

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2024 at 1:07 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida.

**1. Moment of Silence**

Commissioner Shuham recognized Jeff Lee, Hollywood resident, who passed away.

Commissioner Callari asked everyone to keep the North Carolina hurricane victims in their prayers.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**4. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioner Caryl Shuham, Vice Mayor Linda Anderson, Commissioner Traci Callari, Commissioner 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 Vice Mayor Anderson, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

**5. [R-2024-320](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed With The Corradino Group, Inc. For Professional Consulting Services For The Preparation Of The Final Design And Permitting For The Relocation Of City Utilities Associated With The Replacement And Widening Of The Johnson Street Bridge For An Amount Not To Exceed \$175,515.00, Increasing The Total Not To Exceed Amount To \$798,423.08.

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

6. [R-2024-321](#) 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 Granicus Inc For The Renewal And Purchase Of Hardware, Software, And Maintenance Services For An Amount Up To \$887,073.92 For The Period From October 5, 2024 Through October 4, 2027, In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(11)(A) Of The Procurement Code. (Other Contractual Services Not Subject To Competitive Procurement Requirements)
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
7. [R-2024-322](#) 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 Motorola Solutions, Inc. For The Purchase Of Various Motorola Equipment And Software Licenses Including Portable And Mobile Radios With Related Accessories And Computer Aided Dispatch System Licenses, For An Amount Up To \$500,000.00, For The Period From October 1, 2024 To September 30, 2025, 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 Vice Mayor Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
8. [R-2024-323](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Carahsoft Technology Corporation For The Purchase Of Cloud Solutions For An Amount Up To \$250,000.00, For The Period From October 1, 2024 To September 30, 2026, 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 Vice Mayor Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
9. [R-2024-324](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Miscellaneous Appropriations Grant Agreement With The Hollywood Art And Culture Center, Inc. For The Provision Of Cultural Services Through Visual Arts, Performing Arts And Educational Programming, In The Amount Of \$205,000.00.

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

10. [R-2024-325](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With The Hollywood Art And Culture Center, Inc. For The Purpose Of Coordinating And Managing Cultural Arts Programming Services At Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center In The Amount Of \$70,000.00 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 Vice Mayor Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

11. [R-2024-326](#)

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 Cedenos Comfort Cooling, LLC For HVAC Equipment Preventative Maintenance And Repair Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$115,000.00 For An Initial Three-Year Period.

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

12. [R-2024-327](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Blanket Purchase Agreement Number PA600663 With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. To Provide Professional Services Related To Utility Rates And Large User Agreements In An Annual Amount Up To \$250,000.00 Based Upon The City Of Palm Bay Agreement Number 35-0-2022/SZ In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The City's Procurement Code. (Piggyback)

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

13. [R-2024-328](#)

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 Number H&S 25-01 With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. For On-Call And In-House Engineering Support Services, On An As-Needed Basis, In An Amount Up To \$300,000.00.

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

14. [R-2024-329](#)

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 Number Jeg 24-02 With Jacobs Engineering, Inc. For Asset Management Consulting Services In An Amount Up To \$901,000.00.

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

15. [R-2024-330](#)

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 Number CDM 25-01 With CDM Smith, Inc. For On-Call Engineering Support Services, On An As-Needed Basis, In An Amount Up To \$200,000.00 Over A One Year Period.

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

16. [R-2024-331](#)

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 Number CEI 25-01 With Carollo Engineers, Inc. For Professional Engineering Services Related To The 2025 Water Supply Plan Update In An Amount Up To \$159,492.00; Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

17. [R-2024-332](#)

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 Number GF 24-02 With Gannett Fleming, Inc. For On-Call Engineering Support Services, On An As-Needed Basis, In An Amount Up To \$200,000.00 Over A One Year Period.

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

19. [R-2024-334](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Black And Veatch Corporation For City Works And Plantworks Software Implementation In An Amount Up To \$204,975.00 Based Upon Contract Asset Management System RFP #36-22 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 Vice Mayor Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
23. [P-2024-084](#) A Proclamation Commemorating The First Anniversary Of The October 7, 2023 Attack On The State Of Israel.
- Mayor Levy read the proclamation in recognition of Commemorating the First Anniversary of the October 7, 2023 Attack on the State of Israel.
- Deputy Consul General Ayellet Black of the Consulate of Israel, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Shultz, Rabbi Laredo and Rabbi Weinstock, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
20. [P-2024-081](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2024.
- Commissioner Callari read the proclamation in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2024.
- Alyssa Chuck, Human Resource Administrator, explained the various funds raising efforts.
- Anglic Mercer, Senior Development Manager American Cancer Society, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
21. [P-2024-082](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Italian American Heritage Month - October 2024.
- Commissioner Quintana read the proclamation in recognition of Italian American Heritage Month, October 2024.
- Rocco Maniaci, President, and Giacomo Bottone, Treasurer of the Italian American Civic League of Broward County, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

**22. [P-2024-083](#)**

A Proclamation In Recognition Of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, October 2024.

Commissioner Shuham read the proclamation in recognition of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, October 2024.

Raheem Seecharan, Director of Information Technology and Michael J. Hastings, CISSP, Cyber Security Advisor, South Florida Region IV, Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

**18. [R-2024-333](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Contract With Cardinal Contractors, Inc. For Repairs To The Grit Removal System And Other Treatment Process Equipment At The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant In An Amount Up To \$6,420,310.00; Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. For Construction Administration Services For This Project In An Amount Up To \$332,890.00.

Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, provided a presentation and explained the intent of the Resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, provided additional information.

**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)**

**27. [R-2024-335](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Contract With RF Environmental Services, Inc. For The Replacement Of Nanofiltration Pressure Vessels And Membrane Elements In An Amount Up To \$4,139,000.00; Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number B&C 25-01 With Brown And Caldwell For Construction Administration Services For This Project In An Amount Up To \$99,998.00; Authorizing The City Manager Or Designee To Approve Utilization Of The Contingency Funds Reserved For Undefined Conditions As Set Forth In The Contract, If Necessary And Justified, In An Amount Up To \$250,000.00.

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

Resolution.

**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)

28. [R-2024-336](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Renew The 2023 Drainage Infrastructure Improvement Construction Service Unit Price Contract With Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. In An Amount Up To \$2,000,000.00.

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

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

29. [R-2024-337](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Renew The Unit Price Contracts For Construction Services Related To On-Call And Emergency Water And Sewer Utility Repairs With Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. In An Amount Up To \$2,000,000.00, And With Ric-Man International, Inc. In An Amount Up To \$1,000,000.00.

Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, 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)

30. [R-2024-338](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Contract With Razorback LLC For Repairs To The Spiractors And Administration Building In An Amount Up To \$1,972,460.00; Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Authorization To Proceed No. ARC 25-01 With Arcadis U.S., Inc. For Construction Administration Services For This Project In An Amount Up To \$349,648.00; Authorizing The City Manager Or Designee To Approve Utilization Of The Contingency Funds Reserved For Undefined Conditions As Set Forth In The Contract, If Necessary And Justified, In An Amount Up To \$200,000.00.

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



**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)

**38. City Attorney**

Charter Review Communications

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated it was brought to his attention that there seems to be confusion on a particular proposed charter amendment. The City has undertaken some efforts to inform everyone as to the intent of all the charter amendments that have been proposed by the Charter Review Committee, and which were passed by Ordinance by the City Commission. He stated that there are several resources being used to educate everyone as to the intent of these various items.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, explained there is information on the City website regarding the Charter amendments, and if possible a legal ad can be put in the newspaper to further educate the residents as to what they are voting on, as well as any other City media that is available.

Article 13

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated that one of the primary articles that drew attention and proposals by the Charter Review Committee was Article 13. He stated Article 13 has two primary subcomponents, the sale of City owned properties and the lease of City owned properties.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, explained for all City owned properties, except the ones carved out below and all other city properties throughout the city with any proposed lease for a period of 20 years or more must first be approved by a five-sevenths (5/7) vote of the City Commission. He stated that the referendum option from that paragraph had been removed and a new paragraph was created.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated the new paragraph discussed the proposed lease of certain city own properties for a period in excess of 50 years, those properties are all city owned properties east of the Intracoastal, park properties and city owned designated historic properties. Those properties with a lease of 50 years or more, must first be approved by a majority vote of the city electors. This means the City Commission would approve the lease for those properties up to 50 years.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated ballot questions are limited by law up to 75 words or less, and it is difficult when dealing with convoluted

charter articles it becomes difficult to capture the language into the ballot question.

Commissioner Callari questioned what brought this issue forward. Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated that Peter Hernandez, Chair of the Charter Review Committee, brought it to his and Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, attention regarding the language on ballot Charter Amendment 13. He stated that he reviewed it, and the language was sufficient but was a bit confusing.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, reviewed the ballot language for Article 13.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission regarding the proposed ballot language for Article 13.

Peter Hernandez, Chair of the Charter Review Committee, provided additional information on the ballot language.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission regarding the proposed ballot language for Article 13 and having the City Attorney propose a solution.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, provided information regarding the timing, intent, communication, and correction action.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission regarding the notification to the voters and withdrawing the ballot question Article 13.

