



HOLLYWOOD DIGEST

Updates from the City Commission Meeting

The City of Hollywood is conducting its Regular City Commission Meetings in-person at City Hall located at 2600 Hollywood Boulevard. While public access to City Hall and City facilities has resumed, please know that seating inside the Commission Chambers is limited and facial masks remain recommended for the general public.

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, June 16, 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

Commission Approves Stormwater Rates and Fees for FY 2022 – FY 2024

Like most South Florida municipalities, the City of Hollywood is experiencing more frequent severe weather events due to climate change. This has made the City increasingly vulnerable to sea level rise, storm surge and more frequent storm events. These events result in property damage and disruption. The Department of Public Utilities is proactively taking measures to mitigate the effect of storm events including inspecting and rehabilitating all the tidal valves it owns and operates, installing new tidal valves, performing condition assessment of all 10 stormwater pump stations, and completing a number of localized stormwater solutions. In addition, the Department is collaborating with the A1A Working Group, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency to address flooding along A1A. And, recently, the Department engaged with a consultant to develop the City's Stormwater Master Plan.



From 2009 until 2019, the City's stormwater rates remained fixed at \$3.22 per single family unit. In 2020, the rates increased to \$6.12 and did not change in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The current rate structure generates approximately \$2.5 million in capital funds, which neither meets the current needs nor are adequate for the future anticipated needs of the City – including responding to increasingly more frequent weather events due to climate change. After a hearty discussion, the Mayor and City Commissioners voted unanimously to establish stormwater rates and fees for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2024 and prioritization of the swale restoration program to assist in mitigating flooding events. To continue improving the City's stormwater management system, the City Commission approved an increase of \$1.50 per equivalent residential units (or ERU) per year from FY 2022 to FY 2024. The FY 2022 rate will be \$7.62 per month, with a projected revenue of \$7.2 million. For more information about the stormwater rates,

please visit hollywoodfl.org. To watch the discussion during the Commission Meeting, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

City's Bicycle Mobility Plan Approved and Adopted



Let's ride! As part of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commissioners voted unanimously to approve and adopt 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 Plan creates a regionally connected network that provides mobility and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. A total of 50 miles of neighborhood greenway routes will be developed, and nearly \$2.5 million of Surtax funding has been requested.

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

City to Update its ADA Transition Plan

Since 1997, when the City first adopted its American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan, significant progress has been made in removing architectural barriers from City facilities and staff continues to identify areas that are fully accessible and those where improvements can be made. As part of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a resolution for professional services to update the City's ADA Transition Plan. Updating the plan will document the City's efforts to comply with ADA requirements to provide public access to persons with disabilities. In addition, the Transition Plan will ensure additional ADA assessments are conducted. For more information about the City's ADA Transition Plan, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Rebuilding Together Broward County, Inc. to Provide Home/Beautification Improvements and Safety Upgrades

The Mayor and City Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a resolution that authorizes staff to execute an agreement with Rebuilding Together Broward County, Inc. for housing rehabilitation services including exterior home improvements, safety upgrades and beautification. Approximately 11 eligible homeowners will receive financial assistance of up to \$40,000 to enhance their homes. For more information about this program, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

City Reaffirms Approval to Submit Application for CDBG Coronavirus Funds

The City Commission voted unanimously to reaffirm its authorization 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. After the previous approval on March 3rd, City staff was advised that due to the diversity of the City's population, it was necessary and appropriate to re-notice a public hearing to allow residents who speak other languages an opportunity to provide feedback on the housing and community development needs related to the coronavirus pandemic. To provide feedback, please contact the Community Development Division at (954) 921-3271.

The Mayor and City Commission also voted unanimously to approve a resolution that allocates \$1,125,498 of third round Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds to homeless services, business assistance, and improvements at community centers in low-to-moderate income areas.

Police Department Grant Acceptance and Submissions

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of grant funds and to submit two grant applications for the Hollywood Police Department as part of the Consent Agenda. The grant acceptance is for the 2020 Department of Homeland Security grant funds from the City of Miami in the amount of \$333,497.00 to enhance public safety and emergency management projects and equipment as specified by the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Two resolutions were passed to ratify the submission of grant applications for the Hollywood Police Department – one to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$60,000 and one to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Derelict Vessel Removal Program Grant in the amount of \$113,206.00. If awarded, these grants will help address the increased speeding issue that is taking place all across the City and remove dilapidated boats from city waterways.

Funding Phase II of the Deep Well Injection System

The City of Hollywood remains committed to meeting the State of Florida mandate to eliminate the disposal of effluent through the ocean outfall that serves the Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) by 2025. The new Deep Injection Well System project was divided into two phases. The funding mechanism and construction contract for Phase I was approved in 2019 and consisted of the drilling and construction of the two Injection Wells at the SRWTP. Phase II of the Deep Injection Well System project includes the installation of a pump station for pumping effluent into these two Injection Wells. The City Commission approved unanimously two loan agreements with FDEP for this Phase II project as part of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. One loan agreement is under the Drinking Water SRF Loan for construction financing in the amount of \$59,943,579.00 including Capitalized Interest and Loan Service Fees of \$1,604,329.00 and the other loan agreement (authorization requested under a separate resolution) is under the Clean Water SRF Loan for construction financing in the amount of \$36,882,000.00 including Capitalized Interest and Loan Service Fees of \$882,000.00. The total cost for Phase II is estimated to be \$96,825,579.

