

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

**Regular City Commission Meeting**

The Regular City Commission Meeting of the City of Hollywood, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Levy on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 1:16 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, Hollywood, Florida.

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 Blattner, seconded by Commissioner Callari, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

5. [R-2020-302](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget (R-2019-283), Authorizing Year End Budgetary Transfers And Adjustments For Fiscal Year 2020.

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

6. [R-2020-303](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Bind Renewal Policies With Hartford Fire Insurance Company For Flood Insurance For Various Locations, For An Amount Not To Exceed \$79,703.00.

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

7. [R-2020-304](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Blanket Purchase Agreement Along With An Addendum To The Blanket Purchase Agreement Terms And Conditions To Andritz Separation Inc. For Disassembly, Rehabilitation And Reassembly Of Belt Presses And The Purchase And Installation Of New Rollers; In The Total Amount Of \$1,836,805.91, Which Includes A Contingency Amount Of \$166,982.36, Based Upon The Sole Source Provision In Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The City Code.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission.

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

8. [R-2020-305](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Accepting The Certified Results Of The 2020 Municipal General Election Held On November 3, 2020.

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

9. [P-2020-32](#) Presentation To Commissioner Hernandez And Commissioner Blattner Recognizing Their Service As District Commissioner.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, read a statement on the outstanding public service of Commissioner Hernandez.

Commissioner Hernandez thanked the staff, citizens and his colleagues for working together for the betterment of the City.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, read a statement on the outstanding public service of Commissioner Blattner.

Commissioner Blattner thanked the staff, citizens and his colleagues for working together for the betterment of the City.

Commissioner Callari, Broward League of Cities President, and Mary Lou Tighe, Broward League of Cities Executive Director, presented plaques to Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner for their service to the City and Broward County.

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

Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner

Vice Mayor Biederman acknowledged the presentations to Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner and thanked them for their service. He stated he enjoyed working together with them on the Commission.

Congratulations

Vice Mayor Biederman congratulated Marie Woodson, Robin Bartleman and Debbie Hixon on winning their elections.

Vice Mayor Biederman also congratulated Yummy Crab, which is a new business that recently opened up in his district.

Thank You

Vice Mayor Biederman thanked Kevin Thibault, Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, and Shane Strom for getting the water flowing from the Turnpike canal between Taft Street and Sheridan Street by having it unclogged.

Lake Okeechobee

Vice Mayor Biederman stated he is on the Broward County Water Advisory Board and stated that some of the information he received was that Lake Okeechobee is three feet above the level that it was at this time last year.

#### **11. Commissioner Sherwood, District 6**

Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner

Commissioner Sherwood stated today is a day of joy and sadness. She will miss Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner. She congratulated them on all their accomplishments over the years.

#### **12. Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

Recent Weather

Commissioner Shuham thanked Vivek Galav, Director of Public Utilities, and Pete Bienek, Director of Public Works, and all their staff for their hard work during the recent hard rains.

Dunes

Commissioner Shuham stated the dunes have performed remarkably during the recent storms.

Vacant Businesses and Mandates

Commissioner Shuham stated that vacant businesses should have signage on their windows and requested Commission support for this to become a mandate. Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Callari and Commissioner Blattner supported this request.

Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner  
Commissioner Shuham thanked Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner for their service, mentorship and guidance.

**13. Commissioner Hernandez, District 2**

Thank You

Commissioner Hernandez thanked God, his wife, his daughter, Commission staff on the 4th floor; Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager; George Keller, Deputy City Manager; Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager; Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager; Doug Gonzales, City Attorney; Police Department; Fire Department; residents of the City; his neighbors; all the City Directors and their staff; the crews that work around the clock, and his Mom and Dad for all of their support. He will continue to work for the City, even though he was not reelected.

Membership in Sister Cities

Commissioner Hernandez requested Commission support to renew the City's membership with Sister Cities and he volunteered to serve on this committee. Commissioner Callari and Commissioner Shuham supported this request.

**14. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

Flooding Hotspots

Commissioner Callari thanked Vivek Galav, Director of Public Utilities, on resolving the issues of the recent flooding hotspots.

Mosquito Spraying

Commissioner Callari thanked the County for their response on the mosquito spraying.

Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner

Commissioner Callari expressed her gratitude for serving alongside Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner.

**15. Commissioner Blattner, District 4**

Thank You

Commissioner Blattner thanked the Office of Human Resources for the departing gift. He also thanked his wife for her support over the years.

Commissioner Blattner also thanked Commissioner Callari for working alongside him over the years.

#### Housing Ordinance

Commissioner Blattner stated the Commission needs to work on property standards. He spoke about the City of North Miami who has a housing ordinance in which inspections are done by the City when houses are for sale, as this will help to discourage illegal conversions. He would like the City to consider a similar housing ordinance.

#### Poem

Commissioner Blattner read a poem by Ernest Lords Thayer, A Ballad of the Republic, sung in the Year 1888.

### **16. Mayor Levy**

Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner

Mayor Levy thanked his colleagues for all their words of encouragement and acknowledged Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner for their contributions to the City.

### **17. City Attorney**

Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, thanked Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Blattner and stated he enjoyed working with them over the years.

### **18. City Manager**

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, had no further comments.

### **19. Recess**

The Commission recessed at 2:18 PM and reconvened at 2:38 PM with all members of the Commission present.

### **20. SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, welcomed the elected officials, Mayor Elect Josh Levy, District 2 Commissioner Elect Linda Hill Anderson, District 4

Commissioner Elect Adam Gruber, District 6 Commissioner Elect Linda Sherwood.

**A. Invocation**

Pastor Kennedy McGowen, First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, provided the invocation.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. Oaths of Office**

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Mayor Josh Levy.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Commissioner Linda Hill Anderson.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Commissioner Adam Gruber.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Commissioner Linda Sherwood.

**D. Benediction**

Pastor Kennedy McGowen, First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, provided the benediction.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, introduced the new City Commission.

**21. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioner Caryl Shuham, Commissioner Linda Anderson, Commissioner Traci Callari, Commissioner Adam Gruber, Vice Mayor Kevin D. Biederman, Commissioner Linda Sherwood and Mayor Josh Levy

**22. Commissioner Shuham, District 1**

Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber  
Commissioner Shuham congratulated the newly elected officials,

Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber, and stated she looks forward to working with them.

**23. Commissioner Anderson, District 2**

Thank you

Commissioner Anderson thanked the residents that voted for her, her campaign staff, donors, and her family for all their help and support.

**24. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber

Commissioner Callari congratulated the newly elected officials, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber, and stated she looks forward to working together to serve the residents.

**25. Commissioner Gruber, District 4**

Thank you

Commissioner Gruber thanked his family for their support, the volunteers, the donors and all voters. He recognized Commissioner Blattner for his 20 years of service to the City. He congratulated the newly elected officials and he looks forward to working together with the Commission and staff.

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

Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber

Vice Mayor Biederman congratulated the newly elected officials, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber.

Facebook

Vice Mayor Biederman stated that the next and final episode of his "Not So Undercover Vice Mayor" will be airing on Facebook Live on Monday, November 23rd as he is riding with Underground Utilities Stormwater Division.

Recapture the Swale Program

Vice Mayor Biederman thanked the Department of Public Utilities for their endeavor in the Recapture the Swale Pilot Program on 72nd Avenue, as it is looking good!

Home Inspection Program

Vice Mayor Biederman reiterated the Home Inspection program brought



up by Commissioner Blattner. He stated that he will bring up this issue again at a later date.

**27. Commissioner Sherwood, District 6**

Thank you

Commissioner Sherwood thanked everyone for their support and spoke about her years of service. She stated that she is looking forward to working with the new Commission.

**28. Mayor Levy**

Welcome

Mayor Levy welcomed Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber.

Thank you

Mayor Levy stated that he has achieved a lot in the last four years and he looks forward to continuing to move the City forward in the policies and initiatives that the Commission has and will set. He thanked the 1,300 plus employees who work for the City and spoke about the ongoing General Obligation Bond, which the residents voted in favor of, to invest in the City.

**29. City Attorney**

Congratulations

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, congratulated the New City Commission and stated he looks forward to working with all of them.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), a virtual executive session would be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 4:15 PM regarding Howard Fabian vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief Litigation Counsel.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.011(8)(a), a virtual executive session would be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 4:45 PM regarding Lecharies Rashad Coakley vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief Litigation

Counsel.

**30. City Manager**

Congratulations

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, congratulated Mayor Levy and Commissioner Sherwood and welcomed Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gruber.

**31. RECESS**

The Commission recessed at 3:27 PM and reconvened at 5:11 PM with all members of the Commission present.

**32. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

The City Clerk read the 30 minute time period rule for Citizens' Comments, the balance of the comments submitted to the City Clerk that cannot be read will be forwarded to the City Commission.

1. Harry Persaud, harry6338@gmail.com
2. Dr. Reginald Qusenberry, qusenberry@me.com
3. Harry Jr., harryprince56.hp@gmail.com
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5. America Figueira, flamerica 137@gmail.com
6. Louise Olliw, lolliw@gmail.com
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9. Claude Luciani, claudeluciani@att.net
10. Theodora Williamson
11. Debra Case, 322 Buchanan Street
12. Lynn Smith, 1939 Adams Street
13. Peter Bober, 2699 Stirling Road, Suite A-30
14. Keith Poliakoff, 200 East Las Olas Blvd, Suite 1000
15. Mande Adler, 3151 N 36th Street
16. Patricia Ferreira, 3 Foxfire Road
17. Joele Perovich, 3802 N 46th Avenue, #B420
18. Caryl Mendelsohn, 3101 N 47th Avenue
19. Jeffrey Lowe, 2802 N 46th Avenue
20. Barry Lynn, 3501 Keyser Avenue
21. Carole Lynn, 3502 Keyser Avenue
22. Emily Komlossy, 15 Dogwood Road
23. Jeff Resnick, 2806 N 46th Avenue
24. Laya Seghi, 4 Foxfire Road

- 25. Edith Borushok Fisher, 4731 N 36th Street
- 26. Yosi Assaf, 3 Foxfire Road
- 27. Bobby Gelber, 4000 N Hills Drive
- 28. Anthony Krayner, 6051 N Ocean Drive, #1706
- 29. Bradley Manilla, 2810 N 46th Avenue, #257
- 30. Patricia Rafaez, 2806 N 46th Avenue, #D634
- 31. Anabella Fischer, 46 Greens Road
- 32. Joan Tashman, 2800 N 46th Avenue, #A303
- 33. Nelson Zide, 4490 Casper Court
- 34. Walter Hollander, 3650 N 36th Avenue, #52
- 35. Peter Patraka, 2818 N 46th Avenue
- 36. Miriam Kowarski, 2802 N 46th Avenue, #B620
- 37. Tina Peretz, 5210 N 35th Street

33. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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