Commissioner Gruber left the meeting at 3:01 PM and returned at 3:03 PM.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission regarding possible solutions.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Biederman, to prepare an Ordinance for Commission approval to void Charter Amendment Article 13 (O-2024-11) on the ballot and to create a new Ordinance with the correct language for the next two years and to have staff prepare a future ballot language for the 2026 election. No vote was taken on this motion.**

The Commission recessed at 3:36 PM and reconvened at 4:41 PM with all members of the Commission present.

**38A. [PO-2024-21](#)**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Creating Chapter 30, "City Policies, Generally," Sections 30.20, 30.21 And 30.22 Regarding Limitation On Sale, Lease Or Purchase Of City-Owned Real Property.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, explained the proposed Ordinance being distributed and the process for the ballot question.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, provided information.

Ann Ralson, 326 S 14th Avenue, expressed personal concerns.

The City Attorney read the Ordinance on first reading.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, to adopt on first reading the Ordinance with the following changes to setting provision triggered event with the certification by the Broward County Canvassing Board; referencing Article 30 in Section 2; correcting the dollar amount commas in Section 30.20(a). The motion on roll call vote carried:**

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

Enactment No: O-2024-15

**24. [PO-2024-16](#)**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Articles 2 And 4 Of The Zoning And Land Development Regulations By Amending The Permitted Uses Relating To Smoke Shops East Of The Intracoastal Waterway. (24-T-15)

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

The Mayor announced the Ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened; there being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was

declared closed.

The City Attorney read the Ordinance title on second and final reading.

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

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

Enactment No: O-2024-14

**25. [PO-2024-19](#)**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The City's Adopted Comprehensive Plan By Amending The Land Use Element To Create The Commercial Recreation Land Use Category. (24-L-58b)

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

The Mayor announced the Ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened, and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Shawn Tillotson, 2110 N 41 Avenue

There being no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

The City Attorney read the Ordinance title on first reading.

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

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

**26. [PO-2024-20](#)**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The City's

Comprehensive Plan By Changing The Land Use Designation For 23.7 Acres Of Land Located At 400 Entrada Drive, Generally Located North Of Pembroke Road, South Of Hollywood Boulevard, East Of South Park Road, And West Of Interstate 95, From The Land Use Designation Open Space And Recreation (OSR) To High (50) Residential (HRES) And Commercial Recreation (CREC); Amending The City's Land Use Map To Reflect The Changes. (Orangebrook LUPA) (24-L-58)

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

The Mayor announced the Ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened, and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Shawn Tillotson, 2110 N 41 Avenue
3. Theresa Fortnash, 2642 Taylor Street
4. Paul Farren, 1925 Arthur Street

There being no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Vice Mayor Anderson left the meeting at 5:27 PM and returned to the meeting at 5:31 PM.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

Keith Poliakoff, attorney for the owner, provided additional information on the project.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 5:39 PM and returned at 5:40 PM.

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

Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

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. The motion on roll call vote carried:

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

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Gruber, to transmit the Ordinance to the Planning Council on first reading. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

**31. Vice Mayor Anderson, District 2**

School Board

Vice Mayor Anderson stated last night she met with Broward County School Board and was glad to see lots of parents and children in attendance. She stated the School Board will close five schools, and she would like to keep fighting to keep Hollywood schools open.

Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

Vice Mayor Anderson thanked the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for the Grapes 4 Grades scholarship fundraiser. She stated she had a great time with everyone.

Congratulations

Vice Mayor Anderson congratulated Ben Wesley on his retirement.

**32. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

Garfield Street Garage

Commissioner Callari requested an update on the painting of the Garfield Street garage.

Jovan Douglas, Director for Parking and Code Enforcement, provided additional information on the garage.

Mayor Levy stated he would like approval from the Commission regarding the paint proposal for projects. Commissioner Callari stated she understands safety is first but would like updates along with inquiring if the project could be expedited.

#### Christmas in the Park

Commissioner Callari requested updated information for the media regarding the Christmas in the Park event.

### **33. Commissioner Gruber, District 4**

#### Israel Flag

Commissioner Gruber requested the Commission show support for Israel by raising the Israel flag on October 7, 2024, at City Hall. Commissioner Biederman and Mayor Levy supported the idea.

#### Prayers

Commissioner Gruber stated he would like to send out prayers to hurricane victims and their families. He stated so far there have been one hundred and fifty deaths reported.