PRESENTATIONS

2021 Florida Legislative Session

State Representatives Joseph Geller, Evan Jenne and Marie Woodson, and State Senator Gary Farmer presented an overview of the 2021 Florida Legislative Session. Farmer described the session as “solutions in search of problems.” Some of the legislation that are now in place include the ban of vaccine passports, tobacco legislation that deregulates the vaping industry, the elections bill that limits vote by mail, and the anti-protest bill. The legislators discussed the gaming compact that impacts City of Hollywood revenues from the Seminole Hard Rock and shared information about some of the proposed bills that did not pass. Congratulations to Rep. Woodson, a longtime Hollywood resident, who had a successful first year in the Florida House of Representatives. To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Moises Ariza from Marcum, LLP presented the City’s Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and audit results. The City received an unqualified opinion which means the financial statements are free of material misstatements and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The City was issued a clean audit report with no findings and no deficiencies in internal control. This is quite an accomplishment and a direct result of the hard work and commitment from the Finance Department and City staff to maintain the highest level of professionalism and fiscal responsibility.

[Click here to watch the presentation.](#) The City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be found at hollywoodfl.org.

PROCLAMATIONS

- **National Boys & Girls Club Week, June 21-25, 2021:** In recognition of National Boys & Girls Club Week, the Mayor and Commission presented Michelle White, County Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County - Marti Huizenga Unit, with a proclamation to honor the organization for its comprehensive and effective services that help develop future leaders. The Boys & Girls Clubs are places where many young people go for quality, professional services like teen programming, academic assistance, character development and to learn about living a healthy lifestyle. For 29 years, the Boys & Girls Club in Hollywood has been a safe and supportive place for more than 1,000 young people annually. The Club helps ensure that the youth stay off the streets and out of trouble. [Click here to watch the presentation.](#)



- Juneteenth Celebration, June 19, 2021:** Georgette Laskley-Wiggins, Founding Committee Member of the Juneteenth South Broward Committee, accepted the City's Proclamation in Recognition of the Juneteenth Celebration from the Mayor and Commission. Juneteenth, which began in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. It pays tribute to the day Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston to take possession of the state and enforce slaves' new freedoms. Juneteenth, also known as African American Emancipation Day, is celebrated throughout the United States and beyond and is a time for reflection, rejoicing, assessment, self-improvement and planning for the future while encouraging respect for all cultures.



On Saturday, June 19th (Juneteenth) from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Washington Park Community Center, the South Broward Juneteenth Celebration Committee will host a free family and community event that kicks off with Junkanoo Dancers and Stilt walkers. The celebration will also include gospel performances, artists, motivational speakers and a bounce house for the children. To learn more about Juneteenth celebration, please visit hollywoodfl.org. To watch the presentation of the proclamation, [click here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to Mac Callari:**

Congratulations again to Mac Callari and the Wingate university Bulldogs! Mac, son of Commissioner Traci Callari and Hollywood Police Officer Jamie Callari, won the first NCAA Division II Baseball title in the school's history. The team won five straight elimination games against top-15 opponents and ended their incredible 2021 season with a 39-13 overall record. Mac is a pitcher for the team, got his start in baseball right here at Hollywood's Rotary Park, and graduated from Hollywood's Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory.



- Public Access to City Hall & City Facilities Restored - Online and Drive-thru Services Still Available:** Welcome back residents and visitors! City facilities, including City Hall and Community Centers, have officially reopened to the public. Public access to City Hall resumed with our normal expanded service hours, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 6pm. When inside City facilities, masks are recommended for the general public and required for City employees.

Please continue to use the City's enhanced online services to conduct business, pay utility bills, submit building plans, keep up with City meetings and events and more. Our drive through window at City Hall is open for our customers to pay bills and fees.

For the Development Services Department's QLess Check-In Service that covers building and planning, scheduling is recommended for reserving your space in line before entering City Hall. This will reduce the number of people waiting in the 2nd floor lobby area.

- **FY2022 Operating Budget Workshop:** Tomorrow, Thursday, June 17th beginning at 2 p.m., we have our FY 2022 Operating Budget Workshop here at City Hall. The agenda is available online and the meeting will be live-streamed on the City's website and available on the City's Government Access Channels on Comcast and AT&T U-verse.
- **Pop Up Vaccination Sites Opening in Hollywood:** There are two pop-up vaccination sites that will be operating in Hollywood. The sites will be offering the Pfizer vaccine to residents ages 12 and older. No appointment is required. No insurance is needed. DOH-Broward pop-up sites offer \$10 grocery gift certificates redeemable at local supermarkets for all individuals receiving first doses.

The Hollywood locations are:

- Hollywood Broadwalk Charnow Park, Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19; 10AM – 6PM
- Hispanic Unity (Johnson Street at 57th Avenue), June 30-August 11; 10AM – 5PM

Again, for more information on all pop-up site locations, please visit the DOH-Broward website.

- **Proposal from Love Overall Corporation, Ky-Mani Marley:** The Marley Family is proposing a youth soccer tournament, the Marley Cup, here in Hollywood at Dowdy Field followed by a concert by Kimani Marley on Nov. 7th. They are requesting a waiver of \$15,000 waiver for the use of ArtsPark. The CRA will provide the fencing for the ArtsPark. The City Commission unanimously approved the proposal. The City will announce the details of the event in the coming months.
- **Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 beginning at 1 p.m. For more information about the meeting, please visit hollywoodfl.org.