

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 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, February 15, 2023 at 1:05 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida.

1. Moment of Silence

Mayor Levy recognized the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey; he also recognized Charles Herring, the Pembroke Pines Police Officer who passed away.

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 Shuham, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

- 5. [R-2023-044](#)** A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Establishing A Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee; Providing For The Purpose And Duties Of The Committee; Providing For The Number Of Committee Members; Providing Criteria For Committee Membership And Providing For Length Of Term Of The Committee.

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

- 6. [R-2023-045](#)** 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 Construction Services Agreement With State Contracting & Engineering Corporation For The Fire Station

45 HVAC Replacement For A Total Guaranteed Maximum Price Of \$518,030.00.

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

7. [R-2023-046](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To ETR, LLC For The Remounting Of A Spare Medic Master Type I Advanced Life Support Ambulance Onto A Spare Advanced Life Support Ambulance Freightliner Chassis In The Amount Of \$208,022.00, Based Upon The Florida Sheriffs Association Contract FSA20-Vef14.01 Ambulances & Other Equipment, In Accordance With Section 38.41(C) (5) Of The Procurement Code (Piggyback).

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

8. [R-2023-047](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Expenditure Of Federal (Treasury) Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds Pursuant To The Federal Comprehensive Crime Control Act Of 1984 To Provide Funding For Law Enforcement Training, Law Enforcement Investigations (Inclusive Of Overtime And Confidential Informant Fees), And The Acquisition Of Law Enforcement Equipment In An Amount Not To Exceed \$285,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Operating Budget (R-2022-283).

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

9. [R-2023-048](#)

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 No. H&S 23-02 With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. To Provide Professional Engineering Services, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$421,984.00 For Design, Permitting, And Bidding Services Related To The Bar Screen Bypass At The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Plan (R-2022-284).

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

10. [P-2023-005](#) Presentation By Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz Recognizing The Funding Of The Membrane Softening Drinking Water Upgrades Project Through The 2023 Community Project Funding Appropriation Request
- Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz presented a check to the City for the funding of the membrane softening drinking water upgrades project.
- Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 1:15 PM.
11. [P-2023-006](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Career and Technical Education Month - February 2023.
- Commissioner Callari returned to the meeting at 1:16 PM.
- Mayor Levy read the proclamation in recognition of Career and Technical Education Month - February 2023.
- Cara Daniel, Sheridan Technical College, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
13. [P-2023-008](#) Presentation By Broward County State Attorney Harold F. Pryor Regarding Criminal Justice Update.
- Harold F. Pryor, Broward County State Attorney, introduced himself and provided an update on Criminal Justice initiatives.
12. [P-2023-007](#) Presentation By Chief Chris O'Brien, Recognizing Recipients Of Hollywood Police Department Awards For The Month Of December 2022.
- Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, recognized recipients of the Hollywood Police Department.
- Deanna Bettineshi, read the commendation which resulted in Sergeant Paul Scheel, Officer Christa Dram and Officer Theophilus DeFreze being recognized as officers of the Month for December 2022.
- Deanna Bettineshi read the commendation which resulted in Justine Brown, Crime Scene Technician, being recognized as Employee of the Month for December 2022.
- Deanna Bettineshi read the commendation which resulted in Officers Vincent Benincasa, Jhonny Jimenez, Taylor Cutler and Christian Ricano being recognized with the Life Saving Award.

Deanna Bettineshi read the commendation which resulted in volunteers Valerie Unger, Lucille Ballica and Laura Kastner being recognized for assisting with the Shop With A Cop event.

- 14. [P-2023-009](#) Presentation By Julia Poliadis, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Julia Poliadis, Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, provided a presentation on the annual report and initiatives of the committee.

- 15. [P-2023-010](#) Presentation By Ettore de Torres, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board.

Ettore de Torres, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board, presented the board's annual report to the City Commission.

- 16. [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.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, provided a presentation on the intent of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued among 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 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

- 19. [P-2023-011](#) Presentation by Waste Pro USA Regional Vice President Kenny Skaggs to Address Solid Waste, Bulk and Yard Waste, and Recycling Collection Services Agreement with the City of Hollywood, Specifically the City's Collection of Outstanding Liquidated Damages, and the Collection of Solid Waste in Hollywood's Alleyways

ACTION: Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, withdrew the presentation from the agenda.

18. [R-2023-050](#) 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 Intercounty Engineering, Inc. For Lift Station Rehabilitation And Repair Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,500,000.00, Based On The City Of Sunrise Contract No. 2022000363 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The City's Procurement Code; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan (R-2022-284) (Piggyback).

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)

17. [R-2023-049](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Appointing A City Manager.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

George Keller, Deputy City Manager, provided additional information.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt the Resolution appointing George R. Keller, Jr. as City Manager. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

21. **Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

Congratulations

Commissioner Biederman congratulated George Keller, Deputy City Manager, on his promotion to City Manager. Commissioner Biederman also thanked Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, and Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development, and stated he looks forward to seeing more from the three of them.

