

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

## **Regular City Commission Meeting**

### ***CITY COMMISSION***

***Josh Levy, Mayor***

***Linda Hill Anderson, Vice Mayor - District 2***

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

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

***Adam Gruber, Commissioner - District 4***

***Kevin Biederman, Commissioner - District 5***

***Idelma Quintana, Commissioner - District 6***

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

***Douglas R. Gonzales, City Attorney***

***Patricia A. Cerny, City Clerk***

The Regular City Commission Meeting of the City of Hollywood, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Levy on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 1:08 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Florida.

1. **Moment of Silence**

Commissioner Callari spoke about the passing of Bob Graham as former United States Senator, Governor of Florida, and how he was a mentor to her and the community.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Recognition of Veterans, Active Service Personnel & Their Families**

4. **Roll Call**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

5. [R-2024-112](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing Payment Of Attorneys' Fees To Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. In An Additional Amount Up To \$150,000.00 For Fiscal Year 2024, Bringing The Total Amount Authorized For Fiscal Year 2024 To \$250,000.00.

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

6. [R-2024-113](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving and Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue Authorization To Proceed No. 9 With Synalovski Romanik Saye, LLC For Additional Architectural And Engineering Design Services For The Elevator Lobby Expansion And New Offices For The Broward County Library Second Floor Buildout Project In The Amount Of \$11,687.50.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
7. [R-2024-114](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue Authorization To Proceed No. 2 With Craven, Thompson & Associates, Inc. For The Design Of The Stirling Road Pedestrian Lighting Project In An Amount Up To \$44,422.00.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
8. [R-2024-115](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Henry Schein, Inc. For The Purchase Of Medical And Surgical Supplies In An Estimated Annual Amount Up To \$255,217.08.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

9. [R-2024-116](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And If Awarded, Accept The Florida Department Of State Division Of Art And Culture 2024-2025 General Program Support Grant For The ArtsPark Concert Series In The Amount Of \$100,000.00; Authorizing The Required One To One Matching Funds To Be Paid From General Operation Funding; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Florida Division Of Art And Culture; Further Authorizing Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Other Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements; Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
10. [R-2024-117](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Cancelling Solicitation IFB 102-23-GJ Related To The Purchase Of Tables And Chairs For Community Centers.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
11. [R-2024-118](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Cancelling Solicitation IFB-113-23-GJ Related To The Purchase Of Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged Laptops For The Community Center Computer Labs.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
12. [R-2024-119](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Renew A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Juniper Landscaping Of Florida, LLC For Athletic Field Maintenance Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$412,000.00.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

13. [R-2024-120](#) 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 And Confidential Informant Fees), And The Acquisition Of Law Enforcement Equipment In An Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget. (R-2023-300)
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
14. [R-2024-121](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept 2022 Department Of Homeland Security Grant Funds From The City Of Miami In The Approximate Amount Of \$333,497.00 To Enhance Public Safety And Emergency Management Urban Area Security Initiative Approved Projects And Equipment; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Memorandum Of Agreement With The City Of Miami And All Other Applicable Sub-Grant Documents; Amending The Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
15. [R-2024-122](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Stock Enterprises, LLC For Grappler Police Bumpers And Related Accessories In An Amount Up To \$250,000.00 Over A Three-Year Period In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The Procurement Code. (Sole Source)
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

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16. [R-2024-123](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Blanket Purchase Agreements With Lauderdale Towing & Salvage, D/B/A Sea Tow, Downrite Marine, Inc., And Grady Marine Services, Inc. For Derelict Vessel Removal And Disposal Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$300,000.00 Over A Three-Year Period.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
17. [R-2024-124](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Santa Rosa Body Shop Inc., d/b/a Caffi Brothers Body Shop, For Auto Body Repair Services In An Annual Amount Up To \$200,000.00 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(9) Of The Procurement Code; Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget. (Best Interest)
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
18. [R-2024-125](#) 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 SCS 24-01 With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. To Provide Professional Engineering Services Related To The Design, Permitting, And Bidding Of The Lakes Neighborhood Exfiltration - Phase 1 Project In An Amount Up To \$310,640.00.
- ACTION:** This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

