

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 15, 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***

***Dr. Wazir Ishmael, 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, March 16, 2023 at 1:05 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

**10A.** Recognition of Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager

Mayor Levy recognized Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, on his retirement.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, thanked the Commission and the employees for the support and recognition.

Greg Harrison, Pompano Beach City Manager, President of Broward County City Manager's Association, presented an award to Dr. Ishmael on behalf of BCCMA.

Ms. Garcia, Dania Beach City Manager, presented an award to Dr. Ishmael in recognition of his leadership and friendship.

**11.** [P-2023-016](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Frank Orilio Day, March 15, 2023.

Mayor Levy read the proclamation in recognition of Frank Orilio Day, March 15, 2023.

Frank Orilio accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Commission for the recognition.

**14.** [P-2023-019](#) Presentation By Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, Recognizing Recipients Of Hollywood Police Department Awards For The Month Of January 2023.

Assistant Chief Devlin introduced Deanna Bettineschi, Public Information Officer, who read the commendation which resulted in Lawrence Elmhorst, Latent Print Examiner, being recognized as Employee of the Month.

Deanna Bettineschi, Public Information Manager, read the commendation which resulted in Justine Browne, Crime Scene Technician, being recognized with the Chief's Special Recognition.

12. [P-2023-017](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week, March 19-25, 2023.

Vice Mayor Gruber read the proclamation in recognition of Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week, March 19-25, 2023.

Dodie Keith-Lazowick, President, Florida State Society of Surveyors and Mappers, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

13. [P-2023-018](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Women's History Month, March 2023.

Commissioner Quintana read the proclamation in recognition of Women's History Month.

Commissioner Shuham, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Callari accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Commission for the recognition.

17. [PO-2023-01](#) An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Vacating A Portion Of The Platted Alley Lying Within Block 49 Of The Plat Of "Hollywood Hills", Plat Book 6, Page 22; Providing A Severability Clause And A Repealer Provision.

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.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Frank Zinelli, Representative of Owner, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, provided additional information.

The City Clerk read the ordinance title on second and final reading.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Gruber, to adopt on second and final 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

Enactment No: O-2023-02

18. [PO-2023-02](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Ordinances Titled "Police Officer's Retirement System"; Incorporating Various Changes To The Retirement System Contained In The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Fraternal Order Of Police, Lodge #24 And The City Of Hollywood, Including Changes Relating To Definitions, Normal Retirement Benefits, And Military Service Buy Back; Further Amending Chapter 33 By Removing Outdated And Obsolete Provisions.

George Keller, Deputy City Manager, explained the intent of the ordinance.

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Andrew LaFramboise, Fraternal Order of Police

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

The City Clerk read the ordinance title on first reading.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Biederman, 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

15. [P-2023-020](#)

Presentation By Terry Cantrell, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee.

Terry Cantrell, Chair, General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee, provided a presentation on the committee's annual report.

16. [P-2023-021](#) Presentation By Jacqueline Grant, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Education Advisory Committee.

Jacqueline Grant, Chair, Education Advisory Committee, provided the annual report of The Education Advisory Committee.

6. [R-2023-067](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Broward Education Foundation, Inc. To Administer The City's Excellence In Education Grant Program In The Amount Of \$20,000.00 For Fiscal Year 2023 (Best Interest).

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Coco Bernes, Broward Education Foundation
3. Letisha Williams, Teacher McArthur High School
4. Vanessa Million, Hollywood Hills Elementary School

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

**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. [P-2023-022](#) A Presentation By John Lafferty, Kimley-Horn, To Promote Public Outreach Efforts To Help Identify Potential Community Shuttle Routes And Micro-Transit Zones Within Districts 3, 4, 5 And 6.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, explained the Community Shuttle program status and introduced John Lefferty, Kimley-Horn.

John Lefferty, Kimley-Horn, provided a presentation on the public outreach efforts to help identify potential community shuttle routes and micro-transit zones within districts 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

20. [PO-2023-03](#) An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 99 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Municipal Beach" To Prohibit The Smoking Of Filtered Cigars On The Municipal Beach.

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

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, responded to questions raised by the

public.

The City Clerk read the ordinance title on first reading.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, 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

21. [PO-2023-04](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 103 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Parks And Recreation" To Prohibit The Smoking Of Filtered Cigars In Municipal Parks And On Playgrounds.

The City Clerk read the ordinance title on first reading.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Quintana, 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

22. [P-2023-023](#)

Presentation By Larry Bornstein, Support Services Manager, Regarding The Hollywood Police Department Body-Worn Camera Program.

