

# City of Hollywood

*Hollywood City Hall  
2600 Hollywood Blvd  
Hollywood, FL 33020  
<http://www.hollywoodfl.org>*



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

## **Regular City Commission Meeting**

### ***CITY COMMISSION***

***Josh Levy, Mayor***

***Adam Gruber, Vice Mayor - District 4***

***Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1***

***Linda Hill Anderson, Commissioner - District 2***

***Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3***

***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, May 17, 2023 at 1:10 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida.

1. **Moment of Silence**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Recognition of Veterans, Active Service Personnel & Their Families**
4. **Roll Call**

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

5. [R-2023-126](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budgets Of Various Funds As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2022-283; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Plan As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2022-284.

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

6. [R-2023-127](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of December 7, 2022.

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

7. [R-2023-128](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of January 18, 2023.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
8. [R-2023-129](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Special City Commission Meeting Minutes Of January 23, 2023.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
10. [R-2023-131](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission's 2024 Boating Improvement Program Grant For The Hollywood Marina Master Plan Phase I Fuel Pier Improvement Project In The Amount Of \$137,000.00; Authorizing 50% Matching Funds To Be Paid From The Capital Improvement Program Fund; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
12. [R-2023-133](#) 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 PSI Technologies, Inc. For Five Six-Inch Pumps And One Eight-Inch Pump In An Amount Of \$366,989.26 Over A One-Year Period Based Upon The Piggyback Entity Contract, Florida Sheriffs Association FSA 20-EQU 18.0 Heavy Equipment, In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code (Piggyback); Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

13. [R-2023-134](#) 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 Odyssey Manufacturing Co. For The Design, Maintenance, And Repair Of Chemical Feed Systems In An Annual Amount Of \$300,000.00 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 Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
14. [R-2023-135](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Innovative Equipment Services 2 LLC, D/B/A Case Power & Equipment Of Florida, For The Purchase Of A Case 590SN Backhoe Loader, Two-Case Track Loaders TV370, And Two-Case 621G Wheel Loaders For A One Time Purchase In An Amount Not To Exceed \$841,121.82 Based Upon Sourcewell Contract #032119-CNH 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 Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
15. [R-2023-136](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Designating Public Works Employees As First Responders As Federally Mandated; Authorizing The Use Of The Public Works Responder Symbol As Adopted By The National Public Works Association; Authorizing The City Manager To Do All Things Necessary To Carry Out The Aims Of This Resolution.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
16. [P-2023-058](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Jewish American Heritage Month, May 2023.
- Vice Mayor Gruber read the proclamation in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month, May 2023.
- Rabbi Laredo accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
17. [P-2023-059](#) A Proclamation in Recognition Of National Beach Safety Week, May

22-29, 2023.

Dan Booker, Fire Chief, introduced the new Marine Safety Chief, Joyce Fuhrman.

Commissioner Shuham read the proclamation in recognition of National Beach Safety Week, May 22-29, 2023.

Joyce Fuhrman, Marine Safety Chief, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

**18. [P-2023-060](#)**

A Proclamation in Recognition Of Safe Boating Week, May 20- 26, 2023.

Mayor Levy read the proclamation in recognition of Safe Boating Week, May 20-26, 2023.

Bogdan Corsovic, Marine Safety Captain, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

**19. [P-2023-061](#)**

A Proclamation In Recognition Of Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2023.

Commissioner Biederman read the proclamation in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2023.

Robert Levinson, MD, NAMI Broward County, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

**20. [P-2023-062](#)**

A Proclamation In Recognition Of National Public Works Week, May 21 - 27 2023.

Commissioner Anderson read the proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week, May 21-27, 2023.

Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, accepted the proclamation on behalf of Public Works staff and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

**20A. [P-2023-067](#)**

A Proclamation In Recognition Of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 2, 2023.

Commissioner Callari read the proclamation in recognition of Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 2, 2023.

