

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

## **Regular City Commission Meeting**

### ***CITY COMMISSION***

***Josh Levy, Mayor***

***Debra Case, Vice Mayor - District 1***

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

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

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

***Kevin Biederman, Commissioner - District 5***

***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, March 7, 2018 at 1:11 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**

**Present:** Vice Mayor Debra Case, Commissioner Peter Hernandez, Commissioner Traci Callari, Commissioner Richard Blattner, Commissioner 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 Sherwood, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

5. [R-2018-066](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement A Settlement With Don Tichenor In The Amount Of \$85,000.00.  
**ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
6. [R-2018-067](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement A Settlement With Ivanna Brown In The Amount Of \$100,000.00.  
**ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
7. [R-2018-068](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida,

Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Renew The Existing Professional Services Agreement To Provide Architectural Design Services With Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc., Synalovski Romanik Saye, LLC, And Saltz Michelson Architects, Inc. And The City Of Hollywood, For A One Year Period, Under The Same Terms And Conditions.

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

8. [R-2018-069](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Attached Second Amendment To The Agreement With The Center For Independent Living Of Broward, Inc. To Extend The Term Of The Agreement From April 1, 2018 To May 31, 2018 And Amending The Timetable/Schedule In Order To Provide Housing Rehabilitation Services To A Minimum Of Two Low- And Moderate-Income Disabled Homeowners In An Amount Not To Exceed \$131,337.00 Through The Use Of Available State Housing Initiative Partnership Program Funds.

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

9. [R-2018-070](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Interlocal Agreement With Broward County Regarding The Six Cents Local Option Gas Tax.

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

10. [R-2018-071](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Expenditure Of Federal Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds (Justice) Pursuant To The Federal Comprehensive Crime Control Act Of 1984 For The Purchase Of Field Force Equipment In An Amount Not To Exceed \$36,873.19; And Amending The Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Operating Budget (R-2017-288) For The Law Enforcement Forfeiture Fund (Fund 12) As Detailed In Exhibit 1.

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

11. [R-2018-072](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The Submission Of An Application To The Florida Department Of Transportation To Receive A Subgrant Under The Safety Office Highway Safety Subgrant Program To Create An Initiative To Reduce Traffic Accidents Involving Fatalities And Injuries By Conducting Deliberate Enforcement Operations Which Target Speed And Aggressive Driving; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, Said Subgrant In An Approximate Amount Of \$60,000.00; And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Any And All Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
12. [R-2018-073](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Attached Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number LH-18-02 With Lighthouse Utility Consulting, Inc. For Miscellaneous Utility Rate And Financial Services, In The Amount Of \$100,000.00 (Project No. 18-1328).
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
13. [P-2018-09](#) Presentation By Ann Murray, Broward County School Board Member, District 1, Regarding The Highlights And Updates On The Schools Located In District 1.
- Ann Murray, Broward County School Board Member, District 1, provided a presentation on the highlights and updates of the schools located in the district.
- Leo Bobadilla, Chief Facilities Officer, Broward County Schools, and Michael Bobby, Deputy Program Director, provided a presentation on the SMART program.
- Discussion ensued among members of the Commission and school board representatives.
14. [R-2018-074](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Application To Name The 11 Streets In The Hillcrest Development Phase II.

Commissioner Blattner left the meeting at 1:58 PM and returned at 2:00 PM.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, explained the intent of the resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Ken DelaTorre, developers representative, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, to adopt the Resolution with an amendment to change two of the proposed street names from Pongam Terrace and Bursera Terrace to Wild Olive Terrace and Persimmon Terrace.**

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided information on the street naming policy.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hernandez withdrew his motion.**

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the Resolution as presented by the applicant.**

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION: On a voice vote, the motion made by Commissioner Hernandez, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the resolution with the street names as presented passed 5-2. Commissioner Biederman and Commissioner Sherwood were opposed.**

15. [R-2018-075](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Considering The Continuance/Sunsetting Of The Following Advisory Boards: Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; African American Advisory Council; Age-Friendly Community Task Force; Artwork Selection Advisory Committee; Education Committee; Green Team

Advisory Committee; Marine Advisory Board; Neighborhood Watch Advisory Board; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board, And The Young Circle Artspark Advisory Board.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, explained the intent of the resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Lorie Mertens-Black, Civic Affairs Officer, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

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

#### **16. Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

##### **Bus Shelters and Bus Benches**

Commissioner Biederman stated there have been various discussions regarding the bus shelter on N 66th Avenue and Sheridan Street. He wants to make sure the City is evaluating where the bus shelters are and the need for bus benches along Sheridan Street, Johnson Street and various corridors.

##### **Grocery Store Carts**

Commissioner Biederman stated the new grocery store on Sheridan Street does not have control of their shopping carts and requested Code Enforcement to look into the issue as residents are using the bright yellow shopping carts as bus benches.

##### **Financial Report**

Commissioner Biederman stated he was able to review the first quarterly financial report which was very informative and that the City is on track.

##### **Fire Station 45**

Commissioner Biederman stated he is very disappointed that Fire Station 45 is not completed and he feels that the contractor and architect have neglected their duties doing the job on time. The City should keep note of the architect and contractor for future contracts.

##### **Shuttle to Beach**

Commissioner Biederman asked the City Manager to discuss the west side shuttle to the beach in his report or in the near future.

##### **Crossing Guards**

Commissioner Biederman stated he received a resident's message about crossing guards, especially on major streets and thoroughfares, such as on Sheridan Street by the middle school.

**17. Commissioner Sherwood, District 6**

Hillcrest Street Names

Commissioner Sherwood stated if the Hillcrest Developer came in with five different proposed names, they must have known about the many complaints.

Charter Review Committee

Commissioner Sherwood stated the Charter Review Committee is going to be looking into how the City can lease and dispose of property as a result of the concerns from residents. She explained her point of view and why it would be a bad idea to restrict the Commission's ability. She has emailed her concerns to the Charter Review Committee.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Commissioner Sherwood wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and encouraged everyone to come to the parade.

**18. Vice Mayor Case, District 1**

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Vice Mayor Case wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Spay and Neuter Clinic

Vice Mayor Case stated there was a ribbon cutting at the portable spay and neuter clinic, it will be at John Williams Park on Sheridan Street for the next 60 days.

Marine Environmental Center

Vice Mayor Case stated the Marine Environmental Center had its one year anniversary, they are located at the Carpenter House on Surf Road.

Daylight Savings Time

Vice Mayor Case reminded everyone that daylight savings time starts on Sunday at 2:00 AM.

A1A

Vice Mayor Case requested, on a weekly basis, an update on the A1A progress on new changes and how it's progressing, so that everyone knows the City is addressing the issues.

#### Elections Questions

Vice Mayor Case reminded everyone to learn about the GOB and the Charter Review questions, which will be on the November ballot.

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

#### Happy St. Patrick's Day

Commissioner Hernandez wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

#### Retirements

Commissioner Hernandez congratulated Thomas Demmery, Assistant Police Chief, and Lisa Wasserman, Administrative Assistant, who are retiring this week.

#### Fire Station 45

Commissioner Hernandez stated the contractor was letting time go by in not finishing the building, but is using Hurricane Irma as an excuse for the delay in completing Fire Station 45.

#### Code Officers

Commissioner Hernandez stated the Code Officers are doing a good job.

#### Swale Parking

Commissioner Hernandez thanked the City Engineer and the Department of Public Works for coming up with regulations for swale parking which would include using turf blocks. He also suggested Mr. Biegelson bring forth the turf blocks and that Mr. Biegelson be the test case. Commissioner Hernandez suggested if the City Manager needs any approval on license agreement, that they bring them back to the Commission for approval.

#### Pembroke Road Wall

Commissioner Hernandez stated everybody is on board regarding the new paint color for the Pembroke Road wall.

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

#### Congratulations

Commissioner Callari congratulated Thomas Demmery, Assistant Police Chief, on his retirement and she also congratulated Chris O'Brien on being named the new Police Chief.

#### Address Little Things

Commissioner Callari stated it is important to address the little things,

residents have requested the City paint the yellow crossways, weed the medians, clean the canals and generally improve the area. A few meetings ago she mentioned graffiti along Johnson Street, which is still there, it needs to be covered.

#### Speed Humps

Commissioner Callari stated there have been questions regarding speed humps, especially along Arthur Street, she stated it is still in the process of getting addressed.

#### Stan Goldman Park

Commissioner Callari stated she is still pushing for Stan Goldman Park improvements, and is planning on doing community outreach regarding the improvements.

#### Alleyways

Commissioner Callari stated she received complaints on alleyway improvements and the alleyways being pulled up in the 56th Avenue area. The City's contractor did the work, but AT&T and Comcast did not follow protocol as they did not drop their line when they should, now they are going in and digging up the alley after our contractor completed the job. She wants the City to be compensated since they did not follow protocol.

#### Billboards

Commissioner Callari stated there was discussion in regards to billboard signs and the profits being made, which the City Commission has been under the impression the City had been getting the money. Commissioner Callari asked for Commission support for more detailed information on past billboard payments and funding. Commissioner Blattner supported the request.

#### Chaminade/Madonna High School

Commissioner Callari provided an example of the good to benefit from the bad is the Chaminade/Madonna High School field lights. If you drive by Chaminade/Madonna High School today, the school has installed lavish landscaping, and the lights are not as detrimental as it was originally thought.

#### YMCA

Commissioner Callari stated there is an issue with the YMCA parking on the back side, the swale area is completely sand and mud and people are concerned about traffic. There is a difference of opinion between everyone on this issue. Commissioner Hernandez suggested using turf block, and the need to address a license agreement with the City.

**21. Commissioner Blattner, District 4****Bus Shelters**

Commissioner Blattner stated bus shelters are installed by Broward County. The City needs to ask Broward County to do an audit on bus shelters in Hollywood. He asked the City Manager to identify other locations which might need shelters, as he wants the City to be more aggressive in the requests.

**Contract Language**

Commissioner Blattner expressed his opinion on the issues regarding the A1A Project and the Complete Streets Project from City Hall to the FEC Railroad on what is going on to complete the projects faster. Commissioner Blattner stated he has been in touch with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on this issue. Some contracts do not have incentives to get the job completed sooner. He suggested the City needs to look at all contracts to ensure there is an incentive to complete the project on time.

**Gun Control**

Commissioner Blattner stated the City should take a stand on gun control and to support the raising of the age requirement and to ban assault weapons. The Commission explained a resolution was passed at the last meeting.

**Construction**

Commissioner Blattner questioned what is being constructed in the area off I-95 and Tyler Street. Commissioner Hernandez responded it is a staging area for the contractor working on the Hollywood Blvd Complete Streets project.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 2:40 PM.

**22. Mayor Levy**

Commissioner Callari returned to the meeting at 2:41 PM.

**School Resource Officers (SRO)**

Mayor Levy stated a State Legislator is working on passing a bill for funding safety and wants Commission support for a safety officer at every school, or 1 officer per 1,000 students. Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Blattner and Commissioner Hernandez supported the request.

#### Charter or Private Schools

Mayor Levy asked for support to have an ordinance to require charter or private schools to provide a safety officer at each school, which the schools will fund. Commissioner Callari agreed to the request.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated it will come back to the Commission as a resolution. Mayor Levy also suggested including the requirement of "single point of entry" and asked staff to come back with any additional recommendations.

#### Commitment 2045 MPO Plan

Mayor Levy stated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is in the process of doing their Commitment 2045 plan which is to identify and develop transportation projects. This is an opportunity for the City to submit long range plans, such as a people mover along Hollywood Blvd to the beach, which would go all the way west and east. Mayor Levy stated he wants the idea submitted to the MPO and encouraged Commission members to submit other ideas. Another idea is the A1A onto west bound Sheridan intersection should be a flyover like Hallandale Beach Blvd. The MPO wants cities to be creative in their ideas. There is more funding available for State roads than there is for City roads to help manage traffic better.

#### Congratulations

Mayor Levy congratulated Thomas Demmery, Assistant Police Chief; Chris O'Brien, Police Chief and Manuel Marino, Assistant Police Chief, on their retirement and promotions.

### **23. City Attorney**

#### Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 9:00 AM regarding Huseyin Eskier vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Litigation Counsel, John Wien.

### **24. City Manager**

#### Commitment 2045 MPO Plan

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, explained the Commitment 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan survey from the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has an online survey to fill out, and encouraged everyone to fill out the survey.

**Broward County Charter Review Committee**

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated Broward County is working on their charter revisions and announced there will be a public hearing in Hollywood on March 14, 2018 at 6:30 PM in room 219.

**A1A Project**

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated there have been discussions on the A1A project, there will be an update given to the Commission by Chris O'Brien, Police Chief; Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development, and Luis Lopez, City Engineer, at least twice a week . There has been a lot undertaken and it has become complicated for a variety of reasons, the City is addressing it to make the changes.

Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development, provided an update on the light synchronization, maintenance of traffic which creates the space for where the contractor is going to work. The contractor has the space for the duration of the contract. There are many parties involved to get changes done. They will try to make the Garfield Street pedestrian crossing more visible, and the synchronization of the bridges involves the Coast Guard which takes a little longer.

**Retirements**

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, wished a fond farewell to Lisa Wasserman, Administrative Assistant, on her retirement. He also wished Thomas Demmery, Assistant Police Chief, well and stated they will be sorely missed.

Thomas Demmery, Assistant Police Chief, thanked everyone for the well wishes and stated he enjoyed working with everyone.

25. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

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