Ground Hog Day

Commissioner Biederman stated he attended the Ground Hog Day event, and suggested having it air on one of the live beach cam feeds that is used by Channel 10. Commissioner Biederman stated the event

could bring the City some positive attention.

Parking Administration

Commissioner Biederman stated a resident made a suggestion to put chairs in the waiting area of the Parking Administration office to assist our elderly citizens.

Condolences

Commissioner Biederman stated he sent his condolences to the widow of Charles Herring, Pembroke Pines Police Officer, who was killed in an unfortunate accident earlier this month.

22. Commissioner Quintana, District 6

Employment School Readiness

Commissioner Quintana stated there is a shortage of teachers and many parents in our City are being turned away from the early learning centers due to this issue.

Commissioner Quintana announced that Sheridan Technical College has a certification program in early childhood education. She stated there are many scholarship opportunities for anyone that is interested in becoming a teacher.

Career Source

Commissioner Quintana stated she met the Director of Career Source Broward who advised they have a program to assist small businesses in the hiring process, and they will pay for the employee's salary.

Shuttle Pilot Program

Commissioner Quintana stated the Engineering Division has helped create a Shuttle Pilot Program for residents from 441 to east 26th Ave. Commissioner Quintana stated the Pilot project has a 12 passenger van and will continue for the next two months to see if it can be further implemented.

Leadership Hollywood

Commissioner Quintana stated during the Leadership Hollywood program she saw the presentation from Elaine Franklin, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, and she had the opportunity to see the wastewater treatment facility. Commissioner Quintana stated it was a great experience to see some of the things that go on underground.

23. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Pre-Schools

Commissioner Shuham stated she met with the new priest at Saint John's Catholic Church, and stated they have an early education program. Commissioner Shuham stated that Nana's Preschool is opening another location in the City.

Congratulations

Commissioner Shuham extended her congratulations to George Keller, Deputy City Manager, on his newly appointed position to City Manager. Commissioner Shuham stated she looks forward to the Strategy Kick Off Workshop meeting and what he has planned for the City.

Boards

Commissioner Shuham stated the presentations from the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Board and Sustainability Advisory Committee had some amazing information. Commissioner Shuham stated she would like to see these presentations on an annual basis.

Safe Streets Summit

Commissioner Shuham thanked Raelin Storey, Director of Communications, Marketing & Economic Development, and her staff for their hard work and helping with the Safe Streets Summit that took place at the Diplomat Hotel. Commissioner Shuham stated there were speakers from all over the Country along with a wonderful awards dinner.

Orangebrook Procurement Process

Commissioner Shuham thanked Steve Stewart, Director of Procurement and Contract Compliance, for his composure throughout the Orangebrook procurement process.

Sustainability

Commissioner Shuham thanked Elaine Franklin, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, for giving a great presentation at the Lakes Civic Association on solar roofing.

Electric Shuttle

Commissioner Shuham stated the Circuit had shuttles at the Safe Street Summit, and each electrical shuttle had seating for 12 passengers. Commissioner Shuham stated she feels the City should look into using these vehicles in the future.

Plant Sea Oats

Commissioner Shuham thanked everyone who came out to plant sea oats on the beach.

24. Commissioner Anderson, District 2

Black History Month

Commissioner Anderson invited everyone to come to the African American Advisory Board meeting on February 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Washington Park Community Center to celebrate Black History Month.

Thank you

Commissioner Anderson thanked George Keller, Deputy City Manager, and Jovan Douglas, Parking Administrator, for working with her in District 2 to make positive changes.

Lifeguards

Commissioner Anderson stated summer is approaching and there is a shortage of lifeguards. Commissioner Anderson encouraged people to apply for the open positions.

Liberia Community

Commissioner Anderson stated the Liberia Community is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year, and a big celebration is being planned for July. She will provide updates on this event in the future.

25. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Legislative Issues

Commissioner Callari stated she went to Washington, D.C. this past week with the Florida League of Cities to speak to congress about insurance, flooding, grants, and other federal related issues. Commissioner Callari stated the group met with both Democratic and Republican leaders. Commission Callari stated she is also involved in the Broward League of Cities and they visit Tallahassee yearly to discuss issues that affect the entire state.

CPR

Commissioner Callari stated today she attended the YMCA event sponsored by Congresswoman Debbie Wassermann Schultz to teach CPR. Commissioner Callari stated that CPR knowledge is effective in saving a life and everyone should take the time to learn the basics.

Stan Goldman Park

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support for the potential acquisition of the Knights of Columbus property in the center of Stan Goldman Park. Commissioner Callari asked for staff to look into an acquisition. Mayor Levy and Vice Mayor Gruber supported looking into the request.

