

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA SUSPENDING PARKS,
RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS ADVISORY BOARD
MEMBER SEAN ATKINSON.

WHEREAS, the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board ("Board") was established by the City Commission to promote parks, recreation, cultural arts, special events and golf operations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board consists of nine adult member positions and two youth member positions whose interests and focus are on the recreational, athletic or cultural arts aspects of the Department; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 10 Live Oak trees were planted by City staff in advance of the Saturday, October 10 volunteer planting project when five Gumbo Limbo trees and approximately 30 Cocoplums were scheduled to be planted. The planting plan was prepared by the City Arborist; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, October 9, the Hollywood Wildcats, via a detailed email, requested relocation of the planting material, and on Saturday morning, City staff spoke with the Hollywood Wildcats President regarding rearranging the Gumbo Limbos and Cocoplums planting locations; and

WHEREAS, City staff informed the Hollywood Wildcats President that the Live Oaks location discussion would take place on Monday, October 12 with the City Arborist; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 10 (30 minutes before the end of the planting project), Board Member Sean Atkinson was advised by Robert Ingram (City Recreation Maintenance Supervisor) that he would need to obtain authorization to relocate the Live Oaks, and shortly after 11:00 a.m., City staff working the volunteer planting project gathered the tools and supplies and left the site; and

WHEREAS, between Saturday 11:00 a.m. and Sunday afternoon, eight of the Live Oaks were relocated; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, City staff witnessed a Facebook Live post showing Sean Atkinson, Tom Lander and others relocating Live Oaks; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, October 11, Interim Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts David Vazquez returned a call from Tom Lander, who was present when the Live Oaks were moved, and Tom Lander stated he was unaware that Sean Atkinson did not have authorization to relocate the Live Oaks; and

WHEREAS, in addition to not having authorization to relocate the Live Oaks, Sean Atkinson did not have authorization to work at Boggs West field after the volunteer planting project, thereby trespassing on City property; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and staff liaison to the Board recommend the removal of Sean Atkinson based upon his blatant disregard of City staff's authority and trespassing on City property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it suspends Sean Atkinson pending further consideration of his membership on the Board at a future City Commission meeting.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance
of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY