

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

## **Regular City Commission Meeting**

### ***CITY COMMISSION***

***Josh Levy, Mayor***

***Kevin Biederman, Vice Mayor - District 5***

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

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

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

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

***Linda Sherwood, 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, June 3, 2020 at 1:06 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, Hollywood, Florida.

Mayor Levy explained the meeting is being held virtually due to COVID-19 and explained the meeting procedures which will be followed.

At this time, the Mayor, Commissioner Callari and Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, addressed the community as it relates to the death of George Floyd, racism and social unrest. Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, expressed his sentiments on the tragic death of Mr. Floyd and the work the Police Department is doing to serve the community.

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 Richard Blattner, Vice Mayor Kevin D. Biederman, Commissioner Linda Sherwood and Mayor Josh Levy

Note: Commissioner Hernandez arrived at the meeting at 1:49 PM.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Blattner, seconded by Commissioner Callari, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Hernandez was absent

**Aye:** Commissioner Shuham  
Commissioner Callari  
Commissioner Blattner  
Vice Mayor Biederman  
Commissioner Sherwood  
Mayor Levy

**Absent:** Commissioner Hernandez

5. [R-2020-130](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Transmap Corporation For A Citywide Pavement Study In An Amount Not To Exceed \$173,664.48.

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

6. [R-2020-131](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Subordination Of City Utility Interests Agreement With The Florida Department Of Transportation For Construction Of A Southbound Right-Turn Lane Along A1A At The Driveway Access To Hyde Beach House By The Owner Of The Development.

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

7. [R-2020-132](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Execution And Acceptance Of A Federally Funded Subaward And Grant Agreement Between The City Of Hollywood And The State Of Florida Division Of Emergency Management For Hurricane Dorian; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements.

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

8. [R-2020-133](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Series Of Consultant's Authorizations To Proceed With Bermello, Ajamil & Partners For Professional Engineering Services For The Design Of The Avant Garde Academy Of Broward Sidewalk Construction Project Through The Florida Department Of Transportation Safe Routes To School Grant, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$108,280.00.

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

9. [R-2020-134](#)

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 LH-19-07 With Lighthouse Utility Consulting, Inc. To Provide Professional Services For Miscellaneous Utility Rate and Financial Consulting Services In The Amount Of \$45,000.00.

**ACTION:** Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, withdrew the resolution from consideration.

11. [P-2020-20](#)

Presentation By Jared Anton, Hollywood Housing Authority, On Hollywood Housing Authority Initiatives.

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

10. [PO-2020-08](#)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Repealing The Purchasing Ordinance, Which Consists Of Sections 38.35 Through 38.52 Of The Code Of Ordinances, Creating The Procurement Code, Also To Be Known As The Procurement Ordinance, Consisting Of New Sections 38.35 Through 38.53 Of The Code Of Ordinances That Will Govern The City's Purchase Of Goods, Supplies, Materials, Equipment and Services.

Commissioner Hernandez arrived at the meeting at 1:49 PM.

Commissioner Hernandez questioned the City Attorney if he has a conflict of interest. Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, replied that he does not. However, in an abundance of caution Commissioner Hernandez excused himself because of an appearance of a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Hernandez left the meeting at 1:51 PM.

Paul Bassar, Director of Procurement and Contract Compliance, explained the intent of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, responded to concerns raised.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance on first reading.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt on first reading the Ordinance. The motion on roll call vote carried:

**Aye:** Commissioner Shuham  
Commissioner Callari  
Commissioner Blattner  
Vice Mayor Biederman  
Commissioner Sherwood  
Mayor Levy  
**Abstain:** Commissioner Hernandez

12. [R-2020-135](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And If Awarded, Accept Funding from The Broward County Cycle 1 Transportation Surtax Fund To Implement Rehabilitation and Maintenance Projects; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Program Documents Associated With The Broward County Cycle 1 Transportation Surtax Fund Applications.

Commissioner Hernandez returned to the meeting at 2:20 PM.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, 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 Hernandez, to adopt the Resolution. The motion on roll call vote carried:

**Aye:** Commissioner Shuham  
Commissioner Hernandez  
Commissioner Callari  
Commissioner Blattner  
Vice Mayor Biederman  
Commissioner Sherwood  
Mayor Levy

13. **Commissioner Hernandez, District 2**

Hurricane Season

Commissioner Hernandez reminded everyone hurricane season is upon us and everyone needs to get ready.

Re-Opening Businesses

Commissioner Hernandez thanked City staff on all their hard work on helping to get businesses reopened and by making funds available to businesses.

**14. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

## COVID-19

Commissioner Callari reminded everyone to stay at home, stay safe and if residents cannot stay at home to take distance precautions. This is not over yet, and everyone needs to take precautions.

**15. Commissioner Blattner, District 4**

## City Boards/Committees

Commissioner Blattner stated it bothers him that people who are not registered Broward County voters can be appointed to various City boards/committees. He requested Commission support to have the City Attorney amend the board requirements so that applicants must be a Broward County registered voter.

Extensive discussion ensued among members of the Commission regarding a mandatory requirement to have all board/committee members be registered voters.

Commissioner Blattner asked for support to have the City Attorney come back with information if the City can mandate a board/committee applicant to be a registered voter. Commissioner Callari supported the request.

