



HOLLYWOOD DIGEST

Updates from the City Commission Meeting

The City of Hollywood is conducting its Regular City Commission Meetings in both a virtual and in-person format. However, due to limited public access to City Hall, the City is offering several options for members of the public to view and participate in the meetings.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit hollywoodfl.org. Members of the public may watch the City Commission Meetings via the City's website at hollywoodfl.org/WatchMeeting, on Comcast Channel 78 or ATT U-Verse Channel 99. To provide comments or speak in-person on an Agenda item (except presentations and proclamations), please complete and submit the online comment form, which is available from the Thursday before the Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. until the Tuesday before the Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. Comments will be read into the record during the meeting.

*This **Hollywood Digest** is an update of the actions taken and information shared during the City Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. In case you missed the live meeting, the archived video can be viewed on the City's website at hollywoodfl.org.*

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Recognition of Commissioner Anderson during Black History Month

Congratulations to Commissioner Linda Hill Anderson on her recent recognition at the State Capitol during Black History Month. State Representative Stephanie Murphy paid tribute to Commissioner Anderson for her contributions to our community. Representative Murphy highlighted Commissioner Anderson's four decades of service as a Broward County Public Schools system employee, her role as president of the Liberia Civic Association and her service on the African American Advisory Council. Additionally, Representative Murphy recognized Commissioner Anderson as a trail blazer for becoming the first African American woman to be elected to the Hollywood City Commission.



Undergrounding of Utilities Along Residential Portions of North Beach Neighborhood



The City Commission voted unanimously to approve a resolution that allows City staff to enter into an agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for design and consulting services for the Undergrounding of Utilities North Beach project.

The project consists of replacing the overhead utility lines with underground lines and beautification of the roadways. Currently, FPL, AT&T and Comcast use overhead utility poles for electric distribution and transmission systems. This project will enhance services and beautify

the neighborhood by burying the infrastructure, removing the old poles, installing landscaping, and repaving the roadway.

For efficiency, Kimley-Horn will coordinate with each utility company to develop a detailed conduit and equipment location plan. In addition, Kimley-Horn will incorporate the City's water main replacement plans and specifications with the undergrounding of utilities project to bid and construct both projects concurrently.

The undergrounding of utilities project is situated between A1A and Surf Road from Balboa Street to Franklin Street, with Douglas Street and Freedom Street to the south. This project is part of the City's most recent General Obligation (GO) Bond voter referendum for Citywide public improvements. To learn more about GO Bond projects, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

City to Construct New Sidewalks With ADA-Compliant Curb Ramps

The City Commission voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with MBR Construction for the construction of new sidewalks with ADA-compliant curb ramps and pedestrian crossings throughout the City as part of the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Sidewalk Project. The following sidewalk projects will be completed by MBR Construction:



- Johnson Street, between North 17th Avenue and North 14th Avenue
- Polk Street, between North 9th Avenue and the marina parking lot
- North 64th Avenue, between Taft Street and Grant Court
- West Park Road, at North 37th Avenue crosswalk connection
- North Park Road, between Liberty Street and West Park Road
- South Park Road, between Pembroke Road and Hollywood Boulevard
- South 14th Avenue, between Wiley Street and Funston Street
- South 24th Terrace, between Washington Street and Plunket Street
- North 64th Avenue at 245 North 64th Avenue crosswalk connection

The Mayor and Commissioners provided valuable input on the location of the sidewalks and suggested a sidewalk be installed along Johnson Street from I-95 east to 26th Avenue. Staff will consider including this location in Phase 1 of the project.

City's Bicycle Mobility Plan to Create Regionally Connected Network



Stewart Robertson, Vice President of Kimley-Horn & Associates, provided an update on the City's Bicycle Mobility Plan. The Plan, which was prepared with stakeholder input, identifies and prioritizes bicycle mobility projects, advances Complete Streets principles, and makes the most of funding opportunities available to the City of Hollywood for mobility improvement projects.

The Bicycle Mobility Plan builds upon the City's existing network of bicycle trails and pathway "facilities". With input from the community, the goal of the Plan is to create a regionally connected network that provides mobility and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

The Mayor and Commissioners provided valuable feedback that will be considered for the development of the final report. Once approved, staff will identify implementation projects and seek funding opportunities and grants for larger projects.

To learn more about the Complete Streets Improvement Projects in the City, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Art in Public Places To Allow Artwork Installation on Private Property

To enhance the appearance of buildings and the built environment, the City Commission unanimously approved an amendment to a section of the Zoning and Land Development Regulations ordinance entitled "Standards for the Painting and Color of Exterior Surfaces of Buildings and Structures." This amendment, which was approved on first reading, will establish regulations for art in public places that allow artwork installations on private properties as follows:



1. Applicants must obtain a public art permit.
2. A Public Art Review Committee will be established to review and approve or deny Public Art applications.
3. The review process guidelines for public art permits include:
 - a. Content. The artwork cannot be a sign, identify a specific business or establishment, or contain a commercial message. Alcohol, tobacco, adult entertainment, or obscene or offensive materials are not allowed.

- b. Context. The design, location, scale, and content of the artwork must be related to and complement the design and architecture of the building or site. It should enhance and contribute to the character of the area.
 - c. Design and quality. Media, materials, and methods of installation used must be high quality and durable. The permanence of the artwork, environmental conditions of the site, and maintenance are also factors that will also be considered.
4. Applicants who are denied may appeal the decision.
5. Artwork shall be maintained in good condition by the property owner and all successors and assigns.
6. Artwork that is not maintained in good condition and appearance will be subject to enforcement procedures and/or removal.

City to Submit Application for CDBG Coronavirus Funds

The City Commission voted unanimously to authorize staff to submit a pre-application grant packet to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$760,335.00 as part of the CARES Act funding. If awarded, the City will utilize this funding for small business assistance, HVAC system replacements at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Washington Park Community Centers, laptops, wiring, and network improvements at the Driftwood, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Kay Gaither, and Washington Park Community Centers.

Hollywood Beach Utility Improvements Phase 1



The City Commission voted unanimously to authorize the replacement of the aging water distribution system on Hollywood Beach, which includes the North Beach and South Central Beach neighborhoods. The water main infrastructure in this area, especially along A1A, was installed between 1940 and 1968 and has reached the end of its useful life.

Tetra Tech, Inc., the City's approved contractor, will replace the existing water mains, increase the size of the existing sanitary sewer force mains and replace and upgrade lift stations in the North Beach and South Central Beach area along A1A.

Mark Your Calendar for the Next City Commission Meeting

The next City Commission Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021** beginning at 1 p.m. For more information about the meeting, please visit hollywoodfl.org.