Susan Eli Sheikh, Broward Moms Demand Action, and Debbie Hixon, Broward County School Board, accepted the proclamation and thanked

the Commission for the recognition.

**21. [P-2023-063](#)**

Presentation By Senator Jason Pizzo and Representative Marie Woodson, Regarding The 2023 Florida Legislative Session.

State Senator Jason Pizzo provided an update on the 2023 Florida Legislative Session.

Discussion ensued among the Commission and Senator Pizzo.

State Representative Marie Woodson provided an update on the 2023 Florida Legislative Session.

Discussion ensued among the Commission and State Representative Woodson.

At this time, George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, announced a short time ago there was a small plane crash in the vicinity of Hollywood Blvd and Park Road, damage on the ground was minimal but unfortunately the pilot lost his life.

**22. [PO-2023-06](#)**

An Ordinance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Amending the City's Adopted Comprehensive Plan by Adding the Property Rights Element In Accordance With Section 163.3177(6)(i)2, Florida Statutes. (23-L-27)

The Mayor announced the ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes and opened the public hearing. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue, expressed personal opinions/concerns. There being no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Andria Wingett, Deputy Director of Development Services, responded to questions raised by the public and explained the intent of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided additional information.

Ali Palmer, Kimley-Horn, City's Consultant, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

The City Attorney read the title of the ordinance on first reading.

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

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

23. [P-2023-064](#) Presentation By Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit, Regarding The Broward County Transportation Department Premium Mobility Plan ("PREMO") Update

Barney McCoy, Broward County Transit, provided a presentation on the premium mobility plan update.

Discussion ensued among Barney McCoy and members of the Commission.

24. [R-2023-137](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Making Findings And Designating As A Brownfield Area Real Property Located At 820 - 890 N. State Road 7 And 6028 Johnson Street, Hollywood, FL 33020, For The Purpose Of Rehabilitation, Job Creation And Promoting Economic Redevelopment; Authorizing The City Of Hollywood To Notify The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection Of The Designation.

The Mayor announced the resolution was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes.

Andria Wingett, Deputy Director of Development Services, introduced Brett Brumund, Attorney for the applicant.

Brett Brumund, The Goldstein Environmental Law Firm, provided a presentation on the proposed project.

Discussion ensued among Mr. Brumund and members of the Commission

The public hearing was opened, and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 3:06 PM and returned at 3:10

PM.

2. Lynn Smith, 1939 Adams Street

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

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 3:11 PM and returned at 3:16 PM.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Brett Brumund, The Goldstein Environmental Law Firm, provided additional information.

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

25. [R-2023-138](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Making Findings And Designating As A Brownfield Area Within The City Of Hollywood, Real Properties Located Within The Regional Activity Center, Pursuant To Section 376.80(2)(A), Florida Statutes, For The Purpose Of Rehabilitation And Promoting Economic Development; Authorizing The City Manager Or Designee To Notify The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection Of The Designation.

The City Manager withdrew the resolution from consideration.

26. [PO-2023-07](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Changing The Zoning Designation Of The Properties Located At 1845-1885 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, Generally Located East Of 19 Avenue, North Of Hollywood Boulevard, West Of Young Circle And South Of Tyler Street, From GU (Government Use) To YC (Young Circle Mixed-Use District); Amending The City's Zoning Map To Reflect The Change In Zoning Designation. (23-Z-36)

Andria Wingett, Deputy Director of Development Services, provided a presentation on the intent of the ordinance.

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

The City Attorney read the title of the ordinance on first reading.

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



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

9. [R-2023-130](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Highway Maintenance Memorandum Of Agreement With The Florida Department of Transportation For Taft Street Improvements.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Azita Behmardi, Deputy Director of Development Services, responded to questions raised by the Commission and explained the intent of the resolution.

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

11. [R-2023-132](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Rep Services, Inc. For The Purchase And Installation Of Playground Equipment And Playground Surfacing At The McNicol Community Center, A Capital Improvement Project, In The Amount Of \$156,479.64, Based Upon The Clay County Contract 18/19-2 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Purchasing Ordinance (Piggyback).

