



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 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. 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 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 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 Tuesday, September 14, 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

The City Commission Meeting started with a special moment of silence in honor of the lives lost in the 9/11 attacks 20 years ago and for longtime Hollywood resident and restaurant owner, Sebastian Bono, who passed away on September 10th from COVID-19. Sebastian and his wife, Maria, opened the doors of Sebastiano's Italian Restaurant in Hollywood in 1985 and have been pillars in our community for decades. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bono family during this difficult time.

City Adopts Comprehensive Debt Policy

The Mayor and City Commission approved Resolution [R-2021-226](#) unanimously to adopt a Comprehensive Debt Policy. This Policy will assist the City in making prudent decisions regarding the issuance of debt and obtain the highest possible bond rating while providing for the ability to issue debt with the lowest possible costs.

Recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association, adopting a Debt Policy is in the best interest of the City as it will be a guide in establishing prudent debt limits, monitoring and reporting its debt, utilizing official intent to reimburse declarations, selecting and managing the method of the sale of bonds, selecting and managing municipal advisors, selecting bond counsel, selecting and managing underwriters, issuing bank loans, addressing pension obligation bonds, making prudent choices in refunding bonds, and addressing post issuance compliance and continuing disclosure requirements.

City Expands Commercial Property Improvement Program

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2021-227](#) to expand the Commercial Property Improvement Program (CPIP) to areas outside of the Beach and Downtown CRA Districts. This approval allows the City to provide economic development incentives to privately owned commercial and industrial buildings throughout the City for completed exterior improvements. The CPIP provides conditional grants on a reimbursement basis for a percentage of the construction costs for completed exterior improvements up to a maximum amount of \$25,000 per