19. [R-2024-126](#) 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 24-02 With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. To Provide Professional Engineering Services For The Evaluation Of Oxygen Generation System Upgrade Alternatives At The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant In An Amount Up To \$175,000.00.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
20. [R-2024-127](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Contract With Florida Design Drilling LLC To Provide Construction Services For Repairs To Injection Well No. 2 At The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant In An Amount Up To \$295,000.00, And Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number H&S 24-04 With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. To Provide Construction Administration Services In An Amount Up To \$83,149.00.
- ACTION: This Resolution was moved by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson and adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**
21. [P-2024-023](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Earth Day, April 22, 2024.
- Commissioner Shuham read the proclamation in recognition of Earth Day, April 22, 2024.
- Eduardo Fernandez, General Manager Margaritaville, and Jennifer Strum, Margaritaville, explained the upcoming programs.
- Julia Poliadis, Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair, provided additional information to the Commission.
- Elaine Franklin, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

22. [P-2024-024](#) A Proclamation In Recognition of Arbor Day - April 26, 2024.
- Commissioner Biederman read the proclamation in recognition of Arbor Day, April 26, 2024.
- Vincent Newman, McArthur High School, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
- Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, provided information of the upcoming events.
23. [P-2024-025](#) A Proclamation In Recognition Of Everglades Dark Sky Month - April 2024.
- Commissioner Callari left the meeting at 1:26 PM and returned at 1:29 PM.
- Commissioner Quintana read the proclamation in recognition of Everglades Dark Sky Month, April 2024.
- Jill Horwitz, Hollywood Resident, and Diana Umpierre, Volunteer Coordinator of Everglades Dark Sky Month Initiative, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.
25. [P-2024-027](#) Presentation By Jill Weisberg, Vice Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board.
- Jill Weisberg, Vice Chair for The Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board, presented the annual report of the board.
24. [P-2024-026](#) Presentation By Jill Weisberg, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Artwork Selection Committee.
- Jill Weisberg, Chair for the Artwork Selection Committee, presented on the annual report for the committee.

26. [P-2024-028](#) Presentation By Diana Pittarelli, Chair, Regarding The Annual Report For The Planning & Development Board.

Dana Pittarelli, Chair for the Planning and Development Board, presented the annual report for the board.

Discussion ensued among Ms. Pittarelli and members of the Commission.

Andria Wingett, Director of Developmental Services, provided additional information to the Commission.

27. [PO-2024-10](#) An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Regarding The Emerald Hills Safety Enhancement District, A Dependent Special District Authorized By Section 189.02, Florida Statutes; Amending The Purpose, Powers, Functions, Duties, And Authority Of The District; Amending The Governing Board Of The District.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, introduced the item to the Commission.

Andy Cagnetta, Emerald Hills Safety Enhancement Board member, explained the intent of the ordinance.

Jeffrey Devlin, Chief of Police, provided additional information to the Commission.

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Keith Kotrady 5021 N 36th Street
2. Andrew LaFramboise, Federal Order of Police (FOP)
3. Ray Maestas, NFG Security, LLC.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

George R. Keller, Jr., City Manager, provided additional information to the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION: The City Manager withdrew the ordinance from consideration.**

28. [R-2024-128](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For, And If Awarded, Accept The National Park Services/Land And Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Grant For The Design, Planning, Permitting And Construction Of The Sunset Park Project In The Amount Of \$7,580,050.00, One To One Matching Funds To Be Paid From Capital Improvement Fund; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The National Park Services; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Other Applicable Grant Documents.
- 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)**
29. [R-2024-129](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Ranking Of Artists To Install A Mural On The Exterior East Wall Of The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.
- Ricky Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, explained the intent of the resolution.
- Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.
- Joaquin Arellano, Special Projects & Administrative Manager, provided additional information to the Commission.
- Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.
- ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

30. [R-2024-130](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The City Manager's Approval Of The Issuance of Purchase Orders To: Cardinal Contractors, Inc. In An Amount Up To \$5,750,000.00; Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. In An Amount Up To \$112,641.58; Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. In An Amount Up To \$125,000.00, And Brown And Caldwell In An Amount Up To \$50,000.00 For Emergency Response And Repairs To The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Pump Station, Pursuant To Section 38.41(C)(1) Of The Procurement Code. ("Emergency Purchases")
- Vincent Morello, Director of Public Utilities, explained the intent of the resolution.
- ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

32. **Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

Fabulons Concert

Commissioner Biederman thanked Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts for the concert series at Boulevard Heights Community Center. He stated The Fabulons will be performing this Friday at 7:00 PM and food trucks will be onsite.