Larry Bornstein, Support Services Manager, Police Department, provided a presentation on the body-worn camera program.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

23. [R-2023-072](#)

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 Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. For Roadway, Drainage And Miscellaneous Construction In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,500,000.00 Based Upon Broward County's Invitation For Bid No. PNC2124420B1 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The City's Procurement Code (Piggyback).

Vice Mayor Gruber left the meeting at 3:22 PM and returned at 3:23 PM.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, explained the intent of the resolution.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

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

24. [R-2023-073](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Blanket Purchase Agreements To A Perfect Edge, Inc. and Nice & Smooth Landscape Corporation For Citywide Grounds Maintenance Services To Increase The Contract Amount From \$1,446,721.00 To \$1,965,333.00 In Accordance With Section 38.48 Of The Procurement Code (Change Order).

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

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Mayor Levy passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Gruber and left the meeting at 3:29 PM, he returned at 3:30 PM.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

Commissioner Biederman left the meeting at 3:37 PM.

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

7. [R-2023-068](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Transportation Surtax Addendum For Municipal Consultant Contracts With HBC Engineering Company For Professional Engineering Services For Planning And Preliminary Design Of The

Complete Streets - Johnson Street Project (HOLL-038) From Dixie Highway To North 30th Road, A Surtax Project, In The Amount Of \$149,995.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Biederman returned to the meeting at 3:39 PM.

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

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 3:41 PM and returned at 3:44 PM.

Jose Cortez, Director of Design and Construction Management, responded to questions raised by the public and explained items #7 and #8.

Commissioner Shuham left the meeting at 3:47 PM and returned at 3:49 PM.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, 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)**

8. [R-2023-069](#)

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 with Marlin Engineering, Inc. to Provide Professional Engineering Services for the Design of Johnson Street Local Agency Project, from North 35th Avenue to North 30th Road and From North 21st Avenue to North 14th Avenue, A Florida Department of Transportation Project FM-4455181, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$298,924.00.

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

**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)**

9. [R-2023-070](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And If Awarded, Accept Funding From The 2023 Broward County Transportation Surtax



Fund To Implement Various Capital Improvement Projects; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Program Documents Associated With The Broward County 2023 Transportation Surtax Fund Applications.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, explained the intent of the resolution.

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

10. [R-2023-071](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Expenditure Of Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds (State) Pursuant To The Federal Comprehensive Crime Control Act Of 1984, To Provide Funding For Law Enforcement Training, Law Enforcement Investigations (Inclusive Of Overtime, Confidential Informant Fees), And The Acquisition Of Law Enforcement Equipment In An Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Operating Budget (R-2022-283).

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

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Biederman, to adopt the Resolution. The motion on roll call vote carried:**

5. [R-2023-066](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Employment Agreement For Incoming City Manager George R. Keller, Jr.

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

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

**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)**

**26. Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

Smoke Shops

Commissioner Shuham stated the Commission received an email from the City Attorney regarding vape/smoke shops in the City that the Commission will receive some additional information soon. She is looking forward to hearing from the City Attorney on this issue.

Congratulations

Commissioner Shuham Congratulated George Keller, Deputy City Manager, on his promotion to City Manager.

Thank you

Commissioner Shuham thanked Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, for his service and wished him well. She thanked him for guiding her.

**27. Commissioner Anderson, District 2**

Thank you

Commissioner Anderson thanked Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, for his service and wished him well on his retirement.

Congratulations

Commissioner Anderson congratulated George Keller, Deputy City Manager, on his new position to City Manager. She stated she is happy the Commission chose him as the new City Manager.

Maintenance of Liberia

Commissioner Anderson stated District 2 in Liberia is turning 100 years old this year. She stated she would like to thank staff for their quick response on making improvements in the area.

Commissioner Anderson stated she would like to see a more consistent and holistic approach regarding the maintenance of Liberia in the future. She requested a staff working group consisting of zoning, code, building, police, parks, etc. to address various issues.

**28. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Commissioner Callari stated the St. Patrick's Day parade was a success. She thanked everyone who attended.

#### Traffic Issues

Commissioner Callari stated we have a lot of traffic issues during school hours and rush hour times. She stated avoiding those areas during the busy times when possible can ease frustrations.

#### ADA Missing

Commissioner Callari stated on 48th Avenue between Johnson Street and Hollywood Blvd the ADA access from the sidewalks are missing. She stated she would like to see this addressed.

