

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

1:00 PM

Commission Chambers Room 219

Regular City Commission Meeting

CITY COMMISSION

Josh Levy, Mayor

Idelma Quintana, Vice Mayor - District 6

Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1

Peter D. Hernandez, Commissioner - District 2

Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3

Adam Gruber, Commissioner - District 4

Kevin Biederman, Commissioner - District 5

George R. Keller, Jr., CPPT, City Manager

Damaris Henlon, Interim 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 21, 2025 at 1:08 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 Peter Hernandez,
Commissioner Traci Callari, Commissioner Adam Gruber,
Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman and Mayor Josh Levy
Absent: Vice Mayor Idelma Quintana

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

5. [R-2025-140](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Number And Type Of Authorized Positions And Adjusting The Assignments Of The Authorized Positions For Each Department For Fiscal Year 2025 As Previously Established By R-2024-319.
ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.
6. [R-2025-141](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2024-317.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

7. [R-2025-142](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing Payment Of Attorneys' Fees To Fox Rothschild, In An Additional Amount Up To \$25,000.00 For Fiscal Year 2025, Bringing The Total Amount Authorized For Fiscal Year 2025 To \$125,000.00.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

8. [R-2025-143](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The City Of Hollywood 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

9. [R-2025-144](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The First Amendment To The Contract For Consulting/Professional Services With RMGA, Inc., D/B/A Richard Mandell Golf Architecture, Inc., To Extend The Termination Date And For Additional Design Services To Incorporate Stormwater Master Plan Revisions To The Hollywood Beach Golf Course & Clubhouse Project, A General Obligation Bond Project, In An Amount Up To \$4,350.00.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

11. [R-2025-146](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement Between The City Of Hollywood And The Florida Department Of Transportation Affirming The City's Intent To Fund All Design, Installation And Maintenance Costs Associated With The Public Art Utility Wrap Project.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

12. [R-2025-147](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A City/County Right-Of-Way Dedication To Broward County Located At 906 North Dixie Highway, Hollywood, Florida 33020 Related To The Dowdy Community Center Renovation Project.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

13. [R-2025-148](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With The Highest Ranked Firm, Alfred Benesch And Company, To Complete A Non-Utility Development Impact Fee Study In The Amount Of \$176,010.00.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

14. [R-2025-149](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Final Ranking For Financial Advisory Services; And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate A Contract With The Highest Ranked Firm, PFM Financial Advisors LLC.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

15. [R-2025-150](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Renew The Blanket Purchase Agreement With The Kemp Group, LLC For School Crossing Guard Services In An Amount Up To \$720,000.00 From August 11, 2025, To August 10, 2026.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

16. [R-2025-151](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number ARC 25-05 With Arcadis U.S., Inc. To Provide Professional Engineering Services Related To The Design, Permitting, And Bidding For The Conversion Of The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection System From Chlorine Gas To Sodium Hypochlorite In An Amount Up To \$494,305.00.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

17. [R-2025-152](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number TTH 25-03 With Tetra Tech, Inc. To Provide Professional Engineering Services For The Design, Permitting, And Bidding Of A Water Main Replacement Project In The Area Bounded By Buchanan And Fillmore Streets And North 72nd Avenue And North 70th Way In An Amount Up To \$193,700.00.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

18. [R-2025-153](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number TTH 25-02 With Tetra Tech, Inc. To Provide Professional Engineering Consulting Services For The Floodplain Management Plan Update In An Amount Up To \$400,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Plan.

ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

19. [R-2025-154](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Second Renewal Of Blanket Purchase Agreement PA600686 With Airgas USA, LLC For The Supply And Delivery Of Liquid Oxygen In An Annual Amount Up To \$498,000.00 For The Period From June 1, 2025, To May 31, 2026.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.
20. [R-2025-155](#) 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 Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. For Design Of Stormwater Improvements In An Amount Up To \$99,807.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.
21. [R-2025-156](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Change Order To Blanket Purchase Agreement PA600420 With Genuine Parts Company D/B/A Napa Auto Parts And Supplies For Aftermarket Parts And Supplies To Increase The Annual Contract Amount From \$500,000.00 To \$650,000.00 And Renew The Blanket Purchase Agreement For A One-Year Period.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.
22. [R-2025-157](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Everglades Painting Contractors LLC For The Garfield Garage Painting Project In An Annual Amount Up To \$302,918.20 Based Upon Painting Services/#23-05-16-3 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code. (Piggyback)
- ACTION:** George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, withdrew the item from the agenda.

