

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

### **Regular City Commission Meeting**

#### **CITY COMMISSION**

**Josh Levy, Mayor**

**Linda Sherwood, Vice Mayor - District 6**

**Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1**

**Linda Hill Anderson, Commissioner - District 2**

**Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3**

**Adam Gruber, Commissioner - District 4**

**Kevin Biederman, Commissioner - District 5**

**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, October 20, 2021 at 1:09 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida.

**1. Moment of Silence**

Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, spoke about the recent passing of Officer Yandy Chirino and Lt. John Graham this past week and asked everyone to keep them in their prayers.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Commission recessed at 1:29 PM and reconvened at 1:36 PM with all members of the Commission present.

**3. Recognition of Veterans, Active Service Personnel & Their Families**

**4. Roll Call**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

**5. [R-2021-264](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement A Settlement With Gloria Nejjar In The Amount Of \$100,000.00.

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

**8. [R-2021-267](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Supporting The Re-Purposing Of Motor Vehicle Lanes Within The Dixie Highway Corridor Complete Streets Project Identified In The Broward

County Metropolitan Organization Complete Streets Master Plan.

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

9. [R-2021-268](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Interlocal Agreement Amongst the City of Hollywood, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization And The Cities Of Tamarac, Pompano Beach, Plantation And Dania Beach For The Creation Of The Metro Transportation Engineering And Construction Cooperative.

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

10. [R-2021-269](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The Submission Of An Application To U.S. Department Of Justice For The FY 21 Body-Worn Camera Policy And Implementation Program To Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant For The Purchase Of Body Cameras And Associated Equipment; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The Grant In An Approximate Amount Of \$650,000.00; Authorizing The In-Kind Match Requirement In An Approximate Amount Of \$650,288.00; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents.

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

11. [P-2021-58](#)

Presentation Of The October 2021 Diamond Service Award Nominees And The Diamond Service Award Recipient By The Diamond Service Award Selection Committee. Presentation Of The October 2021 Service Awards By Jennifer Solinger, Human Resources Administrator To 98 City And One Community Redevelopment Agency Employee In Recognition Of Their Years Of Service.

Ali Parker, Diamond Service Committee Member, recognized the Diamond service nominees. She read the commendation which resulted in Mabel Cardoso, Code Compliance Officer, being awarded with the Diamond Service Award for October 2021.

Mabel Cardoso, Code Compliance Officer, accepted the award and thanked her co-workers and supervisors for their support.

Jennifer Solinger, Human Resources Administrator, recognized the City employees for their years of service.

6. [R-2021-265](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving General Fund Agency Grants To Certain Non-Profit Organizations Providing Social Services To City Of Hollywood Residents; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Miscellaneous Appropriations Agreements With Each Organization For A Total Allocation Of Funding Not To Exceed \$170,443.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Operating Budget (R-2021-244).

Renee Jaffee, 1475 W Cypress Creek Road, Suite 301, expressed personal opinions/concerns.

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

7. [R-2021-266](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Changing The Regular Commission Meetings Scheduled In July, October And November 2022, Scheduling A Regular Commission Meeting On August 31, 2022, And Canceling The December 21, 2022 And January 4, 2023 Commission Meetings.

Catherine Uden, 1120 Lyontree Street, expressed personal opinions/concerns.

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

12. [PO-2021-18](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Section 31.04 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Taking Office" To Amend The Date The City Commission Take Office.

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

The City Clerk read the ordinance title on first reading.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Sherwood, to adopt on first reading the Ordinance. The motion on roll call vote carried:

**Aye:** Commissioner Shuham  
Commissioner Anderson  
Commissioner Callari  
Commissioner Gruber  
Commissioner Biederman  
Vice Mayor Sherwood  
Mayor Levy

**13. [R-2021-270](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Appointing Two Members To The Marine Advisory Board.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Sherwood, to increase the board membership to 10 members by adding an additional member in the Hollywood Resident category. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Debra Case, 322 Buchanan Street, expressed personal opinions concerns.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Sherwood, to adopt as amended the Resolution to increase the membership to a total of 10 members by increasing the Hollywood Resident category; and appointing Frank Mormando in the Professional category; Doree Shawn and Scott Singer in the Hollywood Resident category. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

**15. [D-2021-01](#)**

Update By George Keller, Deputy City Manager, And Jaime Hernandez, Emergency And Government Affairs Manager, On The Implementation Of Specific Action Steps In The City's Homeless Services Plan

George Keller, Deputy City Manager, and Jaime Hernandez, Emergency and Government Affairs Manager, provided a presentation on the action steps implemented in the City's Homeless Services Plan.

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

William Byrd, Broward Outreach Center Director, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**14. [R-2021-271](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness To Provide Homeless Outreach Services Utilizing Third Round Community Development Block Grant Covid-19 Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$138,737.00 Pursuant To Section 38.41(C)(9) Of The Procurement Code (Best Interest).