#### St. Patrick's Day

Commissioner Callari reminded everyone that Friday is St. Patrick's Day and to wear green so you do not get pinched.

#### Skate Park Fundraiser

Commissioner Callari announced on March 26th at Stan Goldman Park there will be a Justice Skate Park fundraiser. She stated this was an amazing event last year, and it will take place this year from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

#### Pickle Ball Court

Commissioner Callari stated she visited Stan Goldman Park pickle ball court yesterday, and would like to see the project expedited. She stated the bathroom doors are hard to open, making it hard for seniors, and the walls and benches have graffiti. Commissioner Callari stated she would like to find out the status of all City projects and see about prioritizing some of them.

Mayor Levy asked staff to provide a list of projects with time lines and completion dates to the Commission.

#### Invitation to Schools

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support to reach out to the schools to have them provide a small presentation or sing the National Anthem. Commissioner Biederman and Mayor Levy supported the request.

#### Youth Ambassadors

Commissioner Callari stated the Youth Ambassadors Program has four seniors this year who have been very busy. She stated the program will take a hiatus until next year and staff will work to revamp the program.

#### Congratulations

Commissioner Callari stated today is a day to celebrate Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, on his retirement and welcomed George Keller,

Deputy City Manager, as the new City Manager.

**29. Vice Mayor Gruber, District 4**

Congratulations

Vice Mayor Gruber thanked Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, for his service and wished him well on his retirement. He stated he appreciated the knowledge Dr. Ishmael shared with everyone.

**30. Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

Sanitation Issues

Commissioner Biederman stated he was at the Boulevard Heights Civic Association meeting last night, and the issues discussed were with sanitation. The sanitation officer spoke about the QR code. Commissioner Biederman suggested different language QR codes. He stated having magnets showing the different pick up zones and to notify citizens via text message.

Party on the J

Commissioner Biederman stated he would like to see the Party on the J event return. He requested to bring the event back and to include food trucks.

Congratulations

Commissioner Biederman stated he remembered when Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, first joined the City, and it was a breath of fresh air. He thanked Dr. Ishmael for his years of service and wished him farewell. He stated the Commission made a good decision when they selected Dr. Ishmael as the City Manager.

**31. Commissioner Quintana, District 6**

Congratulations

Commissioner Quintana stated she remembers when Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, joined the City, and how involved he was. She thanked Dr. Ishmael for his service and wished him well. She congratulated George Keller, Deputy City Manager, on his promotion.

Pavement Markers

Commissioner Quintana stated she was excited to see the new pavement markers that connect the Walmart on 441. She stated she was happy with the collaboration of all the groups involved.

**Mobility**

Commissioner Quintana stated she likes the idea of getting everything we need within 20 minutes of where we live as this could help resolve transportation issues.

**Shuttle Service**

Commissioner Quintana stated the Sun Shuttle West pilot trial project starts on March 22, 2023 for the next 60 days. She stated the City website has the details and she is looking forward to hearing the residents input.

**32. Mayor Levy****Mobility**

Mayor Levy stated he likes the idea of a 20 minute as this is something all should strive for, and the suburban sprawl cannot be undone. He stated the City should have a more connected City with better mobility for the residents.

**Congratulations**

Mayor Levy recollected the progress and success of Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, and thanked him for his service to the City and wished him well. He stated that not many patrons hold the key to the City, however, he feels Dr. Ishmael is well deserving of his key.

**33. City Attorney**

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, had no further comments.

**25. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

Mayor Levy passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Gruber and left the meeting at 5:01 PM, he returned at 5:03 PM.

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Steve Naron, 1201 S Ocean Drive
3. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street
4. Julie Greenfield, 4226 N Ocean Drive
5. Elliott Rimon, 2105 Fletcher Street
6. Shibhan McLaughin, 1409 Rodman Street
7. Andrea McCarthy, 1201 S Ocean Drive
8. Jacqueline Grant, 4313 Johnson Street

- 9. Sallie Riven, 4245 S 28th Avenue
- 10. Catherine Uden, 1120 Lyontree Street

**34. City Manager**

Farewell

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated how appreciative he is and it was a privilege to serve and work for the City. He stated he has told many stories over the years and has led a charmed life with the connections he made here in the City of Hollywood.

Development Services

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, introduced Shiv Newaldess, Director of Development Services, who will give a presentation on the reorganization of Development Services.

Shiv Newaldess, Director of Development Services, provided a presentation on an improvement process for development services.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 5:39 PM.

35. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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