

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 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, August 28, 2024 at 1:12 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, Vice Mayor Linda Anderson, Commissioner Traci Callari, Commissioner Adam Gruber, Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman, Commissioner Idelma Quintana and Mayor Josh Levy

Approval of the Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

6. [R-2024-263](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving the Final Rankings of Architectural And Consulting Firms To Provide Various Architectural And Consulting Services (Disciplines) For Citywide Projects; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Continuing Services Contracts With 11 Of The Highest Ranked Architecture Firms, Six Of The Highest Ranked Landscape Architecture Firms, and Four Of The Highest Ranked Land Surveying Firms, Over A Three-Year Period.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
7. [R-2024-264](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Agreements With Each Agency Using Community Development Block Grant Funding For Public Services For A Total Allocation In The Amount Of \$175,000.00.

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

8. [R-2024-265](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And, If Awarded, Accept The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Cycle Complete Streets And Other Localized Initiatives Program For The Following Projects: 1) The Sidewalk Construction Infill Areas Within The Playland Estates Neighborhood, And 2) North Surf Road Improvements From Simms Street To Franklin Street In An Amount Not To Exceed \$4,000,000.00 For Each Project, And If Successfully Awarded, Committing Matching Funds Estimated At 25% Of Total Costs For Each Project, Together With The Applicable Operating And Maintenance Costs Once The Projects Are Completed; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Program Documents And Agreements; Acknowledging That The Projects Will Be Delivered As Local Agency Program Projects.

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

9. [R-2024-266](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Jahnke & Sons Construction, Inc., d/b/a WHP Training Towers, For Necessary Repairs At The Fire Training Tower For An Amount Up To \$121,270.00 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The Procurement Code. (Sole Source)

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

10. [R-2024-267](#)

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 2025/2026 Broward Boating Improvement Program Grant In The Amount Of \$50,000.00 From The Broward County Marine Advisory Committee To Assist With The Removal Of Derelict Vessels From The Waterways Within The City Limits, And If Awarded, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Grant Documents.

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

11. [R-2024-268](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Galls, LLC For Police Equipment And Supplies In An Amount Up To \$135,000.00 Over A Three-Year Period.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
12. [R-2024-269](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Selection Committee's Ranking For Network Infrastructure Consultant Firms And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate And Execute An Agreement With The Highest-Ranked Firm To Provide Network Infrastructure Consultant Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$250,000.00.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
13. [R-2024-270](#) 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 Prolime Corporation For Catalyst & Lime Sludge Hauling Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$600,000.00 For An Initial Two-Year Period.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
14. [R-2024-271](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Greenberg Traurig, P.A. For Utility Legal Consulting Services, In An Amount Up To \$500,000.00 For Fiscal Year 2025.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
15. [R-2024-272](#) 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 Barney's Pumps Inc. For Three Vertical Coupled Solids Handling Pumps In An Amount Up To \$372,954.00 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The Procurement Code. (Sole Source)

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

16. [R-2024-273](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Amendment No. 1 With Aclara Technologies, LLC. To Upgrade The Aclara Contract To Include Mobile Programmer And DCU Maintenance, Along With Professional Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$4,964.64 For Three Years, Which Includes A One Time Training Fee In An Amount Up To \$5,725.00 Pursuant To Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The Procurement Code. ("Sole Source")

Discussion ensued amongst members of the Commission.

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

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

17. [R-2024-274](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Change Order To A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Genuine Parts Company, d/b/a Napa Auto Parts And Supplies, For Aftermarket Vehicle Parts And Supplies To Increase The Contract Amount By Up To \$160,000.00 Annually.

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

18. [P-2024-067](#)

Presentation By James Russo, Fire Chief, Recognizing The Recipient Of The Meritorious Service Award.

James Russo, Fire Chief, read the combination that resulted in Kenneth Soto, Marine Safety Officer, receiving the Meritorious Service Award.

19. [P-2024-068](#)

Presentation By Robyn Vega, Executive Director Business for the Arts of Broward, regarding the "Lead the Love" Public Art Project.

Robin Vega, Executive Director Business for the Arts of Broward, provided a presentation regarding the "Lead the Love" Public Art Project.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Biederman, to approve the presentation and to direct staff to come back to the Commission with an item. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

19A. [P-2024-069](#)

Presentation by Liliana Tschanett, SBA Disaster Loans Public Affairs. Regarding the SBA Disaster Loan Program.