Sidewalks

Commissioner Biederman stated he is happy with the progress of the sidewalk repair. He stated the City is planting new trees however expecting the residents to keep them trimmed which does not work. Commissioner Biederman requested Commission support to add another tree trimming crew from Public Works to keep up with the trimming and to keep the canopy visually pleasant. He requested this be added on next year's budget.

**33. Commissioner Quintana, District 6****Trees**

Commissioner Quintana stated during the Commission Conference meeting today trees and sidewalks in the neighborhood were discussed. Commissioner Quintana stated there is need for the sidewalks to be safe and the City also want to keep our trees maintained. Commissioner Quintana stated she is requesting Commission support for a comprehensive analysis to be completed regarding keeping well maintained trees in the City. Mayor Levy support the request.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated staff will bring back the information.

**Hillcrest**

Commissioner Quintana stated the building manager at Hillcrest gave up a portion of their parking lot to make a sidewalk work around a tree. She stated that the tree was saved, and the sidewalk is now safe and looks great.

**Parking**

Commissioner Quintana stated there are challenges of parking within the City as some houses have more cars then spaces. She stated that Engineering Division is involved with making recommendations regarding turf block on swales in some neighborhoods. She stated she would like to see if there are any financial assistance options for low-moderate income families to receive help with driveway repairs or modifications. Commissioner Quintana requested the status of the turf block and any updates regarding the residential parking.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated staff will provide an update.

**Affordable Housing**

Commissioner Quintana stated the Pinnacle 441 project, affordable housing community, located on Johnson Street and State Road 7, this community was probably nationally marketed and which resulted in so many applications. Commissioner Quintana requested more information regarding how to maximize preference for Hollywood residents and those transporting to Hollywood for work. She requested Commission support for a workshop regarding affordable housing and Hollywood residents. Commissioner Shuham and Mayor Levy supported the idea.

**34. Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

## Volunteer Appreciation Event

Commissioner Shuham thanked Office of Human Resources for hosting the Volunteer Appreciation event last night. She stated that there were awards for everyone in attendance.

## Happy Earth Day

Commissioner Shuham wished everyone a Happy Earth Day.

## Mother Ocean Music Festival

Commissioner Shuham thanked Margaritaville Hotel and partners who were involved with the Mother Ocean Music Festival.

## Saver SoFL Event

Commissioner Shuham gave thanks to the Saver SoFL event organizers. She stated the event was done well regarding the plastic ordinance.

## Turtle Nesting

Commissioner Shuham requested Rick Engle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, to reach out to the Saver organizers regarding the turtle nesting during the event. She stated the Tortuga Music Concert had a permit holder through the Broward Seaturtle Conservation Program. Commissioner Shuham stated that if the Saver SoFL event happens next year during turtle season that the City should have trained sea turtle professionals onsite. She thanked the various departments and staff for their assistance.

## Trees

Commissioner Shuham stated she is passionate about the trees and safe sidewalks. She suggested a possible sidewalk easement in exchange to not cut a tree. Commissioner Shuham proposed a simple form of easement for Joseph Kroll, Director of Public Works, to get the neighbors approval to expand the existing sidewalk onto the adjacent property.

## Thank You

Commissioner Shuham thanked Jorge Camejo, CRA Executive Director, and his team for the landscaping on A1A. She stated the landscaping is beautiful and she has gotten the most complimentary phone calls.

