

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, June 17, 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 17, 2020 at 1:23 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.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Callari, seconded by Commissioner Sherwood, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

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

5. [R-2020-136](#) 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 Chen Moore & Associates For Professional Engineering Services For The Design Of Three Mast Arm Traffic Signal Structures At Hollywood Boulevard And 26th Avenue In An Amount Not To Exceed \$149,865.00.

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

7. [R-2020-138](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Hope South Florida, Inc. To Provide Rent And Utility Assistance Utilizing State Housing Initiatives Partnership Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$510,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget (R-2019-283).

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

9. [R-2020-140](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Liberia Economic And Social Development, Inc. To Provide Food Services To Seniors Utilizing Community Development Block Cares Act COVID-19 Grant Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$15,040.00.

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

10. [R-2020-141](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc. To Provide Food To Seniors Through Its Client Choice Pantry Program Utilizing Community Development Block Grant Cares Act COVID-19 Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$24,960.00.

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

11. [R-2020-142](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Maintenance Agreement With RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc. To Maintain Landscape Improvements Within The State Road 84 Rights-Of-Way Associated With The RaceTrac Gas Station And Convenience Store Development; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Amendment To The Inclusive Landscape Maintenance Agreement With The Florida Department Of Transportation, Including The RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc.

Landscape Improvements.

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

13. [R-2020-144](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Contract With Envirowaste Services Group, Inc. For Manhole Repair Services Related To The Gravity Sewer System Condition Assessment, Renewal, And Replacement Program, As Identified In The 2007/2008 Wastewater System Master Plan, In The Amount Of \$309,500.00.

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

14. [P-2020-21](#)

A Proclamation In Recognition Of The Juneteenth Celebration - June 19, 2020.

Mayor Levy read the proclamation in recognition of Juneteeth Day.

Georgette Laskey-Wiggins, African American Advisory Board member, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commission for the recognition.

15. [P-2020-22](#)

Presentation By Michael D. Futterman, Partner In Charge, Marcum LLP, To The City Of Hollywood, Fiscal Year 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report And Fiscal Year Audit Results.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, provided an introduction and introduced Moises Ariza, Marcum LLP.

Moises Ariza, Audit Partner, provided a presentation on the FY 2019 comprehensive annual financial report and fiscal year audit results.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

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

Jared Anton, Hollywood Housing Authority Commissioner, provided a presentation on the activities of the Hollywood Housing Authority and how the authority can partner with the City to expand affordable housing.

Tony Gutierrez, Acting Executive Director, and Taymir Sempe, Chief Financial Officer, Hollywood Housing Authority, gave a presentation on

the various housing programs.

Rick Gilmore, Project Developer, provided additional information on an upcoming project.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission and Jared Anton and Rick Gilmore responded to questions asked of them.

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

Commissioner Sherwood and Commissioner Hernandez left the meeting at 2:59 PM.

6. [R-2020-137](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Resolution No. R-2002-21 As Amended By Resolution No. R-2016-262 To Provide For The Addition Of An Administrative Fee When Owners And Contractors Hire A Private Provider For Plans Review And Building Inspection Services.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Blattner, to adopt the Resolution. The motion on roll call vote carried:

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Hernandez  
Commissioner Sherwood

Note: Commissioner Sherwood and Commissioner Hernandez registered "aye" votes, see page 6.

12. [R-2020-143](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept The FY2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant Program From The U.S. Department Of Justice In An Approximate Amount Of \$129,126.00; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents; Amending The Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget (R-2019-283).

Commissioner Hernandez returned to the meeting at 2:46 PM.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Blattner, to adopt the Resolution. The motion on roll call vote carried:

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

Note: Commissioner Sherwood registered an "aye" vote, see page 6.

8. [R-2020-139](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Hope South Florida, Inc. To Provide Case Management Services Utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funds Cares Act Covid-19 Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$30,000.00.

Discussion ensued among 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  
Mayor Levy  
**Absent:** Commissioner Sherwood

Note: Commissioner Sherwood registered "aye" vote, see page 6.

18. **Commissioner Callari, District 3**

Commissioner Sherwood returned to the meeting at 2:50 PM.

South Broward High Graduation Parade

Commissioner Callari thanked all those involved in the South Broward High graduation parade and stated that we should continue to provide this event every year.

Covid-19

Commissioner Callari reminded everyone that the numbers of positive Covid cases are still trending up. She explained that Dr. Katz informed her that the night before last, he had admitted 10 positive Covid cases in one night. She pleaded to all residents to please wear your masks when out and continue to wash your hands. She asked everyone to respect ourselves and others as we move forward.

**CRA**

Commissioner Callari thanked the CRA for helping out with the opening of restaurants.

**Broward County Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Callari stated that the City was treated like a red-headed step child at the last Broward County meeting. She continued saying that the City was shamed and that this is not a behavior that anyone should expect, especially from our leaders.