The consensus of the Commission was not to make it mandatory for the board/committee applicant be a registered voter.

## D-Day Remembrance

Commissioner Blattner stated there is an old picture of soldiers marching down Hollywood Blvd in 1943 for a war bond drive, which is a reminder of when men went off to war. Commissioner Blattner explained the history of D-Day and stated on Saturday is the 76th anniversary of D Day. He suggested this Saturday that everyone think of all who gave their all to this Country.

## Social Unrest

Commissioner Blattner thanked Commissioner Callari for the inspirational video and spoke about the current social unrest in the country. He suggested everyone read three books: "Devil in the Grove"; "Slavery by Another Name" and "Just Mercy".

**16. Vice Mayor Biederman, District 5**

**City Boards/Committees**

Vice Mayor Biederman expressed additional concerns on how to verify the requirements for a board/committee applicant to be a Broward registered voter.

**Thank You**

Vice Mayor Biederman thanked Commissioner Callari for the inspirational video perspective earlier given at the beginning of the meeting and wished peace in the country.

**2020 Graduates**

Vice Mayor Biederman congratulated all the graduating 2020 seniors, and a special congratulations to McArthur High School Valedictorian Isabella Judith Tavaréz.

**17. Commissioner Sherwood, District 6****Virtual Meetings**

Commissioner Sherwood stated she is fine with having virtual Web x meetings for a while and not having in person meetings.

**Thank You**

Commissioner Sherwood thanked Jaime Hernandez, Emergency Management Coordinator, and all staff for going over and above during the COVID-19 pandemic and social unrest.

**18. Commissioner Shuham, District 1****Thank You**

Commissioner Shuham thanked Commissioner Callari for showing the inspirational video at the beginning of the meeting, it has been a stressful time.

**Police Body Cams**

Commissioner Shuham thanked Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, on the update for the police body cams trial. Commissioner Shuham requested information on the long term projected cost of the program for the June 18th budget workshop.

**Antibody Testing**

Commissioner Shuham thanked City staff for providing the antibody testing to City employees, as it was well organized.

**Resident Requests**

Commissioner Shuham stated residents have requested, which has also been forward to staff, the need for some benches around the west side of both "key hole" lakes; need trash bins on A1A north of the Dania Beach bridge; and if the water fountains on the boardwalk can be turned on.

#### Virtual Meetings

Commissioner Shuham stated she is okay with virtual Commission meetings or in person at the meetings, but she wants residents to be able to come in and speak at the meeting.

#### City Boards/Committees

Commissioner Shuham suggested the registered voter information be placed on the board application. Mayor Levy replied the information is currently on the application.

#### 2020 Graduates

Commissioner Shuham congratulated all the 2020 graduates.

### **19. Mayor Levy**

#### Commission Meetings

Mayor Levy denoted the upcoming Commission meetings will be June 17th and July 1st then will be summer break. He asked if plexiglass would be installed in the Commission chambers before the break.

Commissioner Callari questioned if there is still the need for summer break as a meeting could be scheduled during this time.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, explained the City is in compliance with the Charter on the required number of meetings, but a special meeting can be called if needed. During the summer break work is scheduled to be done on the Commission chambers and unavailable for use. Plexiglass can be installed in the Commission chamber if needed. Everything is fluid, changing day to day as things happen.

Mayor Levy asked each Commission member to speak to the City Manager on their desires.

#### 2020 Graduates

Mayor Levy congratulated all the 2020 graduates. He reviewed the graduation ceremonies the various high schools are having for their seniors. He stated he spoke to South Broward High School Principal Brown who requested help for a location to have a car parade in the City.

Commissioner Callari suggested using Downtown streets and the City



has closed the area Thursday thru Sunday.

#### Business Loan Program Funds

Mayor Levy stated the Director of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development has been working on a business loan program using state funds which was authorized at the last Commission meeting. He requested an update on the program.

#### City's Taxable Values

Mayor Levy stated he has been focusing on the City's overall taxable value. When first elected it was \$13.2 billion, now it is at \$18.5 billion which was published January 2020, up \$5.3 billion over the past few years. This is cautious optimism because it does not take into account the pandemic, we will have to see what next year holds.

### 20. City Attorney

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, had no further comments.

### 21. City Manager

#### Thank You

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated he found this to be an uplifting and inspiring meeting. He thanked Commissioner Callari and Mayor Levy for setting the tone. He also thanked the Police Chief and all the Police Officers for all they do to make racial and justice more than just words.

#### City's Taxable Values

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated when Mayor Levy was first elected he challenged staff to increase the taxable value of the City in five years to \$18 billion. The taxable values just released are \$18.5 billion, we reached the goal one year earlier. Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, reviewed the progress made with building division technology and virtual inspections.

#### Oracle ERP

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, explained staff is kicking off the building module in Oracle ERP, which is moving towards a completely digital and seamless permitting process.

#### Development

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the City received notification from the Housing Trust Group that they have closed on all of the construction financing for 901 South Federal Highway, this will provide

high quality mixed housing units.

FastTrac Entrepreneurial Program

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, explained the Department of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development staff continue to back the business community with the launched FastTrac start up entrepreneurial program. The program was launched last night with a virtual ten week program.

Emergency Management

Jamie Hernandez, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided an update on COVID 19 pandemic and the statistics to date.

22. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

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