

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7, 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, February 7, 2024 at 1:09 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida.

1. **Moment of Silence**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by student Destiny Ward.

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 Commissioner Shuham, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

5. [R-2024-030](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 6, 2023.

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

6. [R-2024-031](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Joint / Special City Commission / Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting Minutes Of September 14, 2023.

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

7. [R-2024-032](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Special City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 14, 2023.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
8. [R-2024-033](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 20, 2023.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
9. [R-2024-034](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Special City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 20, 2023.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
10. [R-2024-035](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Rebate To Pinnacle 441, LLC For Impact Permit Fees For The Affordable Housing Development Of Pinnacle 441 Phase One In The Amount Of \$224,475.00.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
11. [R-2024-036](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Final Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2019/2020 And Interim Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2020/2021 To The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Pursuant To The State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Act; And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Required Documents And Certifications.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

12. [R-2024-037](#) 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 ARC 24-02 With Arcadis U.S., Inc. For Engineering Consulting Services Related To The East And West Elevated Storage Tank Condition Assessment In An Amount Up To \$100,621.00.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
13. [R-2024-038](#) 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 Sunbelt Rentals Inc. For The Rental Of Low, Regular, And Heavy Equipment In Preparation For Storms And Flooding In An Annual Amount Up To \$150,000.00 Based Upon Sourcewell Contract Number 062320 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 Commissioner Shuham and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
14. [R-2024-039](#) 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 United Rentals (North America) Inc. For The Rental Of Low, Regular, And Heavy Equipment In Preparation For Storms And Flooding In An Annual Amount Up To \$150,000.00 Based Upon Sourcewell Contract Number 062320-URI 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 Commissioner Shuham and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
15. [R-2024-040](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Change Order No. 2 With Intercounty Engineering, Inc. In An Amount Up To \$428,450.68, And To Extend The RAS Pump Station No. 1 Replacement Project Contract Duration By 481 Days Due To Unforeseen Site Condition Delays In Accordance With Section 38.48 Of The Procurement Code (Change Orders); Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

16. [P-2024-005](#)

A Proclamation In Recognition Of Black History Month.

Vice Mayor Anderson read the proclamation in recognition of Black History Month.

Joann Fullington-Reese, African American Advisory Board, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

17. [PO-2024-01](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Approved Planned Development Master Plan (Originally Approved By Ordinance No. O-2006-32 And Thereafter Amended By Ordinance O-2015-16) For The Properties Generally Located At 410 North Federal Highway And Known As The "JED Tower Planned Development Master Plan" To Be Modified And To Now Be Known As The "Star Tower Planned Development Master Plan." (22-JDP-62)

Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, provided a presentation on the proposed project.

The City Attorney read the ordinance 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

18. [R-2024-041](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Blanket Purchase Agreements With Concrete Works & Paving Inc, Construction 95 LLC, And FG Construction, LLC For Citywide Concrete Installation And Repair In An Annual Amount Up To \$1,800,000.00.

Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, provided a presentation on sidewalk repair plan.

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)

19. [R-2024-042](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The State Revolving Fund Loan Program; Making Findings; Authorizing Loan Applications In The Estimated Amount Of \$3,776,652.00 With Principal Forgiveness In The Amount Of \$1,470,000.00 (Including Capitalized Interest And Loan Service Fees) For The Lead And Copper Rule Compliance Project; Authorizing The Loan Agreement; Establishing Pledged Revenues; Designating Authorized Representatives; Providing Assurances; Providing For Conflicts And Severability.

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)

20. [R-2024-043](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Amendment To The Employment Agreement Between The City Attorney And The City.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham to continue the resolution to the February 21, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Commissioner Callari wants to give the City Attorney the COLA increase like all regular bargaining unit employees (3%), in addition to his longevity, retroactive to October 1st.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Commissioner Biederman left the meeting at 2:05 PM and returned at 2:06 PM.

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

21. Commissioner Quintana, District 6

Traffic Issue

Commission Quintana stated on Johnson Street, heading west just east of State Road 7 there is a problem with traffic using the diagonal parking area as a right turn lane. She stated there have been a few collisions in this area and requested staff to look into a solution to combat these actions.

22. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Beach Showers

Commissioner Shuham stated at the CRA this morning, Board Member Gruber stated the showers were not working at North Beach Park. She stated the Department of Public Works is working on the issue.

Mayor Levy expressed concerns regarding the showers continuing to break.

Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, stated they will be installing turn valves instead of push valves.

Chamber Tables

Commissioner Shuham complimented Public Works staff on the new chamber tables. She stated the staff are now able to work in a comfortable environment.

Citywide Accomplishment Book

Commissioner Shuham thanked all the staff on the 2023 Citywide Accomplishment Book. She stated this publication is now available online for residents to read. Commissioner Shuham stated it is inspiring to see the things the City has been able to accomplish within the year.

George R Keller Jr., City Manager, stated this publication shows one of the best time cycles for the accomplishments the City has made as a whole.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update

Commissioner Shuham provided an update on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on City items which are expected to be approved for funding on the agenda tomorrow. Commissioner Shuham stated this is a

list of priorities that will be sent to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for funding, some of which may take several years to take place.

Change of Meeting Date

Commissioner Shuham stated she had requested for the Commission Conference meeting date to change because of a Solid Waste Authority meeting conflict. She stated but there is no need to change the Conference meeting as the issue was discussed. She will be attending the Solid Waste Authority Meeting.

Commission Compensation

Commissioner Shuham stated she reviewed the compensation for elected officials in other neighboring cities and requested Commission support to place the item on the next agenda if possible, for approval to increase the compensation for the Mayor and Elected Officials. Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Quintana supported the request.

23. Vice Mayor Anderson, District 2

Black History Celebration

Vice Mayor Anderson stated the Black History Month Celebrations will be held at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Community Center on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM. She stated the celebration will have a musical performance and fashion show. Vice Mayor Anderson stated residents can reference the Cities website for more information.

Spelling Bee

Vice Mayor Anderson stated Liberia will be hosting a spelling bee at Attucks Middle School. She stated the event will take place on February 15, 2024, at 6:00PM and she would like to see her colleagues from the Commission attend.

Discussion On Property

Vice Mayor Anderson stated she questioned in the CRA meeting today the property on Dixie Highway and Washington Street. She stated she would like to see if the City can purchase the property.

24. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Affordable Housing

Commissioner Callari requested for Commission support for a portion of the affordable housing be set aside housing for seniors. She stated there is a lot of need for seniors to have reasonably priced housing.

Commissioner Gruber and Commissioner Anderson supported the idea.

Hollywood Bridge Cleaning

Commissioner Callari requested the City work with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) work together and clean the Hollywood Bridge. She stated the Hollywood Bridge's appearance is unacceptable, and it needs to be cleaned as soon as possible.

Thank You

Commissioner Callari thanked all the City employees and gave a special thank you to Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance & Administration, for his hard work on addressing the legislative issues in Tallahassee. She stated there are a lot of bills and it is important for everyone to watch the decisions and voice your opinions.

Animal Shelter

Commissioner Callari requested for staff to look into having an animal shelter in the City. She stated there are a lot of animals that need homes. Commissioner Callari stated there are students who need service hours for graduation, and this is a way they can receive them.

Mayor Levy requested staff to contact Broward County to ask them for a satellite location here in the City. Commissioner Quintana supported this idea.

Youth Ambassador

Commissioner Callari stated the Youth Ambassador Program has one ambassador left. She thanked Allison Saffold, Civic Affairs Administrator, and staff for assisting in reaching out to the high schools to have more students join the program.

Commission Compensation

Commissioner Callari stated she wanted to clarify that she works very hard for the City because she loves the City and did not take on the Commissioner position to be paid. Commissioner Callari stated the position of a commissioner needs to have quality individual and everyone on the Commission works very hard and this position should not be done solely for a salary.

25. Commissioner Gruber, District 4

Street Closure

Commissioner Gruber stated the City had a pilot project that closed a couple of streets in Emerald Hills a couple of weeks ago. He stated there will be a safety meeting next week with Police Department to explain the

reasonings behind the project. Commissioner Gruber stated the pilot project has street closures that will not remain closed for long.

Day Care Programs

Commissioner Gruber stated he met with the Alzheimer's association board members over the last few months. He stated there is a need for Alzheimer's and Dementia Day Care programs in the County east of I-95. Commissioner Gruber requested Commission support for staff to assist in identifying a facility east of I-95 in Hollywood. Commissioner Shuham, Commissioner Callari, and Vice Mayor Anderson supported the idea.

Commissioner Shuham stated it may be possible for the School Board and the Alzheimer's Association to partner together with unused schools in the County.

Stirling Road Lighting

Commissioner Gruber stated the lights on Stirling Road keep going out and this is due to thieves stealing the copper wiring. Commissioner Gruber stated the City is converting over to cheaper aluminum wiring and everything should be fixed soon.

Slow Bikes

Commissioner Gruber stated in the CRA meeting this morning there is an initiative to slow down the bikes. He stated this will be discussed in the next month.

Taco Shack

Commissioner Gruber requested staff to provide an update on the Taco Shack building. He stated it appears the construction has been halted.

26. Commissioner Biederman, District 5

Charter Review Public Meeting

Commissioner Biederman stated he attended the Charter Review Public Meeting at Boulevard Heights. He requested Commission support to have a joint meeting with the Charter Review Committee. Commissioner Biederman stated this would allow the Commission on what questions are being proposed for the ballot. Commissioner Shuham, Commissioner Callari and Commissioner Gruber supported the idea.

Uniform Sanitation Collection

Commissioner Biederman stated he would like an update on the downtown sanitation uniform collection since notice went out.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated a letter went out in May 2022. He stated there is a 3-year period and he and Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, have been discussing the status.

Commissioner Biederman suggested bringing in stakeholders, business owners and the sanitation company for their input. He stated he wanted to ensure it was being pursued.

Driftwood Ball Fields

Commissioner Biederman thanked Rick Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Center, for the update on the Driftwood ball fields.

Rentals

Commissioner Biederman stated he met a person who has water bikes for rental. He presented a video on Blue Ocean Water Bikes. Commissioner Biederman stated they would be a great idea for use at Holland Park. Commissioner Quintana, Commissioner Callari and Commissioner Gruber supported the idea.

Mayor Levy stated the rowing team maintains the dock and shack at Holland Park. He stated he likes the opportunity of having paid concessions at the park.

27. Mayor Levy

Stormwater

Mayor Levy stated he would like to ensure during the months ahead the Commission will work with CRA on the stormwater outfalls pipes on the beach to make sure there is a plan before the CRA comes to an end.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated it is a priority and he has been in discussions with Director of Public Utilities and a plan is in motion.

Mayor Levy stated to also consider looking into the north and south lakes.

Downtown Ground Floor Uses

Mayor Levy requested Commission support for directing the staff to look at the core in the downtown of the ground floor uses. Mayor Levy stated Planning Division will present to the Commission what will be permissible in this area. Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Quintana supported the idea.

28. City Attorney

Thank You

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, thanked the Commission for the vote earlier and stated the charter officers are very qualified to do the work and if the Commission felt otherwise they would be terminate.

Career Fair

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, on March 7, 2024 he was invited to the Avant Garde School for a career fair. He requested the Commission to grant him permission to attend. The City Commission granted the City Attorney permission to attend the event.

Executive Session

Douglas Gozales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statues 286.011(8)(a), an executive session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, either immediately following the City v. Bellsouth Telecommunications LLC executive session at 4:00 PM or no later than 4:45 PM regarding Natalia Astapenkova vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Invited to attend this session are the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief Litigation Counsel Julian Geraci.

29. City Manager

Black History

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated he encourages everyone to visit a variety of events to celebrate Black History Month.

Consent Agenda Items

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated several items were passed today on the consent agenda which included multiple items that prepare the City for storm impacts. He stated thanked the Department of Public Utilities for their proactive efforts.

Charter Review

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, announced the Charter Review Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM in City Hall.

Johnson Street

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, announced the Johnson Street Project community meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Broward County Library in City Hall Circle.

Resiliency Officer

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated as part of the budget process was the creation of a Chief Resiliency Officer position.

Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development, announced Chris Roschek will be joining the City on Monday, March 4, 2024 as the City's first Chief Resiliency Officer. He provided information on the expectations of the position.

Safe Neighborhood Initiatives

Chris O'Brien, Director of Public Safety, provided a presentation on the safe neighborhood initiatives.

- 30. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