**Broward League Task Funding Allocation Funds**

Commissioner Callari stated that the Broward League of Cities Task Force is working really hard to ensure that all municipalities in the Broward County area are receiving funding.

**Defunding the Police Department**

Commissioner Callari stated that she is not in favor of staying silent over defunding the police department issue. She is not in favor of defunding the police department. We need to rise up and allow them to be more beneficial to the community.

**At This Time**

Commissioner Sherwood registered "aye" votes to adopt item #6, R-2020-137; item #8, R-2020-139 and item #12, R-2020-143.

Commissioner Hernandez registered an "aye" vote to adopt item #6, R-2020-137.

**19. Commissioner Blattner, District 4****Proposed Charter Amendment**

Commissioner Blattner expressed his disappointment on the anticipated vote from Broward County on the Proposed Charter Amendment. He expressed disappointment in the County representatives that represent Hollywood for not reaching out to the City and discussing this matter prior to the vote.

**Primary Election**

Commissioner Blattner stated the primary election is being held on August 18, 2020. He encouraged residents to request an absentee ballot to vote and not stand in line, exposing themselves in any way. If residents need to verify the mailing of their absentee ballots, he suggested they call 954-357-7050.

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

Vice Mayor Biederman had no further comments.

**21. Commissioner Sherwood, District 6****Demonstrations**

Commissioner Sherwood spoke about all the demonstrations and how most were peaceful. She touched on the things the City needs to do to ensure black lives matter, starting with the education of such topics as early as preschool. Commissioner Sherwood spoke about teaching ethics and morality in the schools, as she was taught in her Catholic school upbringing.

**Equal Pay**

Commissioner Sherwood spoke about working with Congress and the State Legislature on equal pay for equal work and raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour.

**Defunding the Police Department**

Commissioner Sherwood spoke about the Police Department and how they do not need defunding, but rather additional funding for additional training.

**22. Commissioner Shuham, District 1****Graduation Parade**

Commissioner Shuham spoke about the graduation parades and she believes that the drive thru graduation should happen every year.

**Health Insurance**

Commissioner Shuham thanked Tammie Hechler, Director of Human Resources, for her efforts in saving money on the health insurance. She stated that the City is realizing budget savings and how this is beneficial to its employees.

**Social Distancing**

Commissioner Shuham encouraged residents to wear masks and practice social distancing.

**Paddle Boarding/Surfing**

Commissioner Shuham stated there has been some confusion regarding paddle boarding. She stated that the City is following the original trial period rules, until the new ordinance passes. She further stated that there



is good news due to the fact that this item is on the agenda for next week.

#### Broward County Commission Meeting

Commissioner Shuham also expressed her disappointment with the comments made at the Broward County Commission Meeting. She mentioned that the comments made by Mayor Holness were offensive and that she has a lot of respect for him but disagrees with him in respect to our residents not having 100 percent rights to exercise their democratic opportunities to oppose government action.

Commissioner Shuham stated she was also offended by Commissioner Udine suggesting that the County simply told us to put our tower on a rooftop and we were unable to do that. She was extremely disappointed with what was said but appreciated the divine forces which shut the meeting down by taking the power out.

#### Defunding the Police Department

Commissioner Shuham asked for support from her colleagues for a workshop on Policing in Hollywood. She feels that this would give the Police Department an opportunity to discuss and share what they are doing within the City. She wants to shift the responsibility of the homeless and Broadwalk enforcement to other departments.

Commissioner Callari, Commissioner Blattner, Vice Mayor Biederman and Commissioner Hernandez all supported this request. Commissioner Blattner further suggested that the presentation be video-taped and replayed for the public.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that he understands the urgency of this matter, but mentioned that such endeavors take time to properly execute.

#### Juneteenth

Commissioner Shuham wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth.

### **23. Commissioner Hernandez, District 2**

#### Juneteenth/Father's Day

Commissioner Hernandez wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth and a Happy Father's Day.

#### Graduation Parade

Commissioner Hernandez sent his congratulations to all the graduates and agreed that this function should take place every year.

#### Sensitivity Training

Commissioner Hernandez spoke on how sensitivity training should be taken at all City levels due to the fact that it provides enhancements for our residents and also for our interaction amongst each other.

#### Alley

Commissioner Hernandez stated the alley between Hollywood Boulevard and Van Buren Street, on 24th Avenue was damaged due to the new building being constructed. This alley is full of trash and he would like someone to look into it.

#### Mask Enforcement

Commissioner Hernandez stated he wants to know which department is in charge of enforcing masks in public places. If it is the Police, they should talk to the public. If the violation is inside the establishment, is it Code Enforcement? The establishments should educate their customers on the penalties of such violations. He further emphasized that this is for our health. He further mentioned that on Saturday, 10 new cases came into the hospital. Please, let's all stay healthy.