Jamie Hernandez, Emergency Manager, introduced Liliana Tschanett, SBA Disaster Loans Public Affairs.

Liliana Tschanett, SBA Disaster Loans Public Affairs, gave a presentation on the SBA Disaster Loan Program.

5. [R-2024-262](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A First Amendment To The Contract With PMA Consultants, LLC To Increase The Contract Amount From \$98,375.00 To An Amount Up To \$252,455.00, Extend The Contract Term From September 30, 2024 To December 31, 2024, And For Additional Procurement And Purchasing Support.

Jose Cortez, Director of Design and Construction Management, explained the intent of the Resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Siobhan McLaughlan, 1409 Rodman Street, expressed personal opinions/concerns.

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

13. [R-2024-270](#)

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 Prolime Corporation For Catalyst & Lime Sludge Hauling Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$600,000.00 For An Initial Two-Year Period.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

Resolution.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, provided additional information to the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Otis Thomas, Director of Procurement, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff members of the Commission.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to reconsider agenda item #13, R-2024-270. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to continue the Resolution to the September 18, 2024 Commission meeting at 1:00 PM. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

16. [R-2024-273](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Amendment No. 1 With Aclara Technologies, LLC. To Upgrade The Aclara Contract To Include Mobile Programmer And DCU Maintenance, Along With Professional Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$4,964.64 For Three Years, Which Includes A One Time Training Fee In An Amount Up To \$5,725.00 Pursuant To Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The Procurement Code. ("Sole Source")

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

20. [R-2024-275A](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing Technical Revisions To The State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Local Housing Assistance Plan For The State Of Florida Fiscal Years 2022-2023,2023-2024 And 2024-2025; Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

Ryon Coote, Community Development Division Manager, explained the intent of the Resolution and provided a presentation.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

21. [R-2024-276](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The One Year Action Plan For Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020 To Re-Allocate \$370,546.12 Of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funds For Program Use; Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Documents To Facilitate Such Amendments.

Ryon Coote, Community Development Division Manager, explained the intent of the Resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Jeffrey Devlin, Police Chief, provided additional information to the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, responded to concerns raised by 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)

The Commission recessed at 2:41 PM and reconvened at 2:57 PM with all members of the Commission present.

23. **Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

New Trees

Commissioner Biederman thanked the Department of Public Works for the new trees on 70th Terrace. He stated the trees have stopped the illegal dumping and Driftwood Middle School is very appreciative.

Park Naming

Commissioner Biederman requested Commission support to name the future park on Johnson Street and 27th Avenue to commemorate the Gottlieb family. He stated a submission was also submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Callari questioned why this park and wanted to include the Civic Associations in the decision. She stated park naming should go by a process.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission regarding the naming of parks and streets.

Mayor Levy stated there needs to be a collaborative process for properties to get their names and include community input.

Commissioner Biederman stated the City naming policy states a street can only have one name.

Mayor Levy suggested staff create a catalog of facilities that have features that could honor naming someone or something and create a process for the future.

Commissioner Shuham stated she does not like naming facilities after families only as individuals, but she would like to hear the Gotlieb's biography.

Commissioner Quintana requested clarification of the process of the naming policy and she would like to hear the Gotlieb's biography.

24. Commissioner Quintana, District 6

Community Centers

Commissioner Quintana thanked Rick Engle, Director for Parks Recreation and Culture Arts, and staff for their patience with the community centers in District 6. She stated three of the centers have limited resident access due to childcare programs. Commissioner Quintana stated the childcare programs are fully funded through the Children's Services Council grant and no one is allowed in the building during the program. She requested Commission support to see if there is a way to have the centers more accessible.

Mayor Levy requested staff to provide a presentation to the Commission on how to resolve this issue.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated staff will research how the facility can be opened, funding sources and to maximize the use of the facility.

Washington Park Industrial Park Utilities Project

Commissioner Quintana stated she was happy to see septic to sewer

conversion will be installed soon in Washington Park Industrial Park area. She stated the current conditions are unacceptable, and she appreciated Commission support and City leadership on this project. Commissioner Quintana stated she had concerns about the swale areas and does not want to see the City invest money and resources to create new swale areas before the sewer project is completed.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the area is one of the most complicated areas in the City and will take time to resolve. He stated an RFP has been drafted for the redevelopment of the area.

Commissioner Quintana stated it would be good to have a task force to oversee these issues and requested various City departments work together to oversee it.

