

City of Hollywood

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 6, 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, May 6, 2020 at 1:09 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-2020-086](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 4, 2019.

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)

6. [R-2020-087](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Special City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 9, 2019.
- 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-2020-088](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Special City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 12, 2019.
- 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)
8. [R-2020-089](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Joint / Special City Commission / Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting Minutes Of September 18, 2019.
- 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-2020-090](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 18, 2019.
- 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-2020-091](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Special City Commission Meeting Minutes Of September 26, 2019.
- 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-2020-092](#) A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of October 2, 2019.

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)

12. [R-2020-093](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of October 16, 2019.

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-2020-094](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Municipal Equipment Company, LLC For The Purchase Of Draeger 7000 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus For Fire Rescue And Beach Safety In The Total Amount Of \$856,101.81 Based Upon Lake County, Florida, Bid Number 17-0606h In Accordance With Section 38.40(C)(5) Of The Purchasing Ordinance (Piggyback).

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. [R-2020-095](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number LH-19-06 With Lighthouse Utility Consulting, Inc. To Provide Professional Services For The Development Of A Water And Sewer Rate Study Analysis And Report In The Amount Of \$103,785.00.

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)

15. [P-2020-19](#)

Presentation By Gary Resnick, Vice Shareholder With Gray Robinson, Regarding 5G Industry And Small Cell Facilities.

Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, provided an introduction of the presentation and introduced Gary Resnick, Vice Shareholder with Gray Robinson.

Gary Resnick, Vice Shareholder with Gray Robinson, provided a presentation on the law and technology regarding 5G industry and small cell facilities.

Extensive discussion ensued among members of the Commission and Gary Resnick.

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

Presentation By Armando Linares, Director Of Design And Construction Management, On General Obligation Bond Project Updates

Armando Linares, Director of Design and Construction Management, provided a presentation on the Department of Design and Construction Management and on the general obligation bond projects.

Mayor Levy left the meeting at 2:49 PM and returned at 2:52 PM.

Paul Bassar, Director, Office of Procurement Services, provided a presentation on the various bidding and procurement processes for the various projects.

Luis Lopez, Assistant Director of Design and Construction Management, provided a presentation on planning, permitting and construction.

Andy Garcia, Deputy Fire Chief, provided a presentation on Fire Department equipment acquisition.

David Vazquez, Assistant Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Arts, provided a presentation on parks projects.

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

Jeffrey Huber, Principle & Director of Planning & Landscaping Architecture & Urban Design, Brooks & Scarpa, gave a presentation on the Art & Culture Center.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

17. [R-2020-096](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Professional Services Agreement With Synalovski Romanik Saye, LLC Based Upon A Negotiated Proposal For Architecture/Engineering Design Services For The Hollywood Beach Golf Course Renovation And Clubhouse Construction, A General Obligation Bond Project, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$924,000.00.

ACTION: Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, withdrew the resolution from consideration.

18. Commissioner Sherwood, District 6

Johnson Street

Commissioner Sherwood stated she brought the Johnson Street issue to the City Manager, who stated it will be taken care of.

Businesses

Commissioner Sherwood stated at the CRA meeting there was discussion on expanding the café tables on the sidewalks and street in the downtown, as residents and businesses want to get café tables out to the street as soon as possible. She added Mark Rose from Downtown made many suggestions to help get the businesses back on their feet, and she would like the City and CRA to help in any way.

19. Commissioner Shuham, District 1

Businesses

Commissioner Shuham stated she is also interested in maximizing the downtown and beach business by opening up the rights-of- way.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the City's task force met in regards to reopening the businesses, he stated the City is interested in assisting the businesses with sidewalk cafes and in locating on parking spaces. In addition, the City is working with Memorial Regional Hospital in regards to establishing a drive thru testing facility to make it wide spread and convenient for residents.

Thank You

Commissioner Shuham thanked Anthony Grisby, Interim Community Development Manager, and his entire team on all their work on the food distribution events. She also thanked all the nonprofits for their distribution of food.

Advisory Boards

Commissioner Shuham requested Commission support for extending the application deadline date for all the advisory board appointments for an additional four to six weeks.

Patricia Cerny, City Clerk, reviewed the application deadline date of April 16th and the appointments are to be held at a Special Commission meeting on May 27th. If there are still any vacant positions, appointments can be made at a future date.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the City Commission regarding the appointment process.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the Commission calendars would be reviewed to push the date of the Special Commission Meeting for board appointments to a later date.

Federal Funding for Businesses

Commissioner Shuham stated she wants the City to set up a bridge loan for businesses until the Federal and State funding becomes available for them.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated there have been discussions regarding the Federal and State Funding availability. If the City did decide to do a bridge loan, a process would have to be developed, but he does not want to give false hope that the City would have sufficient funds to cover everyone.

Takeout Businesses

Commissioner Shuham thanked the Office of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development staff for all their work and asked if a list of takeout restaurants in the City can be developed.

Budget

Commissioner Shuham thanked Laurette Jean, Director of Budget & Performance Management, and Adam Reichbach, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration, for keeping track of the City future budget projections due to COVID. Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated later today he will be sending the Commission a memo with updated budget numbers.

20. Commissioner Hernandez, District 2

ILA Funding

Commissioner Hernandez stated the ILA money is not for providing funds to the businesses, it must be used for the low to moderate income areas of the City. Commissioner Hernandez stated he understands businesses are suffering and the City needs to provide help where ever needed.

Thank You

Commissioner Hernandez thanked all the community organizations for helping their communities, Feeding South Florida and all the volunteers for providing food to the residents.

Downtown

Commissioner Hernandez stated he does not want to have unintended consequences, by using the parking spaces, as conversations are

needed with the property owners regarding what needs to be done. He supports opening up the Downtown for pedestrians, and the CRA needs to work with the City to avoid negatively affecting the parking fund. The City needs to have the support of the downtown property owners and businesses.

Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hernandez stated today's meeting was very productive using video instead of phone technology. The only thing missing is verbal public participation from the residents and suggested providing a podium for them to use.

Board Appointments

Commissioner Hernandez stated he likes the City Clerk's idea to make the appointments as scheduled and if there are no applications received, the City can go back out. Mayor Levy asked staff to look at it and see what is more efficient.

Vice Mayor Biederman stated that positions expire on June 30th and he does not want to extend the application period. Commissioner Callari stated there is a lot involved in it, there may have been people interested, but things stopped for a little bit due to COVID-19, she wants to give people the opportunity.

Commissioner Blattner stated the staff liaisons can speak up and say they have a candidate for the Commission to consider, he wants to leave it alone and see how it plays out.

Mayor Levy requested a report by the next Commission meeting on the number of applications received. Commissioner Callari stated she changed her mind and wants to appoint those that applied, to go back out for those positions that remain open.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission regarding the number of applications, the application deadline date and moving the appointment meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to go forth with the May 27th meeting and to go back out for any positions that remain open.

21. Commissioner Callari, District 3

Police

Commissioner Callari stated she is thankful that the Police Officers are safe after today's incident.

Code Enforcement Liens

Commissioner Callari stated she wants to the City to move forward with going after habitual code abusers, to start to foreclose on properties with extended liens.

Douglas Gonzalez, City Attorney, responded stating last year when the City looked into foreclosing on these properties, the property owners took various tactics by filing for bankruptcy to prevent the foreclosure process or the property was a homesteaded property. He added that he will continue to work with Code on these properties.

Commissioner Callari requested an ongoing list of habitual code abusers.

Businesses

Commissioner Callari thanked the CRA for all their efforts in supporting local businesses in the downtown and the beach areas, and she thanked the businesses who are open and supporting the community. Commissioner Callari would like the City to place these open businesses on the City's website.

General Obligation Bond (GOB) Projects

Commissioner Callari stated as part of the GOB discussions, she does not want the establishment of a teen center forgotten.

New Business

Commissioner Callari stated the City needs to manage expectations of new businesses going in the Sheridan Plaza as they are opening another Burlington Factory store at this site. There are three Burlington Factory stores in the City, she wants to see more variety of businesses.

22. Commissioner Blattner, District 4

General Obligation Bond Projects

Commissioner Blattner requested to see a quarterly update on the GOB projects.

ArtsPark Fence

Commissioner Blattner stated he does not want to see a temporary fence at the ArtsPark as it would cause a lot of maintenance.

Downtown CRA

Commissioner Blattner stated in the Downtown CRA there is one property owner who owns several properties, this is an opportunity to

make the building special with colors, awnings, etc. The property owner needs to become a partner in this as well.

4th of July

Commissioner Blattner stated there is a fine line between supporting businesses and the health of the community regarding the events for the 4th of July. He suggested if possible, the City limit the number of people on the beach.

Honoring First Responders

Commissioner Blattner stated his district residents have scheduled an event honoring first responders tomorrow May 7th at 7:00 PM to gather at the office building parking lot at the northeast corner of Park Road and Stirling Road to drive by Fire Station 74.

23. Vice Mayor Biederman, District 5

Public Service Recognition

Vice Mayor Biederman stated this is Public Service Recognition Week, he expressed his appreciation and salutes all public servants and City employees.

Team Diamond Award

Vice Mayor Biederman stated the Feeding South Florida event yesterday was excellent; this was attributed to the City Manager and the team he puts in place. He suggested the Team Diamond Award be awarded to this Feeding South Florida group.

Traffic Calming

Vice Mayor Biederman stated there is need for traffic calming at various areas, especially a need of a 4 way stop sign at Montella Park.

24. Mayor Levy

Thank You

Mayor Levy thanked all the churches, nonprofits, City staff and FDOT for their food distributions. Hopefully Federal and State funding will be available soon.

State Re-opening in Phases

Mayor Levy explained how Broward County, Palm Beach and Miami Dade County are planning on re-opening in different phases. Some of the issues are the testing and contract tracing of employees before they return to work. The most important issue of re-opening of business is safety. Today the City has opened up some parks and golf courses.

Masks are required when inside a business when they re-open.

25. City Attorney

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, announced pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8)(a), a virtual executive session would be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM regarding Broward County Tower Issue vs. City of Hollywood litigation. Attending the session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, and outside counsel, John Herin.

Executive Session

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated during the public portion of the May 12, 2020 executive session there may be an announcement regarding the McCumber vs. City of Hollywood litigation, which was filed yesterday.

26. City Manager

Broward League of Cities

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, congratulated Commissioner Callari on being the incoming president of the Broward League of Cities, the League has asked for the use of the City Commission Chambers, the Commission will need to approve the use.

Virtual Meetings

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, thanked the residents and staff for embracing the City Commission & CRA Board doing virtual meetings. The General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee has also met using the WebX system.

COVID-19

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated the City administration has been meeting with various Cities and Emergency Managers. He reassured the public they are doing what is in the best interest of the community based upon science.

Jaime Hernandez, Emergency Management Manager, provided an update on where we are, and the number of cases Broward County had.

Raelin Storey, Director of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development, explained the efforts being done for the residential community and the business community.

[R-2020-097](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Use Of The City's Government Access Channel (GAC) By Broward League of Cities, Is A Non-Profit Organization Dedicated To Raising Awareness And Resolving Issues Facing Broward County's 31 Cities And Municipalities, To Televise From The City Of Hollywood's Commission Chamber The 2020-2021 Installation League President, Commissioner Traci Callari on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

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

27. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC
City Clerk
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:
