

**CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
January 17, 2024
9:00 AM
City Commission Chambers – Room 219
Hollywood City Hall**

The meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chair Josh Levy on January 17, 2024, at 9:04 AM in the City Commission Chambers, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida.

Roll Call was as follows:

Chair	Josh Levy
Vice-Chair	Linda Hill Anderson
Board Members:	Caryl Shuham
	Adam Gruber
	Traci Callari
	Kevin Biederman
	Linda Sherwood
General Counsel	Douglas R. Gonzales
CRA Executive Director	Jorge Camejo
CRA Deputy Director	Susan Goldberg
Board Secretary	Phyllis Lewis

Conflict Disclosures

There were no new conflicts to disclose.

Citizens' Comments

The following individuals expressed their personal opinions/concerns:

Bob Glickman

1. **R-CRA-2024-01** - A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Approving The Minutes Of The Regular CRA Meeting Of September 6, 2023.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Shuham to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Board member Quintana and on a voice vote passed unanimously 7-0.

2. **R-CRA-2024-02** - A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Approving The Minutes Of The Special CRA Meeting Of September 20, 2023.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Shuham to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Board member Quintana and on voice vote passed unanimously 7-0.

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3. **R-CRA-2024-03** - A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Approving The Minutes Of The Regular CRA Meeting Of October 4, 2023.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Shuham to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Board member Quintana and on voice vote passed unanimously 7-0.

4. **R-CRA-2024-04** – A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida, Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Amending The Annual Budget For The Downtown District Of The CRA For Fiscal Year 2024; Revising Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditures.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Callari to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Board member Anderson and on a voice vote passed unanimously 7-0.

5. **R-CRA-2024-05** – A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida, Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate CRA Officials To Issue A Change Order With Burkhardt Construction, Inc. For The Installation Of A Pedestrian Crossing Mast Arm At The Intersection Of Carolina Street And State Road A1A To Increase The Contract Amount From \$12,805,794.98 To \$13,425,883.67 And Extend The Contract Completion Date; Authorizing The Appropriate CRA Officials To Execute A Development Agreement With Oceanside Marina LLC For The Reimbursement Of 50% Of The Cost Of Construction; Further Authorizing The CRA Executive Director To Execute All Applicable Agreements And Documents To Implement The Project.

Jorge Camejo withdrew the item from the agenda to be discussed at a future meeting.

6. **R-CRA-2024-06** – A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida, Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate CRA Officials To Execute A Property Improvement Program Grant Agreement With Heyday Miami Inc. For On-Site Improvements To The Property Located At 120 S. 20th Avenue In A Total Grant Amount Not To Exceed \$46,106.79.

Jorge Camejo introduced the item to the Board. An extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Board.

Kate Balandina, property owner, was invited to address questions and concerns the Board may have.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Shuham to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Board member Callari and on voice vote passed unanimously 7-0.

7. **R-CRA-2024-07** – A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate CRA Officials To Execute A Property Improvement Program Grant Agreement With BH Beach House LLC For On Site Improvements To The Property Located At 320 Missouri Street In A Total Grant Amount Not To Exceed \$75,000.00.

Jorge Camejo introduced the item to the Board. An extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Board.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Biederman to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Board member Quintana and on voice vote passed unanimously 7-0.

- 8. R-CRA-2024-08** - A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida Community Redevelopment Agency, Appointing A Vice-Chairperson For A One Year Term.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Gruber to appoint Board member Anderson. The motion was seconded by Board member Quintana and a voice vote passed unanimously 7-0.

- 9. R-CRA-2023-64** – A Resolution Of The Hollywood, Florida Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”), Authorizing The Appropriate CRA Officials To Execute An Amendment To The Employment Agreement With The Executive Director Of The CRA.

Jorge Camejo introduced the item to the Board. An extensive discussion ensued among members of the Board and staff. Tami Thornton, Assistant Director, Human Resources was asked to address questions and concerns the Board may have.

Board member Shuham made a motion to amend the resolution to increase the salary of the Executive Director to 3% cola increase, 7% longevity increase and to include the post employment health plan. The motion failed for the lack of a second.

Discussion continued among the Board. Board member Biederman amended the motion to include a 8% salary increase. The motion failed for the lack of a second.

An extensive discussion ensued. Chair Levy recommended the following:

The Executive Director shall be paid for his services rendered at a base rate of \$200,408.00 per year, in addition to 7% longevity compensation for an enhanced rate of \$214,427.20 per year, payable in bi-weekly installments on the same dates as executive employees of the CRA are paid.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board member Shuham and seconded by Board member Anderson to approve the resolution as recommended and on a voice vote passed 5-2. Board member Biederman and Board member Callari opposed.

10. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS, GENERAL COUNSEL, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Board member Quintana, District 6

Beach and Downtown Districts

Board member Quintana congratulated the CRA on their accomplishment and commended them for all their work.

Board member Shuham, District 1

Beach and Downtown Districts

Board Member Shuham to provide an update to the comments previously submitted by a beach resident, Bob Glickman. Board Member Shuham informed the attendees that the beach maintenance team is currently working in conjunction with Public Works and the contractor to ensure that the beach is adequately prepared for the upcoming season. Additionally, she conveyed that the bike lanes are scheduled to be repainted, and the damaged globes and banners will be addressed. Lastly, she expressed her appreciation to the CRA for their exemplary work.

Tony Tiru, beach maintenance supervisor, was called to address questions and concerns by the Board.

Board member Anderson, District 2

Beach and Downtown Districts

During the Martin Luther King Parade, Board Member Anderson expressed gratitude to the staff for their exceptional coordination efforts.

Board member Callari, District 3

Beach and Downtown Districts

During the meeting, board member Callari reiterated concerns raised by beach resident Bob Glickman regarding the cleanliness of the Boardwalk. Callari stressed that the Board should prioritize addressing issues such as gum on the Boardwalk, dogs, skateboarding, and electric bikes.

Board member Gruber, District 4

Beach and Downtown Districts

Board member Gruber highlighted that a high salary is accompanied by significant expectations. Furthermore, he agrees that Harrison Street is a less lively area and showed a keen interest in the ideas that the staff might have to enhance the situation.

Additionally, Gruber shared his discontent with the current state of Hollywood Beach, which he recently visited. He suggested that an increased number of trash bins should be installed to address the excessive amount of litter.

Board member Biederman, District 5

Beach and Downtown Districts

During the meeting, Board member Biederman from District 5 expressed gratitude towards the staff and requested their attention towards the dilapidated planters located on Harrison Street. Additionally, Board member Biederman acknowledged that a big salary comes with big expectations, as highlighted by Board member Gruber. Biederman reiterated that Harrison Street requires improvement, and looks forward to the staff's presentation, specifically with respect to the street lights and surrounding neighborhoods.

Chair Levy

Beach and Downtown Districts

Chair Levy stated that the decision to increase the Executive Director's salary today was highly motivated, given that the CRA in both districts is sunseting in just a couple of years. The Chair further noted that Harrison Street is up and coming, with more storefronts being occupied. Chair Levy emphasized that staff support is crucial in this effort. He further requested that the staff provide an update on the Adams Street project and the Great Southern project. He then urged the staff to remain focused on the resiliency of the beach district.

General Counsel, Douglas R. Gonzales

Douglas R. Gonzales had no further comment.

Executive Director, Jorge Camejo

Jorge Camejo had no further comment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Phyllis Lewis, Board Secretary