- 23.** [P-2025-043](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2025.
- Commissioner Callari read the proclamation in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2025.
- Marilyn Lieberman and Alina Avila Ko, Advocacy Group; Dr. Renaud Jean-Louis, Remart Medical Clinic; Jeffery Devlin, Police Chief; Dr. Brian Mangan, President of Law Enforcement Psychological and Counseling Associates, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
- 25.** [P-2025-045](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of The 8th Grade Students Of The Brauser Maimonides Academy.
- Commissioner Gruber read the proclamation in recognition of the 8th grade students of the Brauser Maimonides Academy.
- Avie Frier, 8th Grade student of Brauser Maimonides Academy, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
- 24.** [P-2025-044](#) A Proclamation In Recognition of National Public Works Week, May 18 - 24, 2025.
- Commissioner Biederman read the proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2025.
- Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
- 24A.** [P-2025-050](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Building Safety Month - May 2025.
- Commissioner Hernandez read the proclamation in recognition of Building Safety Month, May 2025.
- Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, introduced the staff of the Building Division.
- Russell Long, Chief Building Official, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
- 26.** [P-2025-046](#) Presentation By Alyssa Chuck, Human Resources Administrator For Learning & Development, Of The Diamond Service Award Nominees, The Team Diamond Award And The Individual Diamond Service Award Recipient By The Diamond Service Award Selection Committee.

Alyssa Chuck, Human Resources Administrator for Learning & Development, gave a presentation on the Diamond Service Award Nominees, the Team Diamond award to the Community Development Division, and the individual Diamond Service award to Felisa Yarns, Senior Human Resource Analyst.

Ryon Coote, Community Development Manager, accepted the Team Diamond Award and thanked the Commission on behalf of the division.

Felisa Yarns, Senior Human Resource Analyst, accepted the Diamond Service Award and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

27. [P-2025-047](#) Presentation By Diana Pittarelli, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Planning & Development Board.

Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, recognized members of the Technical Advisory Board.

Diana Pittarelli, Chair, Planning and Development Board, provided the annual report for the Planning and Development Board.

10. [R-2025-145](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Purchase Order With Vortex USA Inc., For Installation Of The New Splash Pad At Mara Berman Giulianti Park, In An Amount Up To \$453,841.24, Based Upon The NPPGov And The League Of Oregon Cities Contract Ps-21115-NPP, In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code. (Piggyback)

Discussion ensued among and members of the Commission.

Jose Cortez, Director of Design and Construction Management, provided a presentation on the item.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

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

28. [R-2025-158](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Contract With Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc., For

Construction Services Related To Citywide Stormwater Improvements In An Amount Up To \$1,000,000.00; And Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number CTA 25-03 With Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc. In An Amount Up To \$250,000.00 For As Needed Design And Construction Administration Support Services For This Project; Amending The Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

29. [R-2025-159](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With The Florida Power & Light Company For Underground Distribution Facilities For The Pump Station For Injection Wells No. 3 And No. 4 In An Amount Up To \$1,209,058.30.

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

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 6-0. Vice Mayor Quintana was absent.

34. **Vice Mayor Quintana, District 6**

Vice Mayor Quintana was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Beiderman left the meeting at 2:32 PM.

35. **Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

Thank you

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Department of Parks, Recreation

and Cultural Arts for the portfolio she received.

Meeting

Commissioner Shuham stated it was a great meeting today.

Traffic Mobility Plans

Commissioner Shuham gave recognition to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the mobility plans and the plans for pumps along A1A that are being installed for the next few years. She stated the north beach pump area is a very lengthy detour and would like staff to look into this and suggested maximizing the use of Surf Road for the detour.

Commissioner Biederman returned to the meeting at 2:34 PM.

Development Process

Commissioner Shuham stated there was an amendment to a Senate Bill that restricts changes to our development process. She requested Andria Wingett, Director of Development Services, review what the City had passed on first reading regarding changes to the City process and review in a new light in case the Bill should pass. Commissioner Shuham stated what the City is trying to do and may not be able to do and it is something we need to be looking at in conjunction with the new legislation.

Commissioner Gruber left the meeting at 2:34 PM.

