

# City of Hollywood

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**1:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Room 219**

## **Regular City Commission Meeting**

### **CITY COMMISSION**

**Josh Levy, Mayor**

**Linda Sherwood, Vice Mayor - District 6**

**Caryl Shuham, Commissioner - District 1**

**Linda Hill Anderson, Commissioner - District 2**

**Traci Callari, Commissioner - District 3**

**Adam Gruber, Commissioner - District 4**

**Kevin Biederman, Commissioner - District 5**

**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, February 3, 2021 at 1:18 PM in the City Commission Room, Room 219, Joseph W. Watson Circle, Hollywood, Florida.

1. **Moment of Silence**

Commissioner Gruber announced Lenora Chuckla passed away and expressed his condolences.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Recognition of Veterans, Active Service Personnel & Their Families**

4. **Roll Call**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

5. [R-2021-023](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement A Settlement With Howard Fabian In The Amount Of \$200,000.00.

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

6. [R-2021-024](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Bind The Renewal Of The Flood Insurance Policy With Hartford Fire Insurance Company For 1617 N. Surf Road, Garfield Community Center, For A Not To Exceed Amount

Of \$9,777.00.

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

7. [R-2021-025](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Supporting The North 29th Avenue Project As Part Of The Complete Streets Master Plan Program In Order To Establish Funding Eligibility By The Florida Department Of Transportation.

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

8. [R-2021-026](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Partial Release Of Declaration Of Unity Of Title For Transferring To The Florida Department Of Transportation A Five Foot Strip Of Land Along A1A Adjacent To The Nevada Parking Garage.

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

10. [R-2021-018](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Quitclaim Deed From The Florida Department Of Transportation For Conveyance Of Land Located In The City Of Hollywood.

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

11. [R-2021-028](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The Submission Of An Application To The Broward County Marine Advisory Committee To Receive The FY 2021-2022 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement And Education Grant; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The Grant In An Approximate Amount Of \$63,368.00; And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements.

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

9. [R-2021-027](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Blanket Purchase Order Number PA600302 With Municipal Equipment Company To Increase The Blanket Purchase Order From \$98,000.00 To \$150,000.00 For The Purchase Of Additional Personal Protection Equipment/Bunker Gear.

The City Clerk read the comment submitted from Mary Thomas, 115 Entrada Drive.

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

12A. [P-2021-05](#)

A Proclamation In Recognition of Black History Month.

Commissioner Anderson read the proclamation in recognition of Black History Month.

13. [R-2021-029](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Change Order No. 2 With Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. To Extend The Contract Completion Date And Increase The Project Cost By \$350,000.00 For Unforeseen Site Conditions And Delays In Delivery Of Equipment Related To The Sanitary Sewer Lift Station W-14 Project, For A Total Project Cost Of \$2,745,072.00; And Approving And Authorizing The Issuance Of Amendment No. 2 To The Authorization To Proceed For Work Order No. CTA 17-01 With Craven Thompson & Associates, Inc. To Provide Professional Engineering Services For Additional Construction Services Related To Unforeseen Field Conditions, In The Lump Sum Amount Of \$181,570.40, For A Total Contract Cost Of \$359,555.40.

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

14. [R-2021-030](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Contract With Southern Underground Industries, Inc. For Construction Services Related To The Replacement Of The Hallandale Beach Force

Main And Large User Meter LUM-07 Project, In The Amount Of \$1,974,652.44; Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order Number TTH 21-01 With Tetra Tech, Inc. To Provide Professional Engineering Services For Additional Design And Construction Administration For This Project In The Lump Sum Amount Of \$85,858.00.

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

15. [R-2021-031](#)

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ranking Construction Management At Risk Firms And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate Preconstruction Services With The Highest Ranked Firm, Moss And Associates, LLC., To Provide Construction Management At Risk Services For The New Police Headquarters, A General Obligation Bond Project.

Commissioner Shuham declared a conflict of interest as Moss and Associates, LLC., is a client of hers.