Bulk Pick Up

Commissioner Quintana thanked Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, for all his hard work on bulk pickup. She stated residents need to be educated of the pickup times, so they are not issued citations. Commissioner Quintana requested an education campaign for hard junk pickup.

Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, stated dates and times are displayed on the City webpage, and stickers have been placed on the garbage cans.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission regarding magnet signage, digital signage, stickers and robocalls to inform residents of hard junk pick-up days.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 3:36 PM and returned at 3:38 PM.

Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, stated he will add the extra ideas in addition to what is currently in place to work towards a goal.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission regarding magnet signage, digital signage, stickers and robocalls to inform residents of hard junk pick-up days.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated he understands the direction of the Commission and staff will work on this.

25. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Thank You

Commission Shuham thanked the City Manager for the note and book she received.

Thank You

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Beach Safety team for the solution to resident Bob Glickman's idea and stated it could potentially be lifesaving.

Thank You

Commissioner Shuham thanked Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, and his team for making personal house calls and helping with the flooding issues. She thanked also Azita Behmardi, Deputy Director Development Services, for assistance with flooding pertaining to slopes in the roadways.

Bikes Event

Commissioner Shuham thanked Jeffrey Devlin, Police Chief, and staff for hosting the bike ride event. She stated it was a good workout and everyone had a lot of fun.

Iguanas

Commissioner Shuham requested Commission support to find a resolution for issues with iguanas. She requested staff to look into ways to humanely reduce the population and damages caused by them. Mayor Levy, Commissioner Gruber, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Quintana, and Commissioner Callari supported the idea.

State Parks

Commissioner Shuham requested Commission support to restore the State Park's natural habitat and to not add sports or other facilities. She stated the Department of Environmental Protection has proposed adding sporting and other facilities in State Parks and one of them is Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park.

Mayor Levy stated the Commission would need a majority to pass a resolution.

Commissioner Biederman left the meeting at 3.51 PM.

25A. R-2024-275B

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Supporting State Park Improvements That Align With The Parks' Conservation Missions And Opposing The Proposal To Add Sports Facilities To State Parks, Including Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Biederman was absent.

25. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Women In Municipal Government

Commissioner Shuham stated she and Commissioner Quintana attended the Florida Leagus of Cities Women in Municipal Government event at the Diplomat which the City helped sponsor. She thanked everyone and stated it was a wonderful event.

Commissioner Biederman returned to the meeting at 3:52 PM.

Safe House Program

Commissioner Shuham requested Commission support to implement a Safe House program in the City. She stated the City of Miramar offers this program to victims of domestic violence. Commissioner Shuham stated the victims can seek refuge at firehouses to find resources without having to report a crime. Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Biederman, and Commissioner Quintana supported the idea.

Happy Labor Day

Commissioner Shuham wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

26. Vice Mayor Anderson, District 2

Thank You

Vice Mayor Anderson thanked the Police Department and Officer Dwayne Chung for being attentive and watching over the beach area. She stated there was a mother with three children sleeping on the beach and the Police Officers were able to provide the family with housing and clothing. Vice Mayor Anderson stated the woman called 211 and was told to come to Hollywood who would provide help.

Mobile Driver License

Vice Mayor Anderson thanked the Mayor Levy and Representative Marie Woodson for the making available the mobile driver's license unit. She stated the driver's license facility is very busy and takes a long time to get served. Anyone is able to renew their driver's license up to eighteen months in advance prior to their birthday.

Henry Graham Event

Vice Mayor Anderson thanked everyone who attended the portrait of Henry Graham event. She stated he received a proclamation and the Key to the City for his forty years of dedication to the City.

27. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Vice Mayor Anderson left the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Thank You

Commissioner Callari thanked staff for the assistance over the summer.

Oakridge Elementary School Signage

Commissioner Callari stated Oakridge Elementary School had outdated directional signage issues. She stated some traffic signs were placed by the County in 2008 and now need an update. Commissioner Callari stated she understands there may be issues, however, the City must look out for the safety of the children. She requested staff to provide updates to the Commission.

Oakridge Elementary School Closing

Commissioner Callari stated Oakridge Elementary School is now classified as a B school, however, the Broward County School Board is in discussions regarding school closures. She stated she would like to see if the City can help with solutions to avoid closing of Hollywood schools.

Broward League of Cities

Commissioner Callari announced on September 19, 2024, the Broward League of Cities will host an event at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott in Dania to welcome the new school board members and honor those who are leaving. She stated she would like to see her colleagues attend and congratulated Debra Hixon and Maura McCarthy Bulman on joining the Broward County School Board.

