Tyler Street From Young Circle To North 21 Avenue, And If Successfully Awarded Committing Matching Funds Estimated At 25% Of Total Costs For Each Project, Together With The Applicable Operating And Maintenance Costs Once The Projects Are Completed; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Program Documents And Agreement(s); Acknowledging That The Projects Will Be Delivered As A Local Agency Program Project.

Commissioner Hernandez left the meeting at 2:17 PM and returned at 2:19 PM.

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

**23. [R-2020-300](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Blanket Purchase Agreement To Carneuse Lime & Stone, Inc. For High Calcium Granular Quicklime Lime, In An Estimated Annual Amount Of \$1,614,994.50, Based Upon The City Of Tamarac's Cooperative Bid 20-21B In Accordance With Section 38.47 Of Hollywood's Procurement Code (Cooperative Purchase).

**ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

**22. [R-2020-299](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Removing Board Member Sean Atkinson From The Parks, Recreation And Cultural Arts Advisory Board.

The City Clerk read comments submitted from Claire Garrett, 3148 Calle Largo Drive.

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Thomas Lander, 3186 Roosevelt Street
2. Sean Atkinson, 1106 N 31 Avenue

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 2:34 PM and returned at 2:35 PM.

David Vasquez, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Blattner, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Biederman, to suspend Sean Atkinson from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Board for six months effective immediately.**

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari to amend the motion to remove Sean Atkinson from the Board. The motion failed for lack of a second.**



Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided additional information.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham to amend the motion to remove the 10th whereas clause in the resolution. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, provided additional information.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham, to amend the motion to remove the trespass language. On a voice vote the motion passed 4-3. Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Callari and Vice Mayor Biederman were opposed.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION:** On voice vote the amended motion to suspend Sean Atkinson from the Parks, Recreational and Cultural Arts Board for six months and to remove the trespass language passed 6-1. Commissioner Hernandez was opposed.

**24. Commissioner Blattner, District 4**

Mayor Levy

Commissioner Blattner wished Mayor Levy a speedy recovery.

**25. Vice Mayor Biederman, District 5**

Canal Flooding

Vice Mayor Biederman spoke about all the rain recently and apologized to residents that live along the Turnpike canal between Taft Street and Sheridan Street for the flooding. He stated that the Turnpike Authority is pumping out the canal now and he will find out why it had backed up.

Election

Vice Mayor Biederman congratulated all the winners from yesterdays'

elections.

#### Traffic Study

Vice Mayor Biederman questioned what was the timeline for the Walnut Creek traffic study as this could provide an idea for the Hillcrest traffic study timeline.

#### Birthdays

Vice Mayor Biederman wished a Happy Birthday to his daughter and wife.

### **26. Commissioner Sherwood, District 6**

#### Election

Commissioner Sherwood thanked everyone for voting for her.

#### Early Voting

Commissioner Sherwood stated she wants to work with the City in regards to issues during early voting. She explained each candidate should only be able to have a certain amount of political signs, as there were too many signs everywhere, along with people on megaphones. Commissioner Sherwood stated the police were called on a regular basis because people were threatened with assault.

Commissioner Blattner left the meeting at 3:23 PM.

### **27. Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

#### Early Voting

Commissioner Shuham stated she also agrees that staff take a look at what can be done to resolve some of the early voting issues.

#### Election

Commissioner Shuham stated that today is painful for the loss of Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner who will be missed, and she congratulated Commissioner Sherwood.

Commissioner Blattner returned to the meeting at 3:28 PM.

#### West Lake Village

Commissioner Shuham stated that West Lake Village has a private HOA and they decided to do a massive tree removal, which does not require City approval. Due to such removal, the City received complaints and staff has been working with the contractor and there has been a cessation of the tree removal. Nonetheless, Commissioner Shuham

wants staff to verify that the HOA is following all necessary protocols for the removal of trees by an association.

#### Veterans Day

Commissioner Shuham complimented City staff on the Veterans Day event; the City will be providing a complimentary meal for our Veterans, who must register with the City.

#### Pizza Rustica

Commissioner Shuham mentioned that the City is losing a major restaurant, Pizza Rustica, due to their closing. She thanked them for their constant support and comradery with the City and the community.

### **28. Commissioner Hernandez, District 2**

#### Johnson Street Sidewalk

Commissioner Hernandez requested if staff can prioritize the sidewalks on Johnson Street, in front of the Sunset Golf Course, as they are in need of repair. Vice Mayor Biederman and Commissioner Callari supported this request.

#### Election

Commissioner Hernandez stated he was disappointed with the results of the election, but he works for the residents of the City, and he will continue to be involved.

### **29. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

#### Early Voting

Commissioner Callari stated the biggest challenge of the election was the lack of knowledge residents had on Amendments, especially Broward County Amendment 2. She stated that from what she heard, the residents really did not understand the question. In the future, Commissioner Callari suggested the City provide an education campaign on ballot amendments in order to facilitate more education and a better understanding for the residents.

#### District Item

Commissioner Callari requested support for future items that affect one particular district, that the district commissioner be able to speak first since that commissioner would have the residents' input on the matter. There was no support from other members of the Commission.

#### Ocala Police Chief

Commissioner Callari stated that the Police Chief of Ocala passed away

and he was a great family friend.

#### Election

Commissioner Callari stated that this country is very divided with this election. She recently spoke to a resident that was full of hate and anger, but after an hour of communicating, listening and being kind, they were able to find a common ground. Commissioner Callari stated that it is okay to disagree, but being able to communicate, listen and being kind is where we make the difference.

#### Commission Transition

Commissioner Callari wished Commissioner Blattner and Commissioner Hernandez well in their future endeavors.

### 30. Mayor Levy

#### Commission Transition

Mayor Levy thanked Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner for their service to the City.

### 31. City Attorney

#### Commission Transition

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, thanked Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner for working with him.

#### Ms. Alvarez

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, requested authorization for when, if needed, to take legal actions against Ms. Alvarez.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Biederman, to give the City Attorney authorization to take, if needed, legal action against Ms. Alvarez. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

### 32. City Manager

#### Commission Transition

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated a lot has been said today regarding the election results, he will provide his comments at the November 18th meeting.

#### CARES Act Funding

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, explained the CARES Act funding is available for Hollywood small businesses which will be administered by

the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development.

Free Meals for Veterans

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated November 11, 2020 is Veterans Day and the City will be providing a complimentary meal for our Veterans, who must register with the City.

Hurricane Season

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated as we approach the end of Hurricane Season, the City is offering a severe weather spotting course which begins November 9, 2020.

Mayor Levy commented on Hurricane Eta coming in our direction and everyone needs to keep vigilant. Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that Hurricane Eta is projected to become a Tropical Storm as it moves closer to Florida.

33. The meeting adjourned at 3:49 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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