## Lighting Sarazen Drive

Commissioner Shuham stated on the consent agenda, there was item to design the lighting on Sarazen Drive. Commissioner Shuham stated she researched the issue and found Florida Department of Transportation

(FDOT) does not pay for pedestrian lighting on a FDOT road. She stated for future reference that Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a perfect surtax dollars situation for City designed projects when they are shovel ready.

#### Art Walk

Commissioner Shuham stated the Art Walk will take place this Saturday night.

#### Rotary Auction

Commissioner Shuham stated the Rotary Auction will take place on April 25, 26 and 27, 2024.

#### Public Hearing

Commissioner Shuham stated that on Tuesday the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will host the third public hearing at the Hollywood Beach Community Center on the resiliency design of Hollywood Boulevard.

#### Happy Passover

Commissioner Shuham wished everyone a Happy Passover.

**35. Vice Mayor Anderson, District 2**

Speed Bumps

Vice Mayor Anderson thanked everyone for the speed bump installation on Ely Boulevard.

Commission in Community Meeting

Vice Mayor Anderson stated the Commission in the Community meeting will take place on May 8, 2024.

Earth Day

Vice Mayor Anderson stated that she will be in attendance with staff for Earth Day clean up event in Liberia on April 22, 2024 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Poinciana Park

Vice Mayor Anderson stated she received a letter from Parkside Civic Association regarding previous Poinciana Park improvements. She stated the park only received swings and a refurbished basketball court due to the budget costs. Commissioner Anderson stated Parkside Civic Association is requesting any leftover funds from Orangebrook development be used to improve Poinciana Park. Vice Mayor Anderson stated two communities, Parkside, and Highland Gardens residents visit the park.

**36. Commissioner Callari, District 3****Poinciana Park**

Commissioner Callari questioned if Poinciana Park is a GOB project. Rick Engel, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, stated that there is a grant for Poinciana Park with a new pavilion and upgrades to the dog park are scheduled. He stated that the upgrades to the playground and basketball court were part of the GOB project and will start soon with the grant details are being finalized and improvements are coming soon.

**Stan Goldman Pickleball Courts**

Commissioner Callari stated the ribbon cutting for the Stan Goldman Pickleball Courts will be on May 6, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

**David Park Meeting**

Commissioner Callari stated there was a meeting at David Park last week to discuss the Johnson Street improvements from 35th Avenue to Federal Highway. She stated the improvements will also include pedestrian lighting. This project was submitted via the Slip Program in 2023 and will be completed by 2025. She thanked everyone involved in the meeting.

**Roundabout at 40th Avenue**

Commissioner Callari requested an update regarding the roundabout at 40th Avenue.

**Russ Chard Memorial Service**

Commissioner Callari stated she attended Russ Chard's memorial service this past weekend. She stated that he did lots of amazing things for the City, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and the State of Florida.

**Scholarship**

Commissioner Callari announced former intern Jennifer Jaminson submitted her scholarship paperwork and was awarded a full scholarship to NYU.

**Bob Graham**

Commissioner Callari commented on the passing of Bob Graham and recalled how he had inspired her when she was younger.

**Broward Outreach**

Commissioner Callari thanked Commissioner Gruber for attending the Broward Outreach meeting. She requested Commission support to

pass an ordinance prohibiting the slaughter and sale of domestic animals for human consumption. Commissioner Callari stated Hollywood would be the first City in Broward County to implement such ordinance. Commissioner Gruber and Mayor Levy supported this. She thanked Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, for looking into this and stated she is forwarding information to State Representative Marie Woodson so the information can come from the state down to the local level to bring awareness.

**37. Commissioner Gruber, District 4****Prayer Service**

Commissioner Gruber stated he attended a prayer service with Mayor Levy last night for a young girl who drowned and is currently on life support. He requested educational information on swimming lessons to be available for residents.

**Parks**

Commissioner Gruber stated there is a lot of exciting news regarding the parks in District 4. He stated Oakridge Park will receive new fitness equipment, replacing of shelters and new dog park equipment. Commissioner Gruber stated a new swing set is coming to the Lakes at Emerald Hills.