Updates

Commissioner Callari requested an update on the Memorial Artist Entries for the Memorial Artwork as the deadline was February 8, 2023, and an update on the Stan Goldman Skate Park and the Taft Street Crosswalk.

Rick Engle, Director of Parks and Recreation & Cultural Arts, stated the Skate Park is under a cone of silence and the memorial program has been extended for another month.

Sustainability

Commissioner Callari stated she learned from the Sustainability Advisory Committee's presentation that opting out of using the plastic silverware when taking out food is really helping our environment, and she encouraged everyone to use this option.

26. Vice Mayor Gruber, District 4

Congratulations

Vice Mayor Gruber congratulated George Keller, Deputy City Manager, on being appointed City Manager. He stated that the Commission did not have to look very far to find a good candidate for the new City Manager.

Pre-School Teachers

Vice Mayor Gruber stated that pre school teachers are the most underpaid and underappreciated line of work to be in. Vice Mayor Gruber stated he would love to see if there is anything the City can do to improve this issue.

Composting Project

Vice Mayor Gruber stated he enjoyed the presentations by the board and he would like to see if the City is able to work on composting the sargassum seaweed. Vice Mayor Gruber stated the sargassum seaweed has a detrimental effect on the City's tourism and would like to see it controlled. Commissioner Shuham, Commissioner Quintana and Commissioner Callari supported the request.

Social Workers

Vice Mayor Gruber stated the team of two social workers that work with the Police Department has been a one year success. Vice Mayor Gruber stated he would like the City to look into a second team that could work on the west side of the City. Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Shuham and Mayor Levy were in support of the request.

Wall on 46th Avenue

Vice Mayor Gruber thanked staff for the great job on the wall on 46th Avenue and stated the wall looks like it is almost finished.

27. Mayor Levy

Sister City

Mayor Levy stated he distributed a letter from the President of the City of Laayoune, Morocco about the possibility of forming a Sister City with them. Mayor Levy stated he would like to accept the invitation and explore a Sister City Program. He asked for Commission support to send a letter back to them to accepting and investigate a Sister City agreement. Commissioner Callari and Vice Mayor Gruber supported the request.

Story Book Wall

Mayor Levy stated he participated in a meeting with the Friends at the Stirling Road Library. Mayor Levy stated he would like to see a story book wall in our local parks and have staff research the issue.

Dog Park

Mayor Levy requested Commission support to look into locating an area within the ArtsPark for dogs. Mayor Levy stated the area in the northwest section of the park would be used. Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Callari supported the idea. Commissioner Callari suggested looking at more dog parks in all areas of the city.

Fitness Zone

Mayor Levy requested Commission support for staff to speak with Memorial Hospital regarding implementing a fitness zone within ArtsPark. Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Gruber supported the request.

Solar Lights

Mayor Levy stated our citizens have asked to add solar lights to the volleyball courts on the beach to be used in non-turtle season. Mayor Levy requested Commission support for staff to look into the feasibility of implementing the solar lights. Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Callari supported the request not during turtle season.

28. City Attorney

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes

286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM regarding Anna Karahlios vs. City of Hollywood Litigation. Attending the session will be Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney and outside Counsel John Wien.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 4:30 PM or immediately following the prior executive session, regarding Trudy Sacco vs. City of Hollywood Litigation. Attending the session will be Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney and outside Counsel John Wien.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM or immediately following the prior executive session, regarding Chantal Paul vs City of Hollywood Litigation. Attending the session will be Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney and outside Counsel John Wien.

29. City Manager

Tree Installation

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, announced the City's contractor is installing new trees along Hollywood Blvd, and the tree installation goes from City Hall to Dixie Highway. He stated the expected date of completion for the Complete Streets Project is March 31, 2023.

Beach Restoration

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the federally funded project for Beach Restoration Segment Three is underway which includes Hollywood. He stated the work will be paused during turtle nesting; which is from May to October.

Introduction

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, introduced Ryon Coote, Community Development Manager, who has 20 years of experience and comes to the City with lots of experience in non-profit and governmental sectors.

Ryon Coote, Community Development Manager, stated he is looking forward to working in the City.

Turtle Program

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated there was a request a for a turtle recognition program. He stated staff has been working on this program and will be launching the program that promotes awareness and compliances; and stated Elaine Franklin, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, will give a presentation on the turtle lighting recognition program.

Elaine Franklin, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation on the turtle lighting recognition program.

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 3:22 PM and returned at 3:26 PM.

AFSMCE Union

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated this morning staff reached a tentative agreement with AFSMCE union, and this agreement will come to the Commission for approval in the future. Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the IAFF agreement will be next.

The meeting recessed at 3:27 PM and reconvened at 5:01 PM with all members of the Commission present.

20. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

- 1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Ave
- 2. Alonso Pratt, 2539 Riley Street
- 3. Dick Blattner, 3501 Keyser Avenue
- 4. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street
- 5. Tom Lander, 3186 Roosevelt Street

30. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
 City Clerk
 Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
