

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

**5:30 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

## **Special City Commission Meeting**

### ***CITY COMMISSION***

***Josh Levy, Mayor***

***Debra Case, 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***

***Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager***

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

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

The Special City Commission Meeting of the City of Hollywood, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Levy on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:44 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, Hollywood, Florida.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

**Present** Vice Mayor Debra Case Commissioner Peter Hernandez  
Commissioner Traci Callari Commissioner Richard Blattner  
Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman Commissioner Linda Sherwood  
Mayor Josh Levy

3. [P-2018-052](#) City Manager's Recommended Budget Presentation.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, provided an overview of the City Manager's recommended budget.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, provided a detailed presentation on the city manager's recommended budget.

George Keller, Assistant City Manager for Public Safety, provided additional information on employee salaries, benefits and pension benefits.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Biederman, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, to approve management's recommendation of \$3 million to restore pension benefits cuts. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

4. [R-2018-279](#) 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, 2018; 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. Henri Guerin, 1502 Rodman Street
2. Pat Hile, 5300 Washington Street

3. Cliff Germano, 1627 N 28 Court
4. Moses Garcia, 3904 Cleveland Street

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

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Christopher Pratt, Fire Chief, provided additional information.

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 6-1. Commissioner Hernandez was opposed.**

5. [R-2018-280](#)

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, 2018; 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, being there was no one present who wished to be heard, the public hearing was declared closed.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Blattner, which was seconded by Commissioner Callari, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Hernandez was opposed.**

6. [R-2018-281](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Levying And Collecting Of A Non-Ad Valorem Assessment 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, 2018 Against The Effected Property Owners Who Have Had Remedial Work Performed To Remedy The Nuisances: Approving The Assessment Amounts; 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, being

there was no one present who wished to be heard, the public hearing was declared closed.

Cintya Ramos, Director of Finance, 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 Biederman, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. (7-0)**

7. [R-2018-282](#)

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, 2018, And Making The Tax Levy For The Year 2018.

The Mayor read the title of the Resolution: "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, 2018, AND MAKING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2018."

The Mayor stated: "THE PROPOSED NOT TO EXCEED MILLAGE RATE SET BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD ON JULY 3, 2018 IS 7.4665 MILLS. AT THIS TIME, THE CITY MANAGER IS PROPOSING THAT THE MILLAGE RATE BE TENTATIVELY SET AT 7.4665, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO GENERATE GENERAL FUND NET REVENUES OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS (\$118,245,702.00). THIS MILLAGE RATE REPRESENTS A 6.88% INCREASE OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 6.9857 MILLS."

Mayor Levy announced the public hearing was advertised in conformance with Florida statutes and City ordinances. The public hearing was opened and the following individuals expressed personal opinions/concerns:

1. Helena O'Neal, 2314 Simms Street
2. Richard Weiner, Attorney for AFSCME
3. Christopher Cassidy, AFSCME President

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

Commissioner Hernandez asked for commission support to direct staff to find out why the Chamber of Commerce pays no fire assessment fee.

Commissioner Callari and Commissioner Biederman supported the request.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Case, to adopt the Resolution setting the millage rate at 7.4665 mills. On a voice vote the motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Biederman and Mayor Levy were opposed.

8. [R-2018-283](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Tentatively Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019 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 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. William Huddleston, IAFF Union president
2. Chuck Tullio, Local 1375 Vice President
3. Jeff Marano, Broward County PBA
4. James Harn
5. Frieda Dragif, 3421 N Park Road

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

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

The Mayor announced the date of the second budget hearing will be Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Biederman, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-1. Vice Mayor Case was opposed.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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