

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

1:00 PM

Commission Chambers Room 219

Regular City Commission Meeting

CITY COMMISSION

Josh Levy, Mayor

Linda Hill Anderson, Vice Mayor - District 2

Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1

Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3

Adam Gruber, Commissioner - District 4

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, April 3, 2024 at 1:05 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 Traci Callari,
Commissioner Adam Gruber, Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman,
Commissioner Idelma Quintana and Mayor Josh Levy

Absent: Vice Mayor Linda Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

5. [R-2024-100](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement A Settlement With Malak El Hassan In The Amount Of \$80,000.00.
ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.
6. [R-2024-101](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement A Settlement With Natalia Astapenkova In The Amount Of \$75,000.00.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

7. [R-2024-102](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Renew A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Calvin, Giordano, & Associates, Inc. For General Planning Services In The Amount Of \$370,000.00 From April 4, 2024 To October 16, 2025, Based Upon The Contract With City Of Oakland Park, Bid No. RFQ-030218 For General Planning Services Consultant In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code (Piggyback), Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

8. [R-2024-103](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And If Awarded, Accept The Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement And Education Grant In The Approximate Amount Of \$67,064.00 From The Broward County Marine Advisory Committee In Order To Preserve And Promote The Safe And Pleasurable Use Of The Navigable Waterways Within The City Of Hollywood; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

9. [R-2024-104](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The City Manager's Approval Of A Purchase Order With Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc. For The Emergency Relocation Of A 20-Inch Sewer Force Main In An Amount Up To \$918,617.00, And An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order No. CTA 24-01 With Craven Thompson And Associates, Inc. For Design And Construction Administration Services In An Amount Up To \$63,000.00, Pursuant To Section 38.41(C)(1) Of The Procurement Code. ("Emergency Purchases")

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

10. [R-2024-105](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order No. B&C 24-05 With Brown And Caldwell To Provide Professional Engineering Services In An Amount Up To \$497,212.00 For Design And Bidding Services Related To The Oxygenation Train No. 1 Rehabilitation Project At The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

11. [R-2024-106](#)

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 Renewal With Aclara Technologies LLC For The Purchase Of Star Automatic Meter Reading System Meter Transmission Units In An Annual Amount Up To \$300,000.00 For The Period From April 6, 2024 Through April 5, 2025.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

12. [R-2024-107](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The First Renewal To A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Tripp Electric Motors, Inc. For Electric Motor And Pump Repair Services And Supplies In An Annual Amount Up To \$300,000.00 For The Period From April 19, 2024 To April 18, 2025.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

12A. [P-2024-022](#)

Proclamation In Recognition Of South Broward High School Bulldogs Boy's Class 6A Soccer Team Day, April 3, 2024.

Mayor Levy read the proclamation in recognition of South Broward High School Bulldogs Boy's Class 6A Soccer Team Day, April 3, 2024.

Christopher Jean Francois, Senior and Team Captain at Broward High School explained the challenges the team went through.

Lionel Brown, Coach, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

13. [P-2024-016](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Florida Food Waste Prevention Week, April, 1-7, 2024.

Commission Quintana read the proclamation for recognition of Florida Food Waste Prevention Week.

Elaine Fiore, Broward County Public Schools, Applied Science Department, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

14. [P-2024-017](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2024.

Commissioner Shuham read the proclamation in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention month.

Nicholas Hessing, Government Affairs Manager, Children's Services Council of Broward County accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

15. [P-2024-018](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of National Community Development Week, April 1-5, 2024.

Commissioner Biederman read the proclamation in recognition of National Community Development Week.

Ryon Coote, Community Development Manager, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition, and he explained the various programs available.

16. [P-2024-019](#) Presentation By Mitch Anton, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Community Development Advisory Board.

Mitch Anton, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board, presented the annual report of the board.

17. [P-2024-020](#) Presentation By David McLeod, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

David McLeod, Chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board, presented the annual report of the board.

18. [P-2024-021](#) Presentation By David Dweck, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Hollywood Housing Authority.

David Dweck, Chair of the Hollywood Housing Authority, presented the annual report of the board.

Commissioner Gruber left the meeting at 2:16 PM.

25. [PO-2024-09](#) An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Title VII Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Traffic Code" By Creating Chapter 78 Entitled "Speed Detection Systems In School Zones"; Providing For Use Of Traffic Infraction Detectors In Accordance With State Law; Providing For A Local Hearing Officer; Providing A Repealer Provision And Severability.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 2:19 PM and returned at 2:20 PM.

Commissioner Gruber returned to the meeting at 2:21 PM.

Jeff Devlin, Police Chief, explained the intent of the proposed ordinance.

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 Biederman, to adopt on first reading the Ordinance. The motion on roll call vote carried:

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

19. [PO-2024-03](#) An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Various Sections Of Article II Of The City Charter Entitled "The City Commission" And Article III Of The City Charter Entitled "Elections", All Subject To Approval By The Electorate At A Referendum To Be Held On November 5, 2024.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, introduced Peter Hernandez, Chair of the Charter Review Committee.

Peter Hernandez, Chair of the Charter Review Committee, gave a

presentation on the proposed Ordinances for items #19, #20, #21, #22, #23 and #24.

Discussion ensued among staff, Mr. Hernandez and members of the Commission.

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

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Raelin Storey, Assistant City Manager, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 3:20 PM.

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

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

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

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Commissioner Quintana
Mayor Levy

Absent: Vice Mayor Anderson
Commissioner Callari

20. [PO-2024-04](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article IV Of The City Charter Entitled "Initiative", Including Changes To The Sections Addressing Measures Not Subject To Initiative; Authority To File And Signatures; Petition Requirements And Filing; Certification And Procedures When Insufficient; Submission To Commission; Election Process, And Form Of Ballot, All Subject To Approval By The Electorate At A Referendum To Be Held On November 5, 2024.

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

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, responded to concerns raised by the public.

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

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

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

21. [PO-2024-05](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article V Of The City Charter Entitled "Referendum", Including Changes To The Sections Addressing Definitions; Measures Subject To Referendum; Authority To File And Signatures Required; Petition Requirements And Filing; Certification And Procedure When Insufficient; Submission To Commission; Election Process; Form Of Ballot, And Preference When Measures Conflict, All Subject To Approval By The Electorate At A Referendum To Be Held On November 5, 2024.

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

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, responded to concerns raised by the public.

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

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

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

22. [PO-2024-06](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Various Sections Of Article VI Of The City Charter Entitled "City Manager", Article VII Of The City Charter Entitled "City Attorney", And Article VIII Of The City Charter Entitled "Officers And Employees", All Subject To Approval By The Electorate At A Referendum To Be Held On November 5, 2024.

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

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

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Commissioner Quintana
Mayor Levy

Absent: Vice Mayor Anderson
Commissioner Callari

23. [PO-2024-07](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article XI Of The City Charter Entitled “Charter Review Committee”, By Amending Section 11.02 Entitled “Appointment, Membership And Records” And Section 11.03 Entitled “Responsibilities”, Subject To Approval By The Electorate At A Referendum To Be Held On November 5, 2024.

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

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

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Commissioner Quintana
Mayor Levy

Absent: Vice Mayor Anderson
Commissioner Callari

24. [PO-2024-08](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article XIII Of The City Charter Entitled “Limitation On Sale, Lease Or Purchase Of City-Owned Real Property”, By Amending Section 13.01 Entitled “Sale Of City-Owned Property”, Section 13.02 Entitled “Lease Of City-Owned Real Property”, And Section 13.03 Entitled “Purchase Of Real Property By City”, Subject To Approval By The Electorate At A Referendum To Be Held On November 5, 2024.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided information to the Commission.

The City Attorney read the ordinance title on first reading.

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

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Gruber
Commissioner Quintana
Mayor Levy

Nay: Commissioner Biederman

Absent: Vice Mayor Anderson
Commissioner Callari

26. [R-2024-108](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The "Adams Street Residential" Plat, A Replat A Portion Of Lots 4 And 5, Block M Of The "Amended Plat Of "Hollywood Little Ranches" Plat (Plat Book 1, Page 26 of Broward County Public Records), Lots 6, 7 And 8 Of "W.B. Symmes Subdivision" Plat (Plat Book 7, Page 7, Broward County Public Records), Being In The City Of Hollywood, Broward County, Florida, Generally Located At The Southwest Corner Of Dixie Highway And Adams Street.

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

27. [R-2024-109](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Encouraging The School Board Of Broward County To Explore All Alternatives To Closing Public Schools And Seeking Authorization For The Preferred Right To Purchase, At Fair Market Value, Any Surplus School Board Of Broward County Property Located Within The City Of Hollywood.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Callari returned to the meeting virtually at 3:47 PM.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, was withdrawn.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman to adopt the Resolution and to encourage the School Board not to close any school in Hollywood. The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Gruber, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham, to continue the Resolution to the May 1, 2024 Commission meeting at 1:00 PM. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

At this time Commissioner Callari registered an "Aye" vote on items

#19, #20, #21, #22, #23 and #24.

28. Commissioner Gruber, District 4

Competitors

Commissioner Gruber requested staff research other City's policies in Broward County and Miami-Dade County to see what they are doing to avoid having derelict buildings in the future. Commissioner Biederman and Commissioner Quintana supported the idea.

Police Officer of the Year Award

Commissioner Gruber congratulated Carol Solowsky, Police Officer, for Outstanding Officer of the Year. He stated Officer Solowsky was honored by Young Israel of Ft. Lauderdale and she was the Neighborhood Team Leader for 15 years in that area.

Caring Place

Commissioner Gruber stated last Friday he attended The Caring Place for the Good Friday Feeding the Homeless event. He expressed urgency for affordable housing and additional homeless programs as the homeless numbers are skyrocketing.

Marshmallow Drop

Commissioner Gruber stated he attended the Marshmallow Drop over the weekend, and it was a very well-attended event. He thanked the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts staff for the successful event.

29. Commissioner Biederman, District 5

Savor SoFL Food and Wine

Commissioner Biederman questioned the Savor Food and Wine Festival on Hollywood Beach. He requested information on how much money the City spent on sponsorship and how much money it would take for the City to get recognition by calling it Savor Hollywood.

Taxi Zone

Commissioner Biederman questioned the taxi zone at Costa Hollywood. He stated there are four to five lanes noted as a valet zone. Commissioner Biederman questioned if the City is compensated for this as we could have meter parking there instead.

Marshmallow Drop

Commissioner Biederman stated the Marshmallow Drop was a great event with lots of residents in attendance.

30. Commissioner Quintana, District 6

Hollywood Art and Cultural Center

Commissioner Quintana announced the 6th Annual Early Voice Collaboration Exhibition will take place on Thursday at 6:00 PM at Hollywood Arts and Cultural Center. She stated several Hollywood early learning centers are participating and it is a way to incorporate art in early learning and promote literacy.

Salsa Fest

Commissioner Quintana announced the Salsa Fest is on Saturday, April 13, 2024. She stated it is set to be the biggest festival to date and encourages everyone to attend.

31. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Grants

Commissioner Shuham stated resident Bob Glickman suggested the City make a list of all homeowner grants available at the City and State level. She stated the City should wrap all information into one package and host a seminar for the residents. Mayor Levy supported the idea and requested making the information available on the City's website.

Condo Residents

Commissioner Shuham stated condo residents are panicking about assessments and rising home insurance costs. She suggested staff partner with the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to pull together experts in the fields to assist residents. Commissioner Shuham suggested residents need to have options and be knowledgeable of financial programs or tools available to them. She requested Commission support to have a seminar for this information. Commissioner Gruber, Commissioner Biederman, Commissioner Quintana, Commissioner Shuham, Commissioner Callari, Vice Mayor Anderson, and Mayor Levy supported the idea.

Charter Review Committee

Commission Shuham stated she wants educational competing questions, a line-item budget added for the next Charter Review.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated he can place a note for future operational budgets but the City can only educate regarding proposals.

Chair Committee

Commissioner Shuham stated she was recently elected by the

Metropolitan Planning Organization to serve as chairperson on the Transportation Disadvantage Local Coordinating Board. She stated the committee helps those who are transportation disadvantaged. Commissioner Shuham stated she is excited to share this with everyone.

32. Vice Mayor Anderson, District 2

Vice Mayor Anderson was absent.

33. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Commissioner Callari had no further comments.

34. Mayor Levy

Resurfacing

Mayor Levy thanked the Engineering Division and the City Manager for the nineteen resurfacing roadway projects. He stated there are more resurfacing projects coming in the future.

City Website

Mayor Levy stated he is excited that the City's webpage will list the ongoing public improvement projects. He thanked all departments involved for their work.

Signage for Project

Mayor Levy stated a resident suggested temporary signage on all City projects. He stated that temporary signage be placed with a contact phone number to reach the correct department regarding questions or safety concerns. Commissioner Shuham stated immediate neighbors and civic associations should be notified of any City projects within the area.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 4:21 PM.

Public Comments

Mayor Levy stated Bob Glickman, resident, suggested allowing public comment on all presentations. Mayor Levy requested support and received support from the Commission.

24A. [R-2024-111](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Rules Of Procedure For The Governing Of City Commission Meetings.

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

Mayor Levy

Special Events

Mayor Levy announced a free concert on Saturday at the ArtsPark. He stated the performance of C.J. Chenier and Red-Hot Louisiana Band plus Marsha Ball. He stated the concert is free and is sponsored by the City and The Rhythm Foundation.

Marshmallow Drop

Mayor Levy stated the Marshmallow Drop was a great event and had over 700 children in attendance.

Thank You

Mayor Levy thanked everyone for all the great events.

35. City Attorney

Charter Item Regarding Article 11

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated he reviewed the Charter item regarding Article 11, when it comes to the second reading he will remove the language of employees in the title.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on April 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM In Re Protano Properties vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Kendra Breeden Assistant City Attorney.

36. City Manager

Thank You

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, thanked everyone for attending the Commission meeting.

Feel Better

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, sent well wishes to Vice Mayor Anderson to feel better soon.

Express Permits

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated express permitting has been reinstated with same-day review on Wednesdays.

Contract Management

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, thanked the Department of Design and Construction Management, and the Department of Financial Services for the internal training system they created for contract management. He stated training will be rolled out to all departments on contract management.

Special City Commission Meeting

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced a Special City Commission meeting will take place on April 8, 2024 for the annual evaluation of the City Manager.

37. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