Tallahassee

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support to return to Tallahassee in March. She stated last year was remarkable as the Commission gathered together in Tallahassee to have the people's rights heard.

Vice Mayor Anderson returned to the meeting at 4:04 PM.

Contacting Commissioners

Commissioner Callari stated some citizens have expressed concerns that they were told not to reach out to the Commission. Citizens and

businesses should reach out to their Commissioners with any questions or concerns if they feel the issues are not being handled at a supervisory level.

George Keller Jr., City Manager, stated he agrees, and he reminded staff at the weekly directors meeting. He stated if this continues to happen, to let him know, so he can address the concerns directly.

Florida League of Cities

Commissioner Callari thanked Commissioner Biederman, Mayor Levy, Commissioner Quintana, and Commissioner Shuham for attending the Florida League of Cities conference held at the Hollywood Diplomat Hotel. She stated it was a great event and felt it was important to have representation from the City at conferences to help with tourism. Commissioner Callari thanked Commissioner Biederman for speaking so highly at the event and she is happy to be a board member.

Youth Ambassadors

Commissioner Callari stated she is excited to announce six new Youth Ambassadors to the City. She thanked Tymira Mack, Grants Administrator, and Allison Saffold, Civic Affairs Administrator, for their assistance with the program. Commissioner Callari stated City of Parkland and a few other cities use Hollywood's format for their Youth Ambassador Program.

Waste Collection

Commissioner Callari stated waste collection is a huge problem and is affecting the residents. She stated she receives complaints about fences, pest, and the appearance of the neighborhood.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated he meets weekly with Waste Pro and contingent plans are being made.

Commissioner Callari stated she is not in favor of outsourcing our waste collection and would like to bring back the City Waste Management Department. Commissioner Callari requested a timeline for improvements by Waste Pro.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated Waste Pro has been given a month to start improvements.

28. Commissioner Gruber, District 4

Tutoring Program

Commissioner Gruber thanked the Hollywood Law Firm for their

assistance with providing funds for a tutoring program who needed help. He stated they cut a check for funding the same day they heard about the issue.

Waste Collection

Commissioner Gruber stated Waste Pro is having issues and have missed bulk collection the last four months in a row. He thanked City staff for their assistance with the bulk pickup. Commissioner Gruber stated he understands the City Manager has been in contact with Waste Pro and the situation is being monitored.

Conference Meeting

Commissioner Gruber apologized for missing the Commission Conference meeting as he was attending the Continuum of Care meeting which meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Park Naming

Commissioner Gruber stated he has been working to process the renaming of a park to Richard Blattner Park. He stated he believes he has followed the process correctly and to please let him know if he has not.

Street Light Software

Commissioner Gruber questioned if the software for downed streetlights is active. He stated residents are reporting outages before staff are notified.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, stated the software is active and Department of Public Works has access. He stated Noresco should be complete by the next fiscal year.

Beach Water Fountains

Commissioner Gruber stated it is good to see new water fountains on the beach. Mayor Levy stated the water fountains are nice and cold. Commissioner Gruber stated it is nice to provide a water fill station for their bottles.

Henry Graham Event

Commissioner Gruber stated the Henry Graham event was well-deserved, and he was happy he was able to attend.

29. Mayor Levy

Memorial Healthcare Clinic

Mayor Levy stated the Employee Clinic run by Memorial Healthcare is now open and located on Stirling Road. He stated this will serve the City staff well in controlling healthcare costs and benefit taxpayers by providing a convenient service for eligible individuals. Mayor Levy thanked staff for their hard work to make the clinic possible.

Oakridge Elementary School

Mayor Levy stated several of the City's schools received improved grades including Oakridge Elementary School, which received a B. He stated the Broward School Superintendent revealed Oakridge Elementary School will not be one of the schools to be restructured.

Sidewalk Repairs

Mayor Levy thanked Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development, and the Department of Public Works staff for the ongoing sidewalk repairs.

Roadway Resurfacing

Mayor Levy stated he is happy there is an opportunity for more roads, sidewalks, and infrastructure to be repaired across the City. He stated the road has been resurfaced on 35th Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Johnson Street.

Butler Rock House

Mayor Levy stated he was happy to see the enthusiasm for the Butler Rock house conversion to a pavilion at the Charles Vollman Park. He stated the chimney wall is structurally sound and is a nice amenity as it preserves the history. Mayor Levy thanked Jose Cortes, Director of Design and Construction Management, and staff for meeting with the contractor.

