

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

1:00 PM

Commission Chambers Room 219

Regular City Commission Meeting

CITY COMMISSION

Josh Levy, Mayor

Linda Sherwood, Vice Mayor - District 6

Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1

Linda Hill Anderson, Commissioner - District 2

Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3

Adam Gruber, Commissioner - District 4

Kevin Biederman, Commissioner - District 5

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, February 17, 2021 at 1:09 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, 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, Commissioner Adam Gruber, Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman, Vice Mayor Linda Sherwood and Mayor Josh Levy

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Callari, seconded by Vice Mayor Sherwood, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

5. [R-2021-032](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A First Amendment To The Lease Agreement With Barry University Extending The Term Of The Lease Agreement For An Additional Seven Months.

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

6. [R-2021-033](#) 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 Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc. For Professional Engineering Services, To Assist With The Dixie Highway Corridor Public Engagement Efforts From Sheridan Street to Pembroke Road In An Amount Not To Exceed \$21,158.75.

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

7. [R-2021-034](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Second Amendment To And Restatement Of The Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement Among Broward County, The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization And Various Municipalities.

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

8. [R-2021-035](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement Floodplain Management Performance Measures For Compliance With The National Flood Insurance Program.

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

9. [R-2021-036](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Arcadis U.S., Inc., To Provide Professional Engineering Services Related To Updating The Water Master Plan For Phase 1, In The Amount Of \$728,745.00.

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

10. [P-2021-06](#)

A Proclamation In Recognition of Andrew DeGraffendreidt, III.

Mayor Levy read the proclamation in recognition of Andrew DeGraffendreidt, III.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, accepted the proclamation on behalf of Mr. DeGraffendreidt's family.

11. [PO-2021-01](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Dissolving The City Of Hollywood Central Residential Neighborhood Improvement District No. 1.

The Mayor announced the ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened; there

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

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt on second and final reading the Ordinance. The motion on roll call vote carried:

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Callari
Commissioner Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Vice Mayor Sherwood
Mayor Levy

Enactment No: O-2021-02

12. [PO-2021-02](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Dissolving The City Of Hollywood 441 Corridor Business Neighborhood Improvement District No. 2.

The Mayor announced the ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened; there being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham, to adopt on second and final reading the Ordinance. The motion on roll call vote carried:

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Callari
Commissioner Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Vice Mayor Sherwood
Mayor Levy

Enactment No: O-2021-03

15. [R-2021-038](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Considering A Request For An Amendment To The Design And Site Plan (Previously Approved By Resolution R-2016-282) For The

Development Known As Young Circle Commons (Great Southern - Block 40). (02-DPVY-160c)

Commissioner Biederman stated he has a conflict of interest due to his business having submitted a proposal for this proposed development and left the meeting at 1:20 PM.

The City Attorney explained waiving the quasi-judicial procedures and Mayor Levy questioned if there were any objections to waiving them. There were no objections, and the quasi-judicial procedures were waived.

Alexandra Guerrero, Principal Planner, provided a presentation on the proposed project.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Sherwood, which was seconded by Commissioner Gruber, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Biederman declared a voting conflict.

16. [R-2021-039](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Appointing A City Commissioner As A Representative To The Solid Waste Memorandum Of Understanding Working Group.

Commissioner Biederman returned to the meeting at 1:28 PM.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Pete Bieniek, Director of Public Works, provided information on the current County waste issue.

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

13. [R-2021-037](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Considering A Request For An Appeal Of The Termination Of Privilege To Sell, Offer For Sale Or Deliver Or Permit To Be Consumed On The Premises Any Liquor, Beer Or Wine Beyond 12 Midnight On Any Day Of The Week At Amsterdam Bar And Restaurant, Pursuant To Section 113.25 Of The City Of Hollywood Code Of Ordinances.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, reviewed the standards on which the Commission will analyze the appeal.

Alan Gabriel, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, special counsel for the Police Chief, reviewed the issues.

Commissioner Biederman left the meeting at 1:35 PM and returned at 1:39 PM.

Jason Zeidell, Police Sergeant, provided evidence on the termination of privilege to sell, offer for sale or deliver or permit to be consumed on the premises any liquor, beer or wine beyond 12 midnight.

Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Jason Zeidell, Police Sergeant, provided additional video evidence.

Alan Gabriel, Special Counsel, asked the Commission to uphold the termination.