#### Day Care Center

Commissioner Gruber stated he toured the site of the Alzheimer's Day Care Center with staff and one of the operators. He stated the site is a great place, however, there is work to be done with regards to ADA compliance. Staff is working on getting the repairs done.

#### Splash Pads

Commissioner Gruber requested Commission support to work with Broward County Parks regarding Castaway Island in T.Y. Park which closed on September 29, 2024. He would like to see if the City can work on making it available for a longer timeframe as it is still hot outside. Mayor Levy and Commissioner Callari supported this idea.

#### Florida Power and Light Poles

Commissioner Gruber stated Florida Power and Light (FPL) will be bringing in one hundred and thirty-eight poles within an eight-to-twelve-month period which will have a significant savings. He questioned if the City was actively engaged in the process of ensuring pedestrian lighting.

Nicole Heran, Deputy Director Design and Construction Management, stated the poles on Stirling Road will take eight to twelve months to be implemented. She stated the department has a meeting next week with FPL and consultants Craven and Thompson Quantum to negotiate the first phase for photometrics in the western area. She stated the pilot program should take four months to complete and once the photometrics have started it will continue onto other areas for efficiency.

Happy Jewish New Year

Commissioner Gruber wished everyone a happy and safe new year to those who celebrate.

**34. Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

Commissioner Biederman had no further comments.

**35. Commissioner Quintana, District 6**

Park Road Bike Lane Pilot Project

Commissioner Quintana stated the City's webpage has a link for feedback regarding the Park Road bike lane protectors pilot project. She stated she encourages everyone to leave a comment.

Community Conversation

Commissioner Quintana invited everyone for a film screening of Healing People and the Planet on October 8, 2024, between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM at Kay Gather Community Center. She stated this will be followed by a community conversation circle regarding the climate. Commissioner Quintana stated the idea is to use this time to experience and reflect upon the power of mindfulness climate activism.

**36. Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

Happy Healthy New Year

Commissioner Shuham stated today was a tough day as the first anniversary of the attack on Israel approaches. She noted there is much to celebrate and be grateful for in the City. She wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

**37. Mayor Levy**

Transportation

Mayor Levy requested Commission support to limit the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to limit the areas east of 56th Avenue, so the connectivity will be 56th Avenue to State Road 7 which will keep existing sidewalks, swales, and trees untouched.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated it was previously approved by a resolution and requested to bring it back. But if the Commission wants to limit project, will come back with a resolution and impact.

Commissioners Shuham, Callari, Anderson, Gruber, Biederman, and



Quintana supported the idea.

#### Broward County School Board Meeting

Mayor Levy stated he received feedback from residents at a Broward County School Board meeting, where many wanted more programs, opportunities, and better maintenance for schools. He stated there was strong support for changes at Hollywood Central Elementary. He stated there was focus on under-enrolled facilities for community purposes, including adult learning and early childhood education. Mayor Levy emphasized that school closures are not being considered and highlighted the positive meeting as a sign for increased investment in schools. He stated a new School Board member will begin in mid-November, promising positive developments for the district.

#### Happy Jewish New Year

Mayor Levy wished everyone a happy and safe new year to those who celebrate.

#### City Attorney

Mayor Levy stated he knows today was a rough day for the City Attorney and he knows the City Attorney's office will do their best to reassure the City of the small details that matter when drafting legal documents.

### **City Attorney**

#### Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 4:00 PM regarding City of Hollywood vs. Bellsouth Telecommunications LLC litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, Assistant City Manager Raelin Storey and City Attorney and outside counsel, Joseph DeMaria and John Herin.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, suggested changing the second executive personal injury Executive Session time to 4:05 PM and meet in room 421 as the previous trial was rescheduled.

#### City Attorney

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, apologized for his mistake and promised to do his best to fix the issues and reassure the City.

### **39. City Manager**

#### National Night Out

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced National Night Out will

take place tonight until 8:00 PM at Sal Oliveri Veterans Park. He stated there will be food, games, music, and displays by the Police and Fire Departments.

#### Election News

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the general election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and the last day to register to vote is October 7, 2024. He stated in-person early voting will take place between October 21, 2024 to November 3, 2024, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Broward County Library on City Hall Circle. The Supervisor of Election website has voting information, an interactive map, and the City's website can also provide additional information.

#### Waste Pro

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, reported ongoing communication with Waste Pro over the past month, noting improved service and early cash payment. He stated he does not recommend termination and recommends continuing on a month-to-month basis to maintain performance.

Kenneth Rivera, Waste Pro representative, confirmed their commitment and stated they will be hiring thirty new employees and acquiring more vehicles. He thanked the City for the opportunity.

## **40. ADJOURNMENT**