Henry Graham Event

Mayor Levy stated the Henry Graham event was great, and he was honored to present Henry Graham with a Key to the City. He stated Henry Graham had a great impact on people in Liberia, Washington Park, and the City at large. Mayor Levy stated he built hundreds of homes and apartments and instilled leadership. He stated Ryan Coote, Community Development Division Manager, and the new Liberia Economic and Social Development (LES) Board will be working proactively with affordable housing and investments to help residents.

The Armory Community Center

Mayor Levy announced a celebration for the Armory Community Center opening will take place on September 9, 2024.

Groundbreaking Police Headquarters

Mayor Levy announced the Police Department Headquarters groundbreaking will take place on September 9, 2024.

Commissioner Gruber left the meeting at 4:24 PM and returned to the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Affordable Housing

Mayor Levy stated during the conference meeting this morning Interlocal Agreement for Affordable Housing with Broward County was discussed and he wants to review the types of qualifying work to expend the dollars and to help benefit low to moderate income neighborhoods. He stated forty percent of residents are low to moderate income and the City would benefit from this. Mayor Levy requested Community Development and the Commission to bring forward their ideas.

Glad to be Back

Mayor Levy stated he was happy the Commission meetings were back as there was a lot of progress within the last few months. He stated there is more progress to come in the months and years ahead.

Downtown Hollywood Awareness

Mayor Levy stated also during the conference meeting this morning they discussed working with hotels to bring awareness of the Sun shuttle. He stated the Sun Shuttle and soon the Circulator are around, but he is unsure if the concierge teams understand the services they provide. Mayor Levy stated the Commission brainstormed many ideas and he would like to have a professional execution from the Department of Communications, Marketing, and Economics Development to find ways to provide information for visitors and citizens.

30. City Attorney**Settlements**

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated the City Attorney's office has been very successful in defending the City on litigation. He stated there are many low-dollar settlements and summary judgments in many cases which have been settled. Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, encouraged the Commission to review the annual City Attorney report in October.

31. City Manager**Dowdy Field**

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced due to the signage issue there is a timing issue for the opening of the Dowdy Field on September

9, 2024. He stated the City needs to name the community center so the signage can be ordered. He stated the possible name circling is the Armory Community Center at Dowdy Field which captures both the history of the Armory and Mr. Dowdy. George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, requested a straw ballot and to return with a resolution at the next meeting.

Mayor Levy questioned if the name could be changed later in the future to honor someone. George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated yes.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission regarding the naming of the facility.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Quintana to name the armory building at Dowdy Field the "Armory Community Center at Dowdy Field" on voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Labor Day Weekend

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced this is Labor Day weekend and Jimmy Buffett weekend on the beach with free concerts at the bandshell. He stated the concerts will take place on Friday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Saturday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and Sunday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated there will be more security on the beach to ensure everyone has a good time.

Pilot Composting Program

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the pilot composting program is now ongoing and encourages everyone to register. He stated one can select drop off or a valet pick up service and residents will receive a renewable bucket with an airtight lid to start your composting adventure.

Storm Season

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated September 10, 2024, is the peak of storm season. He stated there was some early activity, but it has been quiet for a few weeks. George R. Keller Jr., City Manager stated for everyone to stay alert.

Accela Permit Program

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the new online permit programming software Accela is now active. He stated it took several months to initiate, but it addresses nine of the most common issues people encounter. George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated Accela is a user-friendly, efficient integrated system that will keep improving over

time.

Second Floor Of Library

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the second floor of the library is almost complete and will be open to staff in October and open to the public in November. He stated the second floor will house all staff from the Department of Development Services.

Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, provided information and a presentation of the second-floor buildout of the library.

Relocation of Department Offices

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the relocation of department offices. He stated the gym, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, Parking Division, Department of Information Technology and Code Compliance Division will be relocated to the second floor of the library. George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the Pension Office will have a new location west on Hollywood Boulevard. He stated Records and Archives Division and Debbie Wasserman Shultz office will be relocated to the old library, and with the vacating of the Annex building it will be demolished for additional parking.

Presentation of Accela

Andria Wingette, Director of Development Services, provided a presentation on the new Accela permit software system.

22. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 N14th Avenue
2. Julie Greenfield, 4226 N Ocean Drive

Jose Cortes, Director of Design and Construction Management, responded to concerns raised by the public.

32. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