The Commission asked questions of staff.

Joshua Rydell, Attorney for Amsterdam Bar, provided a presentation on the defense of Amsterdam Bar.

Joseph Lopez, 2020 N 46th Avenue, Security Advisor to Amsterdam Bar, provided a presentation on the defense of Amsterdam Bar in particular to their security.

Extensive discussion ensued among Joshua Rydell, Joseph Lopez and members of the Commission.

Mayor Levy left the meeting at 2:39 PM and returned at 2:40 PM.

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

17. [R-2021-040](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Sixth Amendment To The Home Agreement With Hope South Florida, Inc. To Extend The Term Of The Agreement To Continue To Provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance And Expand The Eligible Participant Base To Include Persons Financially Impacted By The COVID-19 Health

Emergency And Increase The Total Funding For Program Years 2020-2021 And 2021-2022 From \$815,896.00 To \$1,123,682.24.

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

18. [R-2021-041](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. To Provide Professional Engineering Services Related To The Wastewater Master Plan For Phase I In The Lump Sum Amount Of \$1,490,619.00.

Vivek Galav, Director of Public Utilities, explained the intent of the resolution.

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

19. [P-2021-07](#)

A Presentation By Shiv Newaldass, Director Of Development Services, To The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, On The Redevelopment Proposal For The City-Owned Property Located At 400 Entrada Drive Received Under Florida State Statute 255.065 Governing Public-Private Partnerships.

Shiv Newaldass, Director of Development Services, provided a presentation on the unsolicited redevelopment proposal for Orangebrook Golf Course.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, provided additional information.

Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Commissioner Beiderman left the meeting at 4:11 PM and returned at 4:14 PM.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

21. Commissioner Biederman, District 5**Barry University**

Commissioner Biederman stated he did not pull Item #5 regarding the Barry University lease renewal off the consent agenda but he was not thrilled that Barry University has been paying such low rent for years, and now they want seven more months, without offering any CPI.

Nevada Street Garage

Commissioner Biederman stated there is still no parking inventory counter at the Nevada Street Garage. He stated he spoke with Hal King, Parking Administrator, who does not have funding in the budget for it. Commissioner Biederman suggested using CRA funds to purchase the counting system, because it is an enhancement to the beach experience.

Vice Mayor Sherwood supported the request. Mayor Levy stated that the City needs to take a look at the fiscal cost and have a conversation with the CRA so that they are aware of the issue.

Commissioner Shuham stated the purchase was supposed to be covered by the Parking Division based on prior conversations, this was not a cost for the CRA due to the fact that it was expressly excluded from the design of the building.

22. Vice Mayor Sherwood, District 6**441 and the New 441 Linear Park**

Vice Mayor Sherwood stated that residents have complimented the City on the landscaping along 441 and the new 441 Linear Park.

Playgrounds

Vice Mayor Sherwood stated that next week, February 23rd and February 25th, there will be a virtual meeting regarding playground equipment for the new 441 Linear Park and Zinkel Park.

Hollywood Gardens West

Vice Mayor Sherwood stated that she drove the streets of Hollywood Gardens West and wants to know what the City is going to do about the hard junk on the empty lots. Vice Mayor Sherwood requested that staff look into having the junk cleaned up.

COVID Vaccine in Hillcrest and Beverly Hills

Vice Mayor Sherwood thanked Representative Marie Woodson and Jaime Hernandez, Emergency Management Coordinator, for their help in

trying to get the COVID vaccine in Hillcrest and Beverly Hills.

Bars & Clubs

Vice Mayor Sherwood stated that after listening to the Amsterdam Bar item, she is requesting that the Police keep a close eye on the other establishments to enforce masks and social distancing.

Advisory Board Vacancies

Vice Mayor Sherwood stated that she knows there are vacancies on the various City advisory boards. However, residents are requesting a new Immigrant Advisory Board.

23. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Nevada Street Garage

Commissioner Shuham stated the CRA has a very limited amount of time left in existence and a limited amount of funds to work with. If the City continues to dip into these funds, in the long run the City is going to pay a serious price. The Nevada Street Garage parking counter was excluded from the scope of work with everyone in agreement and the fees from the garage go to the City's Parking Division. Commissioner Shuham stated the City needs to stop sabotaging the work of the CRA and stop changing previous CRA decisions.