Solid Waste Draft Plan

Commissioner Shuham stated she attended the Solid Waste Authorities meeting and explained the draft Master Plan is uploaded on the website and will be reviewed by staff. She stated it does not recommend any new energy to waste facilities but may create more landfills over the years. Commissioner Shuham stated each city will take a look at it and submit their comments to the board. She announced there will be several public outreach meetings being held on June 10th, 11th, 16th and 17th. Commissioner Shuham stated on June 11th the meeting would be held at the Broward Performing Arts Center and the Broward League of Cities would be participating and invited all elected officials to attend and learn more about the draft plan.

Artificial Reefs

Commissioner Shuham stated she will not be attending the deployment of the artificial reefs as she will be at the State of the Regions Annual Awards for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Commissioner Gruber returned to the meeting at 2:36 PM.

Charging Stations

Commissioner Shuham stated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as well as the City is looking at the impact from the Federal Level that Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations are having across the region and the negative impact coming out of Washington, DC.

Climate Implementation Workshop

Commissioner Shuham announced Climate Compact Implementation Workshop: on Advanced Private Property Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Sustainability would be held virtually on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. She stated the Director of Public Works will have all the information.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Groups

Commissioner Shuham stated she is the chair for two related groups for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She stated one group is Metro Transportation and Construction Cooperative (METECC) Board, and the other group is the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantage Board. Commissioner Shuham stated a meeting was held on Monday and she is pleased to announce the board's grant audit came back with a zero exception.

Thank you

Commissioner Shuham thanked Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, for fixing the lights on the north side A1A. She requested the Director of Public Works make other agencies aware of the lights on the south end which need to be fixed that may not be part of the City.

Garfield Garage

Commissioner Shuham stated she was disappointed to see the Garfield Garage removed from today's agenda but looks forward to it being on the next agenda. She stated she was happy to see the Hollywood bridge getting painted.

33. Commissioner Biederman, District 5

Microsoft Pop Up

Commissioner Biederman stated the Police Department wants to remind the community if Microsoft pops up on your computer providing a telephone number to call and requesting information to be aware that it is a scam. He stated residents should not trust such pop-ups, as they are fraudulent.

Memorial Day Concert

Commissioner Biederman announced a Memorial Day weekend concert featuring the band Viva at the Boulevard Heights Amphitheater on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 7:30 PM. He stated the event will offer free parking and food for sale.

Kiwanis Club

Commissioner Biederman announced the Kiwanis Club of Hollywood will be having their 100th Year Gala celebration on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Tropical Acres Steakhouse.

Thank you

Commissioner Biederman thanked the Department of Public Works staff for making sure the amphitheater at Boulevard Heights was clean and ready for the previous concert. He stated he is sure they will do the same for the upcoming concert.

36. Commissioner Hernandez, District 2

Henry Graham Park

Commissioner Hernandez stated the splash pads at Henry Graham Park have not been working and when he spoke to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts staff they stated staff would work on fixing the issue.

Poinciana Dog Park

Commissioner Hernandez stated there is a need for restrooms and other attention at Poinciana Dog Park. He stated it is a park that has activity for dogs and kids but has no restrooms. Commissioner Hernandez requested Commission support to have Park Impact Fees be allocated to make needed improvements.

Mayor Levy, Commissioner Gruber, Commissioner Biederman, Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Callari supported the request.

37. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Dixie Highway Corridor

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support for staff to look into beautification and placing sidewalks along Florida East Coast (FEC) railway corridor on Dixie Highway. She stated a lot of money has been put into the Downtown area and the railroad area should be accessible and walkable.

Commissioner Hernandez left the meeting at 2:44 PM.

Mayor Levy was in support and requested an update from staff working with FEC and Brightline with the safer grant and security installation of the General Obligation Bond (GOB) landscaping. He stated Broward County is dedicating funding for bike lanes and multi-use paths along Dixie Highway from Sheridan Street to Pembroke Road.

Commissioner Callari stated discussions about Dixie Highway have been ongoing for twelve years and that the area is currently an eyesore. She pointed out available funding in Capital Improvement Projects should be prioritized and noted the successful beautification of the FEC corridor in West Palm Beach and the City of Aventura.

Commissioner Gruber stated he viewed the poor condition of the railroad today and suggested staff reach out to neighboring cities for insights on their approaches.

Commissioner Callari stated she was frustrated over the lack of visible progress despite extensive discussions.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated key projects are underway, including fencing, landscaping and cut-outs for public art displays, but acknowledged that physical work has not yet started. He stated the project is past the funding and design phases, with work expected to begin soon. He stated he would be happy to bring a package that shows everything that is happening however nothing is in the ground.

Commissioner Hernandez returned to the meeting at 2:48 PM.

Commissioner Callari requested an update from staff on actions beyond fencing, reiterating her desire for the area to be beautified.

Hollywood Library Branch

Commissioner Callari stated she was approached regarding the Hollywood Library branch still being closed. She requested Commission support for a mobile library or a stand up library in any of our local locations such as the Armory or one of our conference rooms for our students to have access to books this summer. Commissioner Callari stated the City of Hallandale's Library branch is still closed due to renovations and the Stirling Road Library branch would be the closest alternative, but residents cannot get there.

Commissioner Hernandez supported the idea and stated Broward County has a mobile library.

Mayor Levy stated the Armory is a great idea and computers and racks of books could be taken to the available meeting space.

Commissioner Shuham supported the idea and stated the kids summer reading program is affected and needs space for that especially.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated staff would follow up and inform the Commission the Hollywood Library branch may not be opened until the end of the year.

Commissioner Gruber stated maybe offer service to the Stirling Road Library branch with the Hollywood Sun Shuttle, if possible.

Sober Homes

Commissioner Callari stated be aware of the Sober Homes issue as there is another one on Fillmore Street and she stated there are limitations to what the City can be done.

Hotspots

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support for obtaining overall ownership of land in hotspots with storm water drainage and creating pocket parks in these areas.

Mayor Levy stated there was previous support for the idea and requested the City Manager's office provide an update.

Anne Kolb Parking Lot

Commissioner Callari stated with the approach of the 4th of July holiday she would like to see if the City can expedite getting in touch with Broward County to utilize the Anne Kolb parking lot for traffic mitigation during the 4th of July. Commissioner Hernandez and Mayor Levy supported the idea.

Sidewalks on Taft Street

Commissioner Callari stated FDOT construction has begun on Taft Street between 441 to N 46th Avenue. She stated there are now large pedestrian sidewalks and would like to see if beautification can be provided to the area. Mayor Levy and Commissioner Hernandez supported the idea.

Justice Skate Park

Commissioner Callari stated the work on Justice Skate Park is moving forward and it is amazing.

Chuck Vollman Park Pavilion

Commissioner Callari stated Chuck Vollman Park Historic Preservation Pavilion work has started moving forward.

Rotary Park

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support for staff to look into having astro turf installed on the softball fields at Rotary Park. She stated it could be a benefit not only to the park but also for stormwater. Mayor Levy and Commissioner Hernandez supported the request.

38. Commissioner Gruber, District 4

Crosswalk

Commissioner Gruber stated the traffic light at the crosswalk on 77th and Hope Street is not visible due to the trees being so low and cars are unable to see the traffic light which is causing drivers to run red lights. He stated Police NTL was made aware of the issue and will have it checked out. Commissioner Gruber suggested that the oak trees be trimmed higher to give more visibility for the traffic light and markings added to the road advising of a traffic light coming up.

Richard Blattner Mindfulness Park

Commissioner Gruber stated former Commissioner Blatner reached out to him regarding Richard Blattner Mindfulness Park. He stated he would like to get an update on the permits that are being pulled for the pavilion, so the park can open.

Solar Lights

Commissioner Gruber thanked Chris O'Brian, Director of Public Safety, and Department of Public Works staff for their quick action on getting a sample solar light installed on Keyser Avenue south of North Hills Drive. Commissioner Gruber stated he drove by the park and saw three residents taking photos of the new light installed and expressed how happy everyone is now that they are able to walk the area at night.

39. Mayor Levy

Sand Bi-Pass

Mayor Levy stated the dislodging of the regulatory delay of sand bi-pass project was a good thing. He stated when he met with Dr. Jennifer Jurado, she mentioned to him her efforts in pushing to overlook the permit and get it moving. Mayor Levy announced the sand bi-pass project is moving forward and would be good for future beach renourishment.

Traffic Calming

Mayor Levy stated his excitement for the traffic calming project coming out of the General Obligation Bond (GOB) is now permitted by Broward County and will soon be under construction citywide. He requested the Director of Design and Construction Management get with the City's social media team to market all things coming from the department.

