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# HOLLYWOOD DIGEST

## Updates from the City Commission Meeting

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*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 meetings.*

*To view the meeting agenda, please visit [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org). Members of the public may watch the City Commission Meetings via the City's website at [hollywoodfl.org/WatchMeeting](http://hollywoodfl.org/WatchMeeting), on Comcast Channel 78 or ATT U-Verse Channel 99. Please register online to provide comments on an Agenda item (except presentations and proclamations) virtually via the Webex virtual meeting app or to speak in-person at City Hall. To participate virtually, you must be able to join the meeting from an internet connected device with a web camera and microphone such as a personal computer, smart phone, or tablet. To register to provide a comment virtually visit the City's website homepage at [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org) under City News. Those who register to provide comments virtually will receive a Webex meeting link by e-mail on the Tuesday evening prior to the Commission meeting.*

*To register to provide in-person comments during the meeting (capacity limits, mask requirements and social distancing apply), visit [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org) under City News and select that you wish to make your comment in-person. All those wishing to make in-person comments will be directed to a designated seating area based on space availability to watch the meeting and be available to provide their public comments during the meeting.*

*This Hollywood Digest is an update of the actions taken and information shared during the City Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. In case you missed the live meeting, the archived video can be viewed on the City's website at [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org).*

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## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

### **Hollywood Boulevard & SR 7 Mobility Hub Improvements Project**

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve [Resolution R-2021-209](#) to proceed with Atkins North America for construction engineering and inspection services for the Hollywood Boulevard & SR 7 Mobility Hub. The project is funded in part by grant funding that the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) received from the Federal Transit Administration for mobility hubs. As a sub-recipient of the grant, the City will be reimbursed for the services provided by Atkins North America in addition to the actual improvements - pedestrian scale lighting, additional bus shelter and amenities, bicycle racks and one pedestrian crossing at Taylor Street. The project will take place at the Hollywood/SR 7 intersection and nearby bus bays, and north along the Linear Park to Fillmore Street.

## Public Service Agency Programs Awarded CDBG Grant Funds

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve [Resolution R-2021-211](#) as part of the Consent Agenda to award Community Development Block Grant funding to 11 public service agency programs as follows:

1. **Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc.** for the Feeding Seniors Program in an amount not to exceed \$33,567.00.
2. **Center for Independent Living of Broward, Inc.** for the Housing Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$16,556.00.
3. **Covenant House Florida, Inc.** for the Youth Employment Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$9,167.00.
4. **Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.** for the Unity for Kids Program in an amount not to exceed \$16,444.00.
5. **Hope South Florida, Inc.** for the Living Independently via Employment "LIVE" Hope Program in an amount not to exceed \$13,889.00.
6. **National Alliance on Mental Illness (aka) NAMI of Broward County, Inc.** for the Expansion of NAMI Services in Hollywood Program in an amount not to exceed \$13,833.00.
7. **Russell Life Skills and Reading Foundation, Inc.** for the Russell Reading Program-City of Hollywood in an amount not to exceed \$20,222.00.
8. **Second Chance Society, Inc.** for the Hand-Up Program in an amount not to exceed \$10,022.00.
9. **Sweeteheartz Community Project, Inc.** for the Sweeteheartz Seniors Feeding Program in an amount not to exceed \$19,389.00.
10. **The South Broward Post No. 8195, Veterans of Foreign Wars Of The United States, Inc.** for the Healthcare Services Program for Hollywood Residents in an amount not to exceed \$8,744.00.
11. **Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc.** for the Domestic Violence Services for Hollywood Residents in an amount not to exceed \$23,167.00.

## Three Derelict Vessels to be Removed from Intracoastal Waterways

The Hollywood Police Department applied for and was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$113,206.00 from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to remove three derelict vessels from the Intracoastal Waterways. As part of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously ([Resolution R-2021-212](#)) to authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Grady Marine Services to dismantle, remove and dispose of the vessels.

## City Commission Approves Demolition of Home in Historic District

John Goymer and Kimberly Howard, owners of the single-family home located at 1049 Tyler Street in The Lakes: Harrison and Tyler Street Historic District, have requested a Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition of the existing 2,285 square foot two-story structure and its detached cottage and garage. Approval of the demolition would allow them to construct a nearly 4,000 square foot two-



*Proposed design of new home located at 1049 Tyler Street in The Lakes*

story, four-bedroom single-family home. Built in 1926 by Rubush & Hunter Architects, the existing home exhibits Mediterranean Revival Style architectural characteristics. Unfortunately, all three structures on the property are in very poor condition with signs of severe deterioration including the foundations of the buildings. Because the home meets the criteria of being deemed historic, the Mayor and City Commission must consider the Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition, which they approved ([R-2021-214](#)) unanimously with the condition that the homeowners work with the Historical Society to place a marker on the new home paying homage to the original, historic home that includes an image. To watch the presentation and discussion, please visit [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org).

### **Ordinance to Update the Procedures for the Building Safety Inspection Program**

The Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved an Ordinance on first reading to amend Chapter 151 of the City's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Buildings." If approved on second reading, the revised Code will be more consistent with the Broward County Administrative Provisions from Chapter I of Florida Building Code, Building Safety Inspection Program. Russell Long, the City's Building Official, presented the information to the City Commission and shared the process for 40-year building inspections. To watch the presentation and discussion that ensued, visit [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org).