Vice Mayor Sherwood left the meeting at 4:37 PM.

Buckets on the Beach

Commissioner Shuham gave two shout-outs to Pete Bienek, Director of Public Works, and Elaine Franklin, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, for the Buckets on the Beach Program. Currently, there are two bucket stations so far.

Pete Bienek, Director of Public Works, stated staff is continuing to work on this program and looking to expand it.

Water Supply

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Department of Public Utilities for ensuring the City's water supply is secure.

Assessment of Historic Buildings

Commissioner Shuham stated that a few months ago, she had requested staff to do an assessment of buildings over 50 years old, which proved to be expensive. Subsequently, a resident suggested the City make this a requirement of the Historic Preservation Board, that no property over 50 years old could be demolished without going to the Historic Preservation

Board first. Commissioner Shuham requested support for staff to look into this.

Mayor Levy stated he was opposed to the idea of the Historic Preservation Board being an arbiter on demolition of historic buildings.

Commissioner Biederman and Commissioner Anderson supported 75 years, instead of 50 years.

Buildings Falling Down

Commissioner Shuham stated there are buildings falling down, specifically at 938 Johnson Street and 1625 Hollywood Boulevard. Commissioner Shuham requested that staff look into these buildings as they are very dangerous. The neighbors keep asking what the City is doing, as the City is not making any progress.

Roundabouts on Johnson Street

Commissioner Shuham stated the roundabouts on Johnson Street at 15th Avenue and 16th Avenue are very beaten up. She explained that Pete Bienek, Director of Public Works, has done some intermediate work to spare a lot of maintenance, but she requested staff work on a long term plan for better maintenance and aesthetics.

Pickle Ball Court

Commissioner Shuham thanked Rick Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts, for looking into several requests to convert underused tennis courts into pickle ball courts.

Manatee Protection Program

Commissioner Shuham gave a shout-out to the Broward Manatee Protection Program for sending the City plastic free items to promote not using plastics.

24. Commissioner Anderson, District 2

2015 Jackson Street

Commissioner Anderson stated that she is completely against taking down the house at 2015 Jackson Street and building a three-story apartment building between two one-story houses. Commissioner Anderson stated residents have called her with their displeasure, and requested staff look into these plans before they are approved.

Vice Mayor Sherwood returned to the meeting at 4:46 PM.

Tyler Street and Harrison Street

Commissioner Anderson gave a shout-out to the various businesses and residents that she visited on Tyler Street and Harrison Street.

Clean up in Liberia

Commissioner Anderson reminded everyone that there will be a clean-up in Liberia on Saturday, February 20, 2021 beginning at 9:00 AM.

25. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Code Concerns

Commissioner Callari stated she has received complaints about the alley ways. The City needs to have better coordination with the residents on the re-paving of these alley ways as it is causing a lot of disruption.

Traffic Concerns

Commissioner Callari stated she received a lengthy letter from Mr. Welch regarding the traffic on Fillmore Street between 24th Avenue and 26th Avenue. Commissioner Callari stated she wanted to let him know that the police are looking into the matter.

House on 26th Avenue

Commissioner Callari thanked Code Enforcement for addressing the issue of the house on 26th Avenue, which is in disrepair.

Cemented Swales on McKinley Street

Commissioner Callari stated that the City is working on the cemented swales on McKinley Street and 31st Avenue. There have been bumps in the road, but we will get through it.

Youth Ambassador Program

Commissioner Callari spoke about the Youth Ambassador Program. Commissioner Callari showed a video about the program, which showed the students that have been assigned to members of the Commission.

26. Commissioner Gruber, District 4

Mara Giuliani Park Playground

Commissioner Gruber thanked Rick Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts, for looking at Mara Giuliani Park Playground. Commissioner Gruber stated that the playground equipment is worn out and needs replacing, updating and improvements.

Speeding

Commissioner Gruber thanked the Police Department for their hard work addressing speeding. Residents have been complaining about speeding

and are thankful for the speed trailer because it has made a difference.

46th Avenue Wall

Commissioner Gruber stated on 46th Avenue there is a concrete wall from North Hills to Stirling Road that is a collapsing and in bad condition. This wall is on the GO Bond list to be replaced but something needs to be done sooner.

Mayor Levy asked staff to please check out this wall and consider placing a clusia hedge which will probably grow and buffer the look of the wall, as a possible interim idea. Commissioner Callari supported this idea.