Turnpike

Mayor Levy announced Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the Turnpike Stirling Road entrance and exit proposal. He stated the City team will share more information of the meeting coming up in a few weeks.

Salute Concert

Mayor Levy stated he hopes to see everyone attend the Memorial Day Salute Concert event at the Boulevard Heights Amphitheater on Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Teacher of the Year Awards

Mayor Levy explained he attended the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year awards recognizing all the teachers. He stated the speaker spoke on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it will transform teaching.

Community Enhancement Collaboration (CEC)

Mayor Levy explained he had an opportunity to meet with Community Enhancement Collaboration (CEC) senior program to learn about nutrition and activities and had an opportunity to ask what kind of activities they wanted in the afternoon. They requested bingo, book club, games, movies in the afternoons, dominos, and crafts. Transportation was an issue for some, and the best way to get in touch with them is via email. He stated creating a senior email list, shuttle services and shuttle to YMCA. He suggested consolidating senior activities on the City's website to get the word out.

37. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Board Applications

Commissioner Callari stated the Planning & Development Board is at a critical time right now as far as knowledge, ability to move the City forward, smart growth and educating. She wanted to discuss the term limits, reappointment of members and keeping the needed value on the board, to continue the trajectory path the City is on. She stated she wants to preserve the growth the City is on in a smart way.

Commissioner Hernandez stated he is not in favor of changing the process for term limits.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, stated next Wednesday, May 28, 2025, is a Special Commission meeting for board appointments in which the vacancies will be discussed. He explained the appointment of like-minded residents by the Commission is important.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission regarding having interviews of board applicants, either at a Commission meeting or individual meetings, and the issue of terms limits. The Commission needs to review the applications and reach out the person to attend the Commission meeting for appointment. The Commission will address any changes in the future if needed.

40. City Attorney

Executive Session

Damaris Henlon, Interim City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on June 26, 2025, at 9:30 AM regarding Daniela vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, Interim City Attorney, and Chief Litigation Counsel, Julian Geraci.

41. City Manager

SPARK Tank Pitch Competition

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the SPARK Tank Pitch Competition, on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at The Hub Studios, 3069 Taft Street.

Memorial Day

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the Memorial Day holiday will be observed on Monday. He requested everyone to please take a moment during your holiday weekend to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice while in military service for our country.

Senior Management Retreat

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced a Senior Management Retreat next Thursday, May 29, 2025, to discuss future work and operations.

Commissioner Hernandez left the meeting at 3:27 PM and returned at 3:28 PM.

Retirement Fund Board

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the recent Employees' Retirement Fund Pension Board meetings report was given and the board's annual report. The funding level is at 71%, which was achieved over the last several years. There was discussion on the compensation of the board and other items which will come before the Commission.

Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 3:30 PM and returned to the meeting at 3:33 PM.

2025 Hurricane Season Updated

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated Jamie Hernandez, Emergency Coordinator, and Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, will provide the 2025 Hurricane Season Update. He announced Jamie Hernandez, Emergency Coordinator, is leaving the City for another opportunity in the City of Homestead.

Jaime Hernandez, Emergency Coordinator, gave a presentation on the update of the 2025 Hurricane Season.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission regarding hurricane procedures.

Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, provided an update regarding storm water preparedness.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission regarding the pumps and catch basins during a storm.

Commissioner Gruber left the meeting at 4:17 PM.

31. [P-2025-049](#) Presentation By Valorie Weldon, Vice Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Education Advisory Committee.

Tymira Mack, Staff Liaison, gave a presentation regarding the Annual Report for the Education Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Gruber returned to the meeting at 4:19 PM.

30. [P-2025-048](#) Presentation By Commissioner Callari To Say Farewell To The Senior Members And To Award Them With A Scholarship Check For Their Participation In The Hollywood Youth Ambassador Program.

Commissioner Callari gave a presentation about the Youth Ambassador events throughout the year and thanked the senior members for their participation.

Commissioner Callari presented Aaliyah Abdalbaki, Deven Sessarego and Gerard Brown with a scholarship check for their involvement in the group.

The Commission recessed at 4:43 PM and reconvened at 5:01 PM with Vice Mayor Quintana absent.

32. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Cat Uden, 1120 Lyontree Street
3. Daniel McMurtle, 1700 W 56th Avenue
4. Richard Barcel, 1501 S Ocean Drive
5. Helen Chervin, 2470 Adams Street
6. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street

42. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