Commissioner Shuham left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, explained the intent of the resolution.

The City Clerk read comments submitted from the following individuals:

1. Imesha Murray, 5216 Wiley Street
2. Octavia Jackson, 5421 Flagler Street

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

Luis Lopez, Assistant Director of Design and Construction Management, responded to concerns raised by the public.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Callari, which was seconded by Commissioner Biederman, to adopt the Resolution. On a voice vote the motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Shuham declared a voting conflict.**

16. [P-2021-04](#)

Presentation By George Keller, Deputy City Manager, Regarding The P25 Public Safety Radio Communications System.

Commissioner Shuham returned to the meeting at 1:38 PM.

George Keller, Deputy City Manager, provided a presentation regarding the P25 public safety radio communications system.

Discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

This item was temporarily passed in order that the Commission can take up item number 12.

12. [P-2021-03](#) Presentation By Florida State Representative Marie Woodson To Introduce Herself to the City Commission And Hollywood Residents.

State Representative Marie Woodson introduced herself as the new State Representative, she stated she looks forward to working with the Mayor and Commissioners.

Discussion ensued among members of the Commission and Representative Woodson.

16. [P-2021-04](#) Presentation By George Keller, Deputy City Manager, Regarding The P25 Public Safety Radio Communications System.

Discussion resumed among staff and members of the Commission.

Mayor Levy left the meeting at 2:14 PM and returned at 2:15 PM.

Dan Booker, Fire Chief, provided additional information.

Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, provided additional information.

Extensive discussion ensued among staff and members of the Commission.

17. **Commissioner Gruber, District 4**

Thank You

Commissioner Gruber thanked all 1300 employees who work for the City for all their hard work. Even though it may seem like the Commission complains a lot and everything is negative, we are here to point out issues and things that are negative for our constituents. Nonetheless, we appreciate all that you do.

WastePro

Commissioner Gruber stated a big issue he is having in his district is once a month bulk pick up and how WastePro is missing some streets. Commissioner Gruber inquired about the route software to aid in providing the pick-ups and what the status is.

Pete Bienek, Director of Public Works, stated Waste Pro is working on

the app regarding installation and verification of the data. Mr. Bienek stated that some of the claimed misses were not misses, but rather late set outs, and there is video proof of this.

#### Broadwalk

Commissioner Gruber stated that the Broadwalk was very crowded over the weekend. The tables were close to the bike path. Commissioner Gruber stated he does not even think that bringing the tables back 4 feet is enough area for the bikes and people eating.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated staff is aware of this situation and part of the issue is the expanded version of what people think is the bike lane. The bike lane is not the entire broadwalk, but people extend the pathway as they do not recognize the differential between bike lane and pedestrian area.

### **18. Commissioner Biederman, District 5**

#### Water Shed

Commissioner Biederman stated at the CRA meeting there was a discussion regarding the reconfiguration of the streets to allow for better water shed. Commissioner Biederman stated he wants to look at increasing the dry retention areas for new developments.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that staff will talk to Commissioner Biederman about this issue.

Mayor Levy mentioned that there is a whole set of preferred building practices and beach development regulations staff is working on.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that is correct and he will mention it during his comments.

### **19. Vice Mayor Sherwood, District 6**

#### Ordinance on Immigration

Vice Mayor Sherwood stated that she was approached by Andrea Velazquez and students from South Broward High School regarding having the Commission adopt an ordinance on Immigration. Vice Mayor Sherwood stated that this ordinance is similar to the Equality ordinance and therefore requires very little to be changed. These young ladies are also requesting the creation and establishment of an Immigration Advisory Board for which they have many people that are willing to participate.

Commissioner Shuham and Commissioner Anderson supported the City Attorney reviewing this item.

Commissioner Biederman stated he supports the City Attorney reviewing this item, but stated that in reading it over, there is language that cannot be used.

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, stated that there are also some budget issues, but he will review this request.