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Rick Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

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

27. [P-2023-065](#)

A Presentation By Raelin Storey, Assistant City Manager, and Nicole Heran, Deputy Director of Design & Construction Management, For The General Obligation Bond ("GOB") Gateway And Neighborhood Signage Final Design Selection.

Raelin Storey, Assistant City Manager, provided an introduction to the gateway and neighborhood signage final design.

Nicole Heran, Deputy Director of Design and Construction Management, provided a detailed presentation on the various sign options and the final selection.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Vice Mayor Gruber left the meeting at 3:54 PM and returned at 3:56 PM.

Raelin Storey, Assistant City Manager, provided additional information on the next steps.

28. [R-2023-139](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Interlocal Agreement With Broward County For Solid Waste Disposal And Recyclable Materials Processing Authority Of Broward County, Florida; Authorizing The Expenditure Of Funds To Defray The Cost Of A Study In An Amount Not To Exceed \$158,000.00.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 4:01 PM and returned at 4:04 PM.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to continue the Resolution to the June 7, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting at 1:00 PM at City Hall. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

29. [R-2023-140](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Construction Management At Risk Phase II Construction Services Agreement with Kaufman Lynn Construction Inc. For The Broward County Second Floor Library Interior Design - Development Services Project, A Capital Improvement Project, For A Total Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$ 5,848,980.93.

Nicole Heran, Deputy Director of Design & Construction Management, explained the intent of the resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance & Administration, provided additional information.

**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)**

**30. [R-2023-141](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Construction Management At Risk Phase II Construction Services Agreement With State Contracting & Engineering Corp. For The Dowdy Former Armory Renovation Project, A General Obligation Bond Project, For A Total Guaranteed Maximum Price Of \$3,998.560.00.

Nicole Heran, Deputy Director of Design and Construction Management, explained the intent of the resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Ricky Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, provided additional information.

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)**

**31. [R-2023-142](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Construction Work Order No. 1 For The Citywide LED Streetlight Upgrade Project And Audit Work Order No. 2 For Various Energy Conservation Measures In Accordance With The Energy Services Agreement With Noresco, LLC.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, explained the intent of the resolution.

Tracie Lampton and Ryan Thordson, Noresco, provided a presentation on the project objectives

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 4:42 PM and returned at 4:48 PM.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the Resolution.**

Discussion ensued among Noresco representatives and members of the Commission.

Steve Stewart, Director of Procurement Services, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Damaris Henlon, Deputy City Attorney, provided addition information.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to amend the Resolution by amending the contract section permits an exception to the capital liability for indemnification and gross negligence. On a voice vote the amendment to the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

**ACTION:** The motion made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the resolution as amended by amending the contract section that permits an exception to the capital liability for indemnification and gross negligence passed unanimously. (7-0)

32. [R-2023-143](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The 2022-2023 School Resource Officer Program Agreement For School Resource Officers In Local Public Elementary, Middle, And High Schools With The School Board Of Broward County, Florida.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, explained the intent of the resolution.

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

33. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ken Crawford, 2018 Fletcher Street
2. Emanuel George, Attucks Alumni Association/Liberia Association
3. James Bauer, Attucks Alumni Association President
4. Tom Lander, 3186 Roosevelt Street
5. Cat Uden, 1120 Lyontree Street
6. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street
7. William Stuber, 5421 Buchanan Street
8. Henry Graham, 2525 Raleigh Street

34. Commissioner Biederman, District 5

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 5:30 PM.

#### Happy Anniversary

Commissioner Biederman wished his wife a Happy 26th Anniversary.

#### Parking Enforcement

Commissioner Biederman stated parking enforcement is a 24/7 a day operation and Code Enforcement has limited hours. He stated he would like to see Parking do an enforcement blitz to control some of the commercial vehicle and sidewalk parking violations after hours. He stated residents have expressed their concerns about these issues.