27. Mayor Levy

Self Driving Car Technology

Mayor Levy stated that he wants to see smart system technology fitted into the downtown area as part of the street scape design for future infrastructure needs.

Carriage Hills Community

Mayor Levy thanked the Carriage Hills Community and everyone that participated for hosting and completing their second round of COVID shots.

Vaccination Site

Mayor Levy thanked Broward County Mayor Geller for his commitment for both Cities of Pompano and Hollywood to be next in line for the County Department of Health vaccination sites, recognizing that northeast Broward and southeast Broward are lacking in accessible sites.

COVID

Mayor Levy stated that Representative Marie Woodson brought to his attention an idea which other jurisdictions are considering once COVID-19 is done, that the City put up a memorial for all the victims that have passed. Mayor Levy stated he has discussed this with the City Manager and he also agrees this is a great idea. Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Biederman and Commissioner Shuman supported this idea.

Pro Foot Volley Tour

Mayor Levy stated the Pro Foot Volley Tour has been a great attraction for the City and since the tour has changed with COVID there will be no sponsorship, media plan or police necessary. Therefore, the Pro Foot Volley Tour is asking for a waiver of park rental fees. Mayor Levy

believes this is a great opportunity for the City and wants the staff to look into this.

28. City Attorney

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), a virtual executive session would be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 4:00 PM regarding Rubin Ortiz vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief Litigation Counsel John Wien.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), a virtual executive session would be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 4:30 PM regarding Jose Vasquez vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Assistant City Attorney Kendra Breeden.

29. City Manager

Vacation Rental License

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that in order to assist with the vacation rental regulations, the City will be hosting two virtual question and answer sessions via the Webex platform on Tuesday, February 23rd from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and another from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Anyone who has vacation rentals is encouraged to attend.

P3 on the Beach

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that there were a lot of comments on the P3 on the Beach item. The Selection Committee for the Beach Cultural and Community Center is slated to meet tomorrow, February 18th at 2:00 PM.

GOB Parks and Recreation

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that the GOB and Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts will be holding virtual meetings to discuss playgrounds.

Alleyways

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that Weekly Asphalt, the City's contractor is continuing to work on various streets and alleys resurfacing projects. It is expected to be completed in the spring of this year.

20. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Claire Garrett, 3148 Calle Largo Drive
2. Monthea Young, 2330 Polk Street
3. Laya Seghi, 4 Foxfire Road
4. Tom Lander, 3186 Roosevelt Street
5. Helen Chervin, 2470 Adams Street
6. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street

The City Clerk read comments submitted from the following individuals:

4. Jeff Gillespie, 312 S 26th Avenue
5. Paula Sinewitz, 3520 N 34th Avenue
6. Bob Glickman, 3111 N Ocean Drive
7. Evan Resnick, 3106 Fillmore Street
8. Peter Bober, 2699 Stirling Road
9. Joele Perovich, 2802 N 46th Avenue
10. Jonathan Wise, 4221 Casper Court
11. Jeff Resnick, 2806 N 46th Avenue
12. James Howitt, 3541 N 52nd Avenue
13. Roz Reich, 2806 N 46th Avenue
14. Charlene Dykman, 2800 N 46th Avenue

Commissioner Gruber left the meeting at 5:40 PM and returned at 5:42 PM.

15. Herbert Fishler, 4721 N 36th Street

Vice Mayor Sherwood left the meeting at 5:45 PM.

16. Congressman Larry Smith, 3511 N 52nd Avenue

14. [PO-2020-17](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Section 4.6b. Of Article 4 Of The Zoning And Land Development Regulations Entitled "Regional Activity Center And Downtown Community Redevelopment Districts" To Revise The Requirements Related To Auto-Oriented Uses, Minimum Parking Regulations, Minimum Unit Size And Maximum Height For Properties Within The Districts. (19-T-80)

The Mayor announced the ordinance was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened; there being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was

declared closed.

Leslie Del Monte, Planning Manager, explained the changes from first reading.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Shuham, to adopt on second and final reading the Ordinance. The motion on roll call vote carried:

Aye: Commissioner Shuham
Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Callari
Commissioner Gruber
Commissioner Biederman
Mayor Levy
Absent: Vice Mayor Sherwood

Enactment No: O-2021-04

30. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