Hollywood Hills Civic Association

Vice Mayor Sherwood mentioned that Pam Burgio, President of the Hollywood Hills Civic Association, is very upset and would like to be contacted regarding the alley.

Commissioner Callari stated that Ms. Burgio has already been contacted.

Mayor Levy mentioned that Azita Behmardi, City Engineer, had responded to Ms. Burgio about the alley project and landscaping that exists in the right of way.

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

Ground Hog Day

Commissioner Shuham thanked everyone who participated in the Ground Hog Day celebrations in order to raise money for the lifeguards' competitive teams.

Derelict Boats

Commissioner Shuham sent a gigantic "Thank You" to Boris Millares, Police Major; Robert Marren, Police Officer; Jeffrey Devlin, Deputy Police Chief; and Chris O'Brien, Police Chief, for the great work that has happened in the last few months with regards to helping clear out the lakes of the derelict boats.

Beach Maintenance

Commissioner Shuman thanked Pete Bienek, Director of Public Works, and his staff for beach maintenance and stopping the unnecessary manicuring of the beach.

Vaccines

Commissioner Shuham thanked Jaime Hernandez, Emergency Management Coordinator, for his work on trying to get vaccines for the seniors in the City.



#### Thank You

Commissioner Shuham thanked all the City staff, encouraged them to please keep up the good work, and stated if there is anything that she can do to please let her know.

#### Holland Park Chronic Issue

Commissioner Shuman stated there is a chronic issue of a private vendor renting paddle boards and jet skis from Holland Park. She stated the City should look into a cease and desist order for these companies as they are not permitted.

#### Noise Ordinance

Commissioner Shuham asked the City Manager to have the noise ordinance come back sooner rather than later. Commissioner Shuman mentioned that she is getting a lot of complaints about loud music at night on the beach.

### **21. Commissioner Anderson, District 2**

#### Complaints

Commissioner Anderson reviewed a list of complaints she received from residents regarding speeding on Washington Street and other Streets; too many apartments going up in single family neighborhoods; construction workers parking in front of their houses and changing clothes; and an increase amount of drive by shootings.

#### Vaccine Education

Commissioner Anderson stated that resident Tim Burton is working with Memorial Hospital to educate the residents on the vaccine. Commissioner Anderson stated she has spoken with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts to open a recreation center and have Memorial Hospital come out to educate the residents on the vaccine.

### **22. Commissioner Callari, District 3**

#### Planning and Development Board Meetings

Commissioner Callari stated she wants the Planning and Development Board Meetings to be live streamed so that the residents can participate. If she can have an update on this, she would greatly appreciate it.

#### 2547 North 26th Avenue

Commissioner Callari stated the house at 2547 N 26th Avenue has been boarded up, but the yard has now become a garbage dump and an eyesore. Commissioner Callari asked for help to have the yard cleaned

up.

#### Crosswalks

Commissioner Callari stated she met with staff regarding areas of concern in regards to speeding and stop sign requests. Staff has been unsuccessful with obtaining permission from Broward County to have a stop sign on 37th Avenue. The outcome of this discussion was that the City needs crosswalks for the students to get to and from school.

Commissioner Callari requested Commission support to have staff research having crosswalks for our students so they can get to and from school as this would create uniformity throughout the entire City, and for staff to work with Broward County. Mayor Levy, Commissioner Biederman and Commissioner Shuham supported this request.

#### Flooding

Commissioner Callari thanked Vivek Galav, Director of Public Utilities, on behalf of the residents of 29th Avenue and Lincoln Street. They are very excited that the City was able to address the flooding issues.

#### Vaccine

Commissioner Callari stated as President of the Broward League of Cities, yesterday there was a meeting with Jared Moskowitz, Director of the Florida Department of Emergency Management, it was very informative about the vaccine, the supply and demand issues and providing education on this topic. Commissioner Callari asked for everyone's patience in getting their vaccine as everyday things are changing and this will continue for years to come.