#### Item #16- R-2020-137

Commissioner Hernandez clarified that he registered an aye vote to adopt R-2020-137.

## **24. Mayor Levy**

#### Defunding the Police Department

Mayor Levy stated that everyone is working for the betterment of the City. Therefore, we fully support the Police Department and community policing initiatives, and thank the Police for the work they do every day.

#### Building Permits

Mayor Levy talked about the many landscape review complaints he has received and how administration is holding up permits. He stated that a different process should be put in place.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, responded that he would take a look at it.

#### Park View/Pulte New Homes

Mayor Levy spoke about a particular complaint that has recently come up about the Broward Health Facility, as the parking lot lights are shining into a resident's home.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, responded that this facility is County

owned, and if need be, we can have a special meeting.

**25. City Attorney**

Broward County Charter Amendments

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney spoke about a resolution opposing items 81 and 82 on the Broward County Agenda for Charter amendments. The meeting has been re-convened for tomorrow to bring back items 81 and 82. He stated that the issues are that the City did not have enough time to comment and provide our concerns, and that in general, both items would intrude upon our cities' home rule powers and therefore, Cities oppose this amendment.

**25A. [R-2020-145](#)**

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Opposing Items 81 And 82 On The Broward County Commission Agenda, And The Approvals Thereof Scheduled For June 18, 2020, Regarding County Charter Amendments On The November 2020 Ballot That Would Allow The County To Supersede City Zoning And Other Regulations For County Projects Within Municipalities, In Derogation Of The Home Rule Authority Granted To Cities.

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

**25. City Attorney**

Annual Report

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, mentioned that annually he provides the City Commission with an annual report of everything going on in his office. He stated the report will soon be sent to the Commission for review.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), a virtual executive session would be held on June 24, 2020 at 3:30 PM regarding the Dorothy Edwards v. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending this session are the Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief Litigation Counsel John Wien.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), a virtual executive session would be held on June 24, 2020 at 4:00 PM regarding the beach security. Attending this session are the Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager, Deputy City Manager,

CRA Executive Director, CRA Deputy Director, Police Chief, City Attorney, and Joseph Barry with CPZ Architects.

Happy Father's Day

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

## **26. City Manager**

Congratulations

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, congratulated Mayor Levy on being Mayor Elect.

EIDL Application Portal

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, also known as EIDL is open to eligible businesses experiencing economic impacts due to Covid-19. The Department of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development team has been pushing this information throughout the City's Business Resources email and by updating the information on the City's website and the Economic Development website, [www.choosehollywoodfl.com](http://www.choosehollywoodfl.com).

City Micro-Enterprise Small Business Assistance Program

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the City Micro-Enterprise Small Business Assistance Program has received over 300 pre-applications for micro grants. These grants cover such things as rents and mortgages and other operating expenses.

Face Masks & Facial Shields

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that in order to promote compliance with local emergency orders and as part of the City's "Backing Business" initiative, the City and CRA are distributing branded face masks and face shields to Hollywood businesses. These items will be available at City Hall, Department of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development office, Room #203, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM and at the CRA Office located at 1948 Harrison Street in Downtown Hollywood, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM through 10:00 AM and from 3:00 PM through 5:00 PM.

Covid-19 Posters

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that the City and CRA have also partnered to create and print Covid-19 safety posters to Hollywood businesses in order to comply with City ordinances. These posters are available to download on the City's website or can be picked up at various Community Centers including: Boulevard Heights, David Park,

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center, Hollywood Beach Culture & Community Center, Washington Park Community Center and at City Hall.

#### Covid-19 Walk-Up Testing Sites

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that the City has teamed up with the Florida Department of Health in Broward County to host a free Covid-19 walk-up testing site located at Boulevard Heights Community Center, 6770 Garfield Street in West Hollywood from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, no appointments are necessary.

#### Law Enforcement Trust Funds

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that the Police Department is accepting applications for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. This fund is vital to providing drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood and school resource officer programs. You can apply for this program at [www.HollywoodPolice.org](http://www.HollywoodPolice.org).

#### Promotions

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, congratulated the Police Department on 10 new officers who were recently sworn in.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, also congratulated Anthony Grisby for his promotion to Community Development Manager.

Anthony Grisby, Community Development Manager, spoke about the Neighborhood Pride Program. He gave a brief presentation on the program and its funding. Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, and Anthony Grisby, Community Development Manager, responded to all concerns that were brought up.

The Commission recessed at 4:05 PM and reconvened at 5:05 PM with all members of the Commission present.

## **17. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and City Hall being closed; the City Clerk read comments submitted from the following individuals:

1. Susan Stock, 1900 Van Buren Street, #501B
2. Sean Atkinson, 1106 N 31st Avenue
3. Bob Glickman, 3111 N Ocean Drive
4. Catherine Uden, 1120 Lyontree Street
5. Debra Case, 322 Buchanan Street, PHA-1

27. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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