**Rainbow Tot Lot**

Commissioner Gruber stated he attended a community Web-Ex meeting on Wednesday regarding the Rainbow Tot Lot. He stated he met with former Commissioner Blattner to discuss different ideas. Commissioner Gruber thanked former Commissioner Blatter for the recommendation of a mindfulness park and stated he would like to name the park after him. He requested Commission support to change the name to Richard Blattner Park. All the Commission members supported the request.

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated this would need to come before Commission for an official name change.

**Savor SoFlo Event**

Commissioner Gruber stated the Savor SoFlo event was great, and it is getting better every year. He stated Tami Thorton, Assistant Director of Human Resource, did a great job getting the vendors to use sustainable products at the festival.

**Salsa Fest**

Commissioner Gruber stated Salsa Fest was amazing.

**Bob Graham**

Commissioner Gruber stated Bob Graham was an amazing person and offered condolences to his family.

**David Fencershop**

Commissioner Gruber stated the Hollywood community lost David Fencershop, a very special person, a week and a half ago. He stated that David Fencershop was born with special needs and could not communicate. Commissioner Gruber stated it was important to be kind

and to show everyone dignity and respect. Mayor Levy stated that he remembered David as a happy spirit and condolences to the family on behalf of the City.

**38. Mayor Levy****Salsa Fest**

Mayor Levy stated Salsa Fest was great festival and it was a special moment in time.

**Orange Brook Elementary School Career Day**

Mayor Levy thanked the Police and Fire Departments and Commissioner Quintana for their attendance and assistance with Orange Brook Elementary School Career Day. He stated that it is always great to connect with the children.

**Volunteer Appreciation Night**

Mayor Levy stated the volunteer appreciation night was a special moment in time.

**Chambers West Side Committee Meeting**

Mayor Levy stated Joanne Hussy, Director of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development, had a great presentation at the Chambers West Side Committee meeting. He stated this is event that focus on improving Hollywood.

**Neighborhood Improvements**

Mayor Levy stated there are improvements being made in the neighborhoods such as City roads and sidewalks.

**City Webpage**

Mayor Levy stated that he is looking forward to the progress of the City webpage and requested updates to track improvements.

**Business Openings**

Mayor Levy announce new businesses openings J and C Oyster and Social Mobile.

**Earth Day**

Mayor Levy stated he is looking forward to Earth Day on April 20, 2024.

**Happy Passover**

Mayor Levy wished everyone a Happy Passover.

**Rotary Club**

Mayor Levy announced the 67th Annual Rotary Club Auction. He stated local businesses donate the items, and the money raised by auction go to help enable the Rotary Club foundation to support a variety of children service. Mayor Levy thanked everyone involved, and announced the

Rotary Club auction is April 25, 26 and 27, 2024 from 6:00 PM to close.

**39. City Attorney**

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, had no further comments.

**40. City Manager**

## Agenda Items #14, #15 and #16

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated items are adopted on the consent agenda with no additional attention or discussion. He stated agenda items #14, #15 and #16 received Federal Wasi dollars for additional public safety improvements for the Grappler program.

## Removing Derelict Vessels

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated funding was received to remove derelict vessels from the waterways. He stated this has and will continue to make a dramatic effect over the years.

## 2323 Cleveland Street

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated that Hollywood owns a home for sale at 2323 Cleveland Street. It is a renovated two-bedroom one-bathroom home with a one car garage. George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated the application deadline for bids is May 1, 2024, at 3:00 PM. He stated there is a first-time homebuyer assistance program for qualified individuals.

## Hug with a Mug

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced the next Hug with a Mug will take place on May 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Miramar Bakery.

## Public Meeting

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, announced a public meeting to discuss climate change impact will be held on April 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Hollywood Beach Culture and Community Center.

## Internal Budget Process

George R. Keller Jr., City Manager, stated at this time of the year when the application deadlines for internal budget are processed have started. He stated in May the Capital workshop and in June the Operating workshop will take place.

The Commission meeting recess at 3:56 PM and reconvened at 5:00 PM with all members of the Commission present.

31. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Eduardo Flores, 341 Monroe Street
2. Siobhan McLaughlin, 1409 Rodman Street
3. Andre Brown, 2316 Mayo Street

41. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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