### **City to Purchase New Radios for Police and Fire Departments**

The Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved [Resolution R-2021-216](#) to purchase 670 Motorola Portable and Mobile Radio Equipment with related accessories for the Hollywood Police and Fire Rescue Departments. These radios are needed in order to be compatible with Broward County's new P25 Radio Infrastructure which went live in December 2020. Police and fire personnel are currently using radios that are seven years old and no longer supported by Motorola, which means the radios cannot be repaired and certified for ongoing use. Given the importance of the radios to the provision of public safety in emergencies such as the ongoing public health emergency, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has been deemed an eligible funding source for the purchase. To watch the discussion, please visit [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org).

### **City Commission Amends Interlocal Agreement Between Broward County, City of Hollywood and Hollywood CRA Regarding Funding for Affordable Housing; Funding Commitment with Tropic Development Amended**

In 2018, the City entered into an interlocal agreement (ILA) with Broward County in support of affordable housing and economic development citywide. The ILA allocated a portion of the CRA's tax increment funding to support affordable housing programs throughout the City. In 2018 and 2019, the CRA refunded the County a total of \$3,521,636, which has been the subject of dispute between the City and the County over whether they qualify for repayment to the City under the ILA. Today, the Mayor and Commission approved (6-1, opposed by Comm. Shuham) an amendment to the ILA ([R-2021-217](#)) that settles all disputes regarding the refunds from the County and accepting a payment to the City of \$3,021,636. The County retained \$500,000 of the original refund amount to cover the cost for the implementation of the 16<sup>th</sup> public safety communication tower at West Lake Park.

In March of this year, the City and CRA approved a funding commitment for the Tropic Development Project based on the ILA with Broward County. The commitment included \$3.5 million in a forgivable loan from the City from funding dedicated to affordable housing per the ILA. Because the County and City agreed to a

refund of \$3,021,636 instead of \$3.5 million, the Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved Resolution [R-2021-218](#) to fill the gap for the funding commitment by providing \$478,364 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The Tropic development will be a mixed income, multi-family workforce housing rental community located at 1744 and 1753 S. Federal Highway, between Van Buren Street and Jackson Street. This project will contribute to the vibrancy of Downtown Hollywood and support the redevelopment goals of the City and CRA – both aesthetically and economically. Over the last 30 years, this property generated less than \$280,000 in total ad valorem taxes. Once completed, it is estimated The Tropic will generate more than \$27 million in ad valorem taxes to all taxing authorities over the next 30 years.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hollywood Marina Master Plan:** The City of Hollywood has begun developing a Marina Master Plan, which will serve as a comprehensive guide for future in-water and landside capital improvement investment projects. The Plan will address public launching sites, dry slip parking, wet slip dockage, competitive docking feeds, ADA accessibility enhancements, traffic, public safety concerns, the public Right-of-Way, and a unified shoreline.

A critical component for the success of the Plan is active collaboration between the City, residents, marine customers and key stakeholders. Public participation is key to helping the project team understand the challenges, explore the opportunities, and decide together on the best actionable plan to move forward. All are encouraged to visit the Hollywood Marina Master Plan website at [PlanHollywoodFLMarina.com](http://PlanHollywoodFLMarina.com) to learn more about the plan and subscribe to eblasts to be notified of project and plan updates during key milestones in the planning process. The option to submit your ideas to help form the Plan during the Public Engagement Period will be active in the coming weeks. The Marina Master Plan website will be updated throughout the planning process, with information on upcoming virtual public meetings, survey opportunities, and proposed concepts. Take an active role in your community, visit [PlanHollywoodFLMarina.com](http://PlanHollywoodFLMarina.com) and stay up-to-date today.

- **Hollywood Connect** –The City launched the new “Hollywood Connect” customer service system as a fast, easy and convenient way for users to report non-emergency concerns directly to Hollywood City Hall. This easy-to-use app allows residents to submit service requests for code violations, potholes, streetlight outages, unsafe conditions and more directly from your mobile device. Service requests are routed to the appropriate department for attention and will be responded to quickly and efficiently. Users can easily track the progress of their service request, get updates throughout the resolution process, and be notified once the issue has been resolved.

In addition to submitting service requests, users may also pay their water bills (Hollywood utility customers only), view their garbage collection schedule, apply for a building permit or vacation rental license, and learn about events and happenings in the City. For additional information, please visit [HollywoodFL.org/HollywoodConnect](http://HollywoodFL.org/HollywoodConnect).

- **FEC Corridor:** Jose Cortes, Director of Design and Construction Management, provided an update on the FEC Corridor Safety and Landscaping Enhancements, a General Obligation Bond (GOB)

project. The City retained Kimley Horn Consultants for the design, which is 30% complete. Staff will share the design with the GOB Advisory Board in November, and then staff will meet with the public. The design is expected to be complete by March 2022, and construction will begin early next summer.

- **Rosh Hashanah:** To those who are celebrating, we wish you a happy and healthy New Year.
- **Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 beginning at 1 p.m. For more information about the meeting, please visit [hollywoodfl.org](http://hollywoodfl.org).