

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019

5:30 PM

FY 2020 First Public Budget Hearing

Commission Chambers Room 219

Special City Commission Meeting

CITY COMMISSION

Josh Levy, Mayor

Traci Callari, Vice Mayor - District 3

Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1

Peter Hernandez, Commissioner - District 2

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 Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 5:36 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, Hollywood, Florida.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Caryl Shuham, Commissioner Peter Hernandez, Vice Mayor Traci Callari, Commissioner Richard Blattner, Commissioner Kevin D. Biederman, Commissioner Linda Sherwood and Mayor Josh Levy

3. [P-2019-63](#) City Manager's Recommended Budget Presentation.

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

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Budget and Finance, provided a detailed presentation on the FY2020 proposed budget.

4. [R-2019-260](#) 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, 2019; Approving The Rate Of Assessment; Approving The Assessment Roll.

The Mayor announced the resolution was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened and Roger Brillion, 4200 Hillcrest Drive, expressed personal opinions/concerns. Being there was no one further who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Rudy Jurado, Fire Chief, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

5. [R-2019-261](#)

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, 2019; Approving The Rate Of Assessment; Approving The Assessment Roll.

The Mayor announced the resolution was advertised in conformance with Florida Statutes and City Codes. The public hearing was opened; there being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

6. [R-2019-262](#)

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, 2019 Against The Effected Property Owners Who Have Had Remedial Work Performed To Remedy The Nuisances: Approving The Assessment Amounts; Approving The Assessment Roll.

Cintya Ramos, Director of Financial Services, explained the intent of the resolution.

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. 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.

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

7. [R-2019-263](#)

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, 2019, And Making The Tax Levy For The Year 2019.

The Mayor 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, 2019, and Making the Tax Levy For The Year 2019."

The Mayor stated "The proposed not-to-exceed millage rate set by the City Commission of the City of Hollywood on July 3, 2019 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 twenty-four million, nine hundred and fifty-six thousand, three hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$124,956,351.00). This millage rate represents a 3.45% increase over the rolled-back rate of 7.2173 mills."

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. Pam Burgio, 2131 N 54 Avenue

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

Commissioner Blattner left the meeting at 6:21 PM and returned at 6:22 PM.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Rudy Jurado, Fire Chief, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

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

8. [R-2019-264](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Tentatively Making Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2020 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 read the title of the resolution as follows: "A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Tentatively Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 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 and opened the public hearing. 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.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

Commissioner Sherwood suggested to increase the Art and Culture Center allocation an additional \$75,000.00. Commissioner Hernandez supported the request.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, responded to concerns raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development, responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Blattner were opposed.

Mayor Levy announced the date of the second budget hearing on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), an executive session would be held on September 16, 2019 at 4:30 PM regarding Broward County vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and outside counsel, Steven Zelkowitz and John Herin.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