Mayor Levy passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Gruber and left the meeting at 5:31 PM.

#### Septic Tank Financing

Commissioner Biederman stated when the state representatives were here it was discussed how everyone is facing issues with septic tanks. He stated he would like the City to get together with our bond counsel to create language for the state representatives to take to Tallahassee and prepare a bill.

#### Mayors Comments

Commissioner Biederman stated he looks forward to the Mayors comments today.

### **35. Commissioner Quintana, District 6**

Mayor Levy returned to the meeting 5:32 PM

Commissioner Anderson returned to the meeting at 5:32 PM.

#### Strategic Plan Workshop

Commissioner Quintana stated she appreciated the strategic plan workshop this morning as it was very informative, and she got a lot out of it, especially about strengthening the neighborhoods.

#### Museum in Liberia

Commissioner Quintana stated she supports the idea of a black history museum in Liberia. It is something that helps to identify a unique feature of our City. She requested Commission support to look into the idea. Mayor Levy, Commissioner Gruber, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Biederman supported it.

#### Grant Funds

Commissioner Quintana stated State Representative Marie Woodson was able to get grant funds for some of the surrounding cities for senior

programs. She was not able to obtain them for Hollywood as we do not have an established senior program.

Mayor Levy stated the City receives State funding for the senior programs at the Fred Lippman Center.

### **36. Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

#### **sStrategic Plan Workshop**

Commissioner Shuham stated she thought the strategic plan workshop this morning was productive and felt the support the City is showing to the neighborhoods.

#### **Thank You**

Commissioner Shuham thanked Ken Crawford for his suggestions as they were very helpful.

#### **Partnership For Engaged Neighborhoods Program**

Commissioner Shuham thanked Alison Saffold, Civic Affairs Administrator, for her continued work on the Partnership for Engaged Neighborhoods (PEN) program, as it needs to be brought forward to the Commission for approval.

#### **Water Treatment Plant**

Commissioner Shuham thanked Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, for his work around the Wastewater Treatment Plant and handling the complaints on the odor.

#### **Hurricane Preparedness**

Commissioner Shuham thanked Jaime Hernandez, Emergency and Governmental Affairs Manager, for his event last night on hurricanes. She stated the attendance was not as hoped, but the ones that attended learned a lot about hurricane history and storm surge risks.

#### **First Responders**

Commissioner Shuham stated on the consent agenda item # 15 was passed today that allows Public Works employees to be treated in emergency situations as first responders. She stated she would also like to see it extended to staff in the Public Utilities Department during heavy rain storms.

#### **Plane Crash**

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their quick reactions on the plane crash today adjacent to the Target parking lot. She wanted to thank those who took food and drinks to those

working on the scene.

**37. Commissioner Anderson, District 2**

Improvements in Liberia

Commissioner Anderson stated the Liberia area would like to see improvements made in the neighborhood. She requested the City Manager appoint a liaison to work with Liberia to take care of these improvements.

Liberia Anniversary

Commissioner Anderson stated the Liberia community has been meeting for the last 3 to 4 weeks at 1:00 PM every Thursday on working on the anniversary for the Liberia area.

Lion King

Commissioner Anderson stated she would like to invite everyone to come out to see the McNicol production of the Lion King that will take place tomorrow night from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Broward Performing Arts Center.

Fallen Officers Memorial

Commissioner Anderson stated she was in Washington, D.C. last week for National Police Week. She stated she attended the National Police Week, Fallen Officer's Memorial and encouraged everyone to attend these memorial events to show support.

Attucks Pool Closed

Commissioner Anderson stated the Attucks swimming pool will be closed this summer due to electrical issues. She stated she would like to see the City one day build a pool so the City does not have to rely on public school pools to teach children to swim.

Homelessness

Commissioner Anderson stated when the Jubilee Center closed it produced more homelessness in the area. She stated she would like the City to come together and find a solution as there is a large population located in Liberia. Commissioner Anderson stated she saw a documentary on tiny homes and maybe this could be a solution to the problem.

**38. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

Tiny Houses

Commissioner Callari stated the tiny houses would be a great idea;

however, no one wants to see them in their back yard. She stated the world is selfish and everyone needs to come together to resolve this issue. Commissioner Callari thanked Commissioner Anderson for bringing the topic to light.

#### Library

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support to have staff look into creating an RFP to address the 3rd and 4th floor build out of the library. Commissioner Shuham, Commissioner Biederman, Commissioner Gruber and Mayor Levy supported the idea.

#### Sunset Golf Course

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support for the Sunset Golf Course future plans and discussions to be expedited as there are many residents that are asking for updates. Mayor Levy supported the request.

#### Floods and Debris

Commissioner Callari stated during the recent flooding the areas along the Arthur Street canal and I-95 were impacted with debris. She requested staff have the area cleaned-up before hurricane season starts to limit impact to the area.

#### Septic Tanks

Commissioner Callari thanked Feng Jiang, Assistant Director of Public Utilities, and all the Utilities staff for their assistance in working with Hollywood Honda on State Road 7 with the conversion from septic tank to sewer system connection. By doing this it will lessen the impact to residents on West Park Road.

#### Centennial Celebrations

Commissioner Callari stated Liberia is coming up on their 100th year along with the Fire Department which will also celebrate their 100th year. Commissioner Callari requested for the organizers of these events to come and share their knowledge to make the City's Centennial Celebration a success.

#### Storm Water Catch Basin

Commissioner Callari stated not many attended the storm Water Master Plan meeting. She requested staff to work with residents and contractors to build a device such as a catch basin to capture the water from the streets and incorporate it into residents driveways.

#### Parking Issue

Commissioner Callari thanked the Police Department for helping the



parking situation on 35th Avenue by Memorial Regional Hospital. She stated she appreciated the sign that was placed to make the area safer.

#### Teen Center

Commissioner Callari stated she is excited about the Armory becoming a teen center. She stated this will focus on our youth to engage and educate them for future leadership.

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 5:53 PM and returned at 5:57 PM

#### Civic Associations

Commissioner Callari spoke about the City's need to move forward, that not everyone can be part of a civic association. Commissioner Callari expressed her concerns about the Partnership for Engaged Neighborhoods (PEN) program. She wants to have the opportunity for people to be involved in civic associations without restrictions. Commissioner Callari stated the goal of the Commission is to come together to find solutions to make the City a better place, regardless of personal feelings.

Mayor Levy stated everyone wants community engagement and everyone strives for additional community engagement. Some feel that civic associations are the end of community engagement, which they are not. Some feel that residents who are not part of a civic association are not heard or not engaged. Everyone wants input and to share information with all our residents as part of the bigger plan.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission regarding the involvement of civic associations and the number of participants.

### **39. Vice Mayor Gruber, District 4**

#### Civic Associations

Vice Mayor Gruber stated he has several civic associations such as Driftwood, Playland Estates and Emerald Hills in his district. He stated they are not well attended and he has found a different way of engaging with his residents such as groups on Facebook.

#### Mental Wellness

Vice Mayor Gruber stated the representative from NAMI had some cost effective information on treating mental health. He requested staff to follow up on the suggestions made.

#### Consent Item

Vice Mayor Gruber stated he wanted to give kudos to those who worked on the consent item that passed today regarding the six pumps that were purchased. He stated that this will assist with the flooding.

#### Facilities and Amenities

Vice Mayor Gruber stated public schools have many facilities and amenities such as tracks, pools, tennis courts, etc. He requested Commission support to have staff find out which schools could be accessed by residents during non-school hours for use. Commissioner Shuham, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Callari supported the idea.

#### Bulk Pickup

Vice Mayor Gruber stated a lot of residents do not know that bulk pick up is once a month. He requested staff to send out reminders, which could maybe be placed on resident's water bills, reminding them of the pickup schedule

Mayor Levy stated he would also like to see stickers placed on top of the garbage cans.

