

# City of Hollywood

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Hollywood, FL 33020  
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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, September 15, 2014**

**5:30 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

### **Special City Commission Meeting**

#### ***CITY COMMISSION***

***Peter Bober, Mayor***

***Patricia Asseff, Vice Mayor - District 1***

***Peter Hernandez, Commissioner - District 2***

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

***Richard Blattner, Commissioner - District 4***

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

***Linda Sherwood, Commissioner - District 6***

***Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager***

***Jeffrey P. Sheffel, City Attorney***

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

The Special City Commission Meeting of the City of Hollywood, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Bober on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 5:44 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, Hollywood, Florida.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Roll Call**

Vice Mayor Patricia Asseff  
Commissioner Peter Hernandez  
Commissioner Traci Callari  
Commissioner Richard Blattner  
Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman  
Commissioner Linda Sherwood  
Mayor Peter Bober

**3. P-2014-059** Presentation By Matthew Lalla, Director Of Financial Services, On Fiscal Year 2014 Midyear Forecasts.

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager, provided an introduction and a timeline of budget events of the past year.

Matthew Lalla, Director of Financial Services, provided a mid-year 2014 forecast. He also provided a detailed presentation on FY2015 proposed budget.

**4. R-2014-255** A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Provision Of Fire Rescue Services, Facilities And Programs In The City Of Hollywood, Florida; Reimposing Fire Rescue Assessments Against Assessed Property Located Within The City Of Hollywood For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014; Approving The Rate Of Assessment; Approving The Assessment Roll; And Providing An Effective Date.

The Mayor announced the resolution was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes, the public hearing was opened and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Louis Litterello, 3206 Hollywood Blvd.

Being there was no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Jeffrey P. Sheffel, City Attorney, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

**5. R-2014-256**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Provision Of Fire Inspection Services, Facilities And Programs In The City Of Hollywood, Florida; Reimposing Fire Inspection Assessments Against Assessed Property Located Within The City Of Hollywood For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014; Approving The Rate Of Assessment; Approving The Assessment Roll; And Providing An Effective Date.

The Mayor announced the item was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Louis Donde, 1830 Radius Drive
2. Grace Barona, 100 Ashbury Road

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

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Eric Busenbarrick, Fire Chief, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Blattner, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Asseff, to adopt the Resolution.**

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Jeffrey P. Sheffel, City Attorney, provided additional information.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to amend the Resolution to reduce the fee from \$22.00 to \$11.00. On a voice vote the motion failed 1-6. Vice Mayor Asseff, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Blattner, Commissioner Sherwood and Mayor Bober were opposed.

**ACTION:** On voice vote, the motion made by Commissioner Blattner, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Asseff, to adopt the Resolution passed 4-3. Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Biederman and Commissioner Sherwood were opposed.

**6. R-2014-257**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Levying And Collecting Of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments For The Costs Of Abating Nuisances Occurring On Real Property In The City That Are Prohibited Under The City's Code Of Ordinances; Imposing Nuisance Abatement Assessments For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 Against The Effected Properties Where The City Had Work Performed To Remedy The Nuisances; Approving The Assessment Amounts; Approving The Assessment Roll; And Providing An Effective Date.

Commissioner Blattner left the meeting at 7:23 PM.

The Mayor announced the resolution was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened and Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue, expressed personal opinions/concerns. There being no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Vice Mayor Asseff, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Blattner was absent. (The vote became 7-0 upon Commissioner Blattner's return to the meeting and registering an "aye" vote.)

Commissioner Blattner returned to the meeting at 7:25 PM and registered an "Aye" vote on item #6.

**7. R-2014-258**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Tentatively Fixing The Amount And Rate Of Taxation For The Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2014, And Making The Tax Levy

For The Year 2014.

Mayor Bober read the title of the resolution as follows: "A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Tentatively Fixing The Amount And Rate Of Taxation For The Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2014, And Making The Tax Levy For The Year 2014."

The Mayor stated: "The proposed not to exceed millage rate set by the City Commission of the City of Hollywood on July 15, 2014 is 7.4479 mills. At this time, the City Manager is proposing that the millage rate be tentatively set at 7.4479, which will generate general fund revenues of eighty-three million, nine hundred forty-one thousand, two hundred and thirty-nine dollars (\$83,941,239). This millage rate represents a 6.4% increase from the rolled-back rate of 6.9844 mills."

The Mayor announced the resolution was advertised in conformance with State Statute and City Codes. The public hearing was opened and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
2. Matthew Guthro, 2330 N 66th Terrace
3. Jeff Brodeur, 2621 McKinley Street

Being there was no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Matthew Lalla, Director of Financial Services, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Vice Mayor Asseff left the meeting at 8:02 PM and returned at 8:04 PM.

Jeffrey P. Sheffel, City Attorney, provided additional information.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to set the proposed millage rate at 6.9844 mills. On a voice vote the motion failed 2-5. Vice Mayor Asseff, Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Blattner, Commissioner Sherwood and Mayor Bober were opposed.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Blattner, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Asseff, to set the millage rate at 7.4479. On a voice vote the motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Biederman were opposed.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Vice Mayor Asseff, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, to adopt the Resolution with the millage rate set at 7.4479. On a voice vote the motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Biederman were opposed.

**8. R-2014-259**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Tentatively Making Appropriations For The Fiscal Year 2015 Based On The Operating And Capital Budget Estimate Of Revenues And Expenditures For Each Of The City's Operating Funds As Submitted By The City Manager.

Mayor Bober read the title of the resolution as follows: "A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Tentatively Making Appropriations For The Fiscal year 2015 Based On The Operating And Capital Budget Estimate Of Revenues And Expenditures For Each Of The City's Operating Funds As Submitted By The City Manager."

The Mayor announced the item was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes. The public hearing was opened and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Alyssa Loeffler, Family Central, 5016 Polk Street
2. Ann Ralston, 326 S 14th Avenue
3. Lynn Smith, 2416 Lincoln Street

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

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Cathy Swanson-Rivenberk, City Manager, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

9. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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