### **23. Mayor Levy**

#### Vaccine

Mayor Levy thanked the Carriage Hills Community for hosting a vaccination site, in cooperation with the Department of Emergency Management. Within six days, they inoculated over 3,000 people and within two weeks, those residents will return for their second dose.

#### Potholes

Mayor Levy thanked Pete Bienek, Director of Public Works, for filling some of the potholes on the main streets, mainly Taft Street and N. 26th Avenue, where the asphalt was peeling.

#### Hard Junk Pick-Up

Mayor Levy stated the City might want to put out a robo-call to those areas that are not familiar with their hard junk pick-up day. The City

needs to provide education to the residents that it is only once a month.

Commissioner Biederman suggested the robo-call should be done in Spanish and Creole as well.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated this would be considered “targeted communication” which can be done in a variety of ways.

#### Bi-Annual Art Fair

Mayor Levy stated a resident suggested the City have more fairs or art fairs on the beach with stands that sell things, etc. Mayor Levy suggested creating a Bi-Annual Art Fair on the Broad Beach, which could focus on ocean art and suggested the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts could put this together.

Commissioner Shuham stated there used to be an art fair on Johnson Street by the bandshell, and she supports the suggestion. Commissioner Biederman, Commissioner Gruber and Commissioner Callari also supported the request.

#### Special Events

Mayor Levy asked the City Manager for a presentation on special events for the upcoming year or two. This would allow the new Commissioners to know what are annual signature events and what they can look forward to once COVID is over. The Commission members mentioned sport activities, Christmas Around the World and International Embassy Day.

### **24. City Attorney**

#### Thank You

Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney, thanked everyone for their well wishes during his surgery and recovery.

### **25. City Manager**

#### Complete Streets

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that City staff and Kimley-Horn, the City’s transportation engineering consultant, will be hosting a virtual meeting on the Complete Streets project for 29th Avenue between Sheridan Street and Stirling Road on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 4:00 PM. This project proposes several improvements to the existing roadway.

#### Development Opportunities

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that on Wednesday, February

10, 2021 at 10:30 AM, the City and CRA will host a business event webinar on development opportunities and incentives in the City. Raelin Storey, Director of Communications, Marketing, & Economic Development, will be moderating the event along with others participating.

#### Vacation Rental Ordinance

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated staff has done public outreach and updated the City's website with the new vacation rental information. A NotifyMe and text message blast was sent to over 4,600 existing rental property owners, as well current vacation rental license holders, followed by telephone, email and Code-Red messages to over 3,000 stakeholders notifying them of the registration deadline.

#### Shrub and Tree Giveaway

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that tomorrow, February 4, 2021 is the last day to register for the Free Shrub and Tree giveaway. To participate pre-registration is required thru the City's website.

#### Water Main Replacement

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated that the ongoing water main replacement program is now into the Parkside neighborhood. This work will start this week and continue unto 2022. The area affected will be Dixie Highway to Federal Highway from Hollywood Blvd to Pembroke Road.

#### Gridics

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated during the Corridor Redevelopment Workshop there was discussion about the Gridics Program. This program is an online zoning map that will make the user experience a much friendlier experience when it comes to zoning information.

Andria Wingett, Assistant Director of Development Services, and Raelin Storey, Director of Communications, Marketing, & Economic Development, gave a quick overview of how the program works.

Mayor Levy stated this will be a timesaver for the investment community, realtors and property owners and anyone looking to invest in the City who is looking for answers in regards to the parcel they are looking to buy.

Commissioner Shuham stated everyone is aware of how development agreements and permitting conditions get lost in the system and she questioned if the City could add the permitting agreement statutes to this program.

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, stated this would add another layer to the program, which would result in an additional cost.

Audit Selection Committee

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager, reminded the Commission about the Audit Selection Committee meeting immediately after the Commission meeting.

26. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

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Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Hollywood, Florida

Approved on:

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