#### Affordable Housing

Vice Mayor Gruber stated that many people have jobs and cannot afford housing in South Florida as there is no affordable housing that is available to them. He stated there is a housing stock issue and we need to find a creative way for anyone to be able to live in the City that is affordable.

### **40. Mayor Levy**

#### Sister City

Mayor Levy spoke about his trip to Laayoune, Morocco who is now a Sister City. He stated the Commission will serve tea and cookies with the presentation.

#### Survivors Day

Mayor Levy stated Memorial Regional Hospital hosted a Trauma Survivor's Day where families and victims that made it out of traumatic situations were able to interact with staff who helped them and give their testimonials. He stated it really reinforced what the paramedics do to help people survive.

#### 1301 Project

Mayor Levy stated the 1301 project is continuing through a process of additional review. He stated he would like to see how the applicant has

addressed the issues that were highlighted in Dr. Jurado's letter. Mayor Levy stated he would like to see the developers plans for the sea level rise in the future as this project needs to meet the necessities of changes over the years to come.

#### Bridge Reconfiguration at Hollywood Blvd

Mayor Levy stated he would like to know what FDOT plans are for the future with the flooding areas especially on Hollywood Blvd at the bridge, and how the reconfiguraton of Hollywood Blvd can be addressed.

#### Video Presentation

Mayor Levy stated he was joined on a self-paid trip with Commissioner Callari and Commissioner Biederman that represented the City of Hollywood in Laayoune, Morocco. He stated he would like to thank the government of the Laayoune region of Morocco for the invitation and introducing them to the Moroccan culture.

Mayor Levy presented a video of the cultural trip.

#### Sister Cities Relationships

Mayor Levy stated he wants to look at re establishing relationships with all the Sister Cities. He stated he would like to see how to best make the relationships active on an annual basis. He suggested establishing an advisory board to handle the ongoing process or a non-profit be established. Mayor Levy requested Commission support to have staff research the best way for the City to use, better utilize and engage with these Sister Cities by reaching out to them for different opportunities.

Vice Mayor Gruber left the meeting at 6:45 PM and returned at 6:47 PM.

Commissioner Callari stated the City could invite Sister Cities for the Centennial Celebrations.

Commissioner Biederman suggested involving the Chamber of Commerce, maybe they can facilitate and the City can help with funding. He stated involving the Chamber would be less work for City staff.

Mayor Levy stated Hollywood has some great clubs to offer, such as the Rotary Club and the Lions Club, that could facilitate relationships with the Sister Cities.

Commissioner Shuham stated the City could have a Sister Cities page on the website.

Mayor Levy stated there could be a Sister Cities directional sign at the

beach which could be a photo opportunity.

**41. City Attorney**

Damaris Henlon, Deputy City Attorney, had no further comments.

**42. City Manager**

Thank you

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, thanked the Commission for the cookies, tea and hearing about their Sister City trip with everyone.

Equipment

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated item 10 on the consent agenda will make improvements to the fuel pier. Also, item number 14 was for the purchase of five pieces of heavy equipment, which will help with clearing debris during emergency conditions.

Disaster Assistance

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the FEMA Federal Disaster Assistance deadline to file is June 26, 2023. He stated the number to contact for assistance is 1-800-621-3362.

Commission in the Community

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the next Commission in the Community will be held next Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM. He stated the open forum will be hosted by District 3 Commissioner Callari.

Recycling Event

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the two-day household hazardous waste recycling event will be held on Friday, May 20th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at 1600 South Park Road. He stated the event will be hosted by the Department of Public Works who request residents to please bring a valid ID.

Planning Division

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated he would like to introduce Anand Balram the new Planning Manager whose first day was May 15, 2023. He reviewed Anand Balram's qualifications and welcomed him to the City.

Workshop

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, thanked everyone involved in the Strategic Plan Workshop this morning. He stated it was a positive and

productive session.

43. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

---

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

---