George Keller, Deputy City Manager, explained the intent of the resolution.

Carl Falconer, CEO Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness, provided additional information.

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

**16. [R-2021-272](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate Officials To Submit A Final Application Grant Packet For Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Funds From The Florida Department Of Economic Opportunity In The Amount Of \$760,335.00.

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

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

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

**17. [R-2021-273](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The Submission Of An Application To The Federal Emergency Management Agency And The Department Of Homeland Security For The FY2020 Staffing For Adequate Fire And Emergency Response Grant; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept Said Grant In An Approximate Amount Of \$9,732,150.96 For The Staffing Of 21

Firefighters Over A Three Year Period; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents; Amending The Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.

Dan Booker, Fire Chief, explained the intent of the resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

18. [R-2021-274](#)

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 Garber Chevrolet Buick GMC, For The Purchase Of 48 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe 1500 RWD Vehicles In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,901,904.00, Based Upon The Florida Sheriff Association Agreement Bid No. FSA20-VEL28.0 And In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The City's Procurement Code (Piggyback).

Annalie Holmes, Assistant Director of Public Works, explained the intent of the resolution.

**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)**

19. [R-2021-275](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Approving and Authorizing the Appropriate City Officials To Issue Blanket Purchase Agreements With A Perfect Edge, Inc. and Nice & Smooth Landscape Corporation For Citywide Grounds Maintenance Services For An Estimated Annual Expenditure of \$1,402,573.00.

Charles Lassiter, Assistant Director of Public Works, 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)**

21. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Congratulations

Commissioner Shuham congratulated all the employees that received service awards. A shout out to Mabel Cardosa, Code Officer, for her Diamond Service Award.

#### Cardboard Boat Race

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts for the Cardboard Boat Race event, which was very successful.

#### Brightline Rail

Commissioner Shuham stated Brightline Rail gave a wonderful presentation at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board meeting last week. They handed out a Look, Listen and Live pledge card that Brightline Rail is promoting in order to reduce suicides and accidents that take place on the train tracks. Brightline Rail is also hiring at the moment with a sign-on bonus.

#### North and South Lake

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Police Department for what is happening on North and South Lake with the removal of derelict vessels, and for the new dingy restrictions and new signage. It has made a huge difference already. In addition, for the manpower and officers at the boat ramp. All this attention is helping with traffic and keeping things calmer, and it is also helping with illegal jet ski rentals.

#### Limited Anchoring Zone

Commissioner Shuham stated there is a new state law that went into effect regarding Anchoring Zones. The City is working with Broward County, at least on a pilot basis, to have the lakes designated as limited anchoring zones.

#### Deepest Sympathy

Commissioner Shuham expressed her sympathies to the Police Department and the families and friends on the passing of the two Police Officers.

## **22. Commissioner Anderson, District 2**

#### Deepest Sympathy

Commissioner Anderson expressed her sympathies to the Police Department and the families and friends.

#### Railroad Tracks

Commissioner Anderson questioned why is the process taking so long to clean up the corridor close to the railroad tracks. Commissioner Anderson stressed she has been asking about this matter for almost a year and requested that the City Manager look into this further.



**1931 Garfield Street**

Commissioner Anderson stated the house at 1931 Garfield Street caught fire about 3 years ago. A resident has complained about this house, as his children cannot play in the backyard because the house is full of drugs, prostitutes and homeless people.

**2214 Cody Street**

Commissioner Anderson stated a resident has complained about 2214 Cody Street for 17 years as this is a problem property, with a water bill of \$7,000.00. Commissioner Anderson stated she is working with Code Officers to assist in trying to get this property closed up. The residents living at this property are using the backyard as their toilet. There is toilet paper everywhere and it smells horrible.

**Newspapers**

Commissioner Anderson stated newspapers are being delivered, in District 2, and left in vacant lots and it is causing a lot of littering.

**23. Commissioner Callari, District 3****Orangebrook P3**

Commissioner Callari asked for Commission support to have the public involved at the Orangebrook P3 meeting. Commissioner Callari stated she wants to encourage public involvement, in order to promote transparency and asked for Commission support for the November 3rd meeting to be available to the public.

Mayor Levy supported live streaming the meeting. Commissioner Gruber, Vice Mayor Sherwood and Commissioner Biederman also supported it.

**Congratulations**

Commissioner Callari expressed her congratulations to her husband, James Callari, for his 30 years of Police service and said a prayer for the officers.

**24. Commissioner Gruber, District 4****Deepest Sympathies**

Commissioner Gruber expressed his condolences and support to the Police Department. He announced that tomorrow, October 21st, there will be a prayer vigil at 5:45 PM at Mara Berman Giuliani Park in honor of the fallen officers.

**Bob & Cathy Anderson Park**

Commissioner Gruber stated that Bob & Cathy Anderson Park is about to commence construction.

46th Avenue Wall

Commissioner Gruber stated there will be a public forum on November 1st regarding the wall on 46th Avenue.

**25. Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

Deepest Sympathies

Commissioner Biederman expressed his condolences to the families of the fallen officers.

Traffic Calming

Commissioner Biederman stated residents from District 5 are looking forward to the new traffic calming measures being implemented.

Burnout Circles

Commissioner Biederman stated there are car tire burnout circles at certain intersections and wants to know what can be done before a tragedy occurs.

Thank You

Commissioner Biederman thanked all the officers and fire fighters for their dedication and service.

**26. Vice Mayor Sherwood, District 6**

Service Awards

Vice Mayor Sherwood congratulated the employees on their years of service.

Condolences

Vice Mayor Sherwood expressed her condolences for the fallen officers.

Thank You

Vice Mayor Sherwood thanked Dan Booker, Fire Chief, for sending out a Fire crew as a resident was concerned about a particular gas odor, which was not dangerous.

Orangebrook P3

Vice Mayor Sherwood stated she was asked by the Orangebrook Committee to please livestream the Selection Committee meeting for the Orangebrook P3 meeting.

**27. Mayor Levy**

## Condolences

Mayor Levy extended his thanks to the community for their support of the Police Department's lost officers and encourages the community to seek answers with one another and support and have faith in their community to get through these tough times.

**28. 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, October 27, 2021 at 3:30 PM in the Gloria Ortiz v. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager and Chief Litigation Counsel John Wien.

## Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM in the Steven Herschenhorn v. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager and Chief Litigation Counsel John Wien.

## New Variant

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated since the City has re-opened, there is now a new and even stronger variant showing up in the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US) needs to keep an eye on it.

**29. City Manager**

## New Variant

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated a new variant has been identified in Israel.

## City Services

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, welcomed everyone back to City Hall. Please note that staff is required to wear masks, and masks remain recommended for the public while inside City facilities. He encouraged residents to use the City's online services to conduct business when possible.

## King Tides

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that the King Tides are here.

They are expected today and tomorrow, and November 3rd through November 9th.

#### Grant Applications

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the City has applied for several grants for Tidal Flooding and to help plan for sea level rise. The City will continue to pursue these matters and keep the Commission posted.

#### Bob and Cathy Anderson Park

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the Bob and Cathy Anderson Park, 5800 Thomas Street, construction will commence on Wednesday, October 27th. The work will take four to eight weeks to complete.

#### Virtual Meetings

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated there are virtual meetings coming up, one is regarding 441/SR-7 Linear Park and Mobility Hub Improvement Project on Monday, October 25th at 6:00 PM and the other meeting is regarding Street Tree Installation Project on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00 PM.

#### Condolences

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated Monday was a tragic reminder of the extreme dangers and stressors that a Police Officer faces on a daily basis. Rest in peace Officer Yandy Chirino and Lt John Graham, your services were appreciated and your shifts are done, God bless. Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, will provide information as it becomes available. Funeral arrangements for Officer Yandy Chirino will be on October 31st for viewing, and services will be on November 1st at the BB&T Center.

The Commission recessed at 3:51 PM and reconvened at 5:00 PM with all members of the Commission present.

## 20. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Joseph Kaplan, 2401 S Ocean Drive
2. Dan Lacey, 1324 Arthur Street
3. Theresa Fortnash, 2642 Taylor Street
4. David Schon, 3521 N 33rd Terrace
5. Claire Garrett, 3148 Calle Largo Drive
6. Karen Caputo, 2631 Garfield Street
7. Patricia Antrican, 2534 Fillmore Street
8. Bradley Berke, 1401 S Ocean Drive

9. Stephanie Cosby, 1106 N 13th Court
10. Catherine Uden, 1120 Lyontree Street
11. Sean Atkinson, 1106 N 31st Avenue
12. Lia Baker, 2419 McKinley Street
13. Adrienne Barmann, 4966 SW 25th Avenue
14. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street
15. Emily Robinson, 410 N 28th Avenue
16. Donna Greene, 526 N Rainbow Drive
17. Rodney Baltimore, 2741 N 29th Avenue
18. Rachel Shonfield, 5199 Roosevelt Street
19. Nora Natke, 1410 S Ocean Drive
20. MaryJo Mosca, 1517 Plunkett Street
21. Sharon Camden, 2834 Adams Street
22. Erika Knowles, 1406 Wiley Street
23. Josh Brent, 1406 Wiley Street
24. Jade Vinet, 1900 Van Buren Street
25. Carlos Perera, 4812 Washington Street
26. Sylvia Meyers, 1520 Rodman Street
27. Rita Lipof, 2157 N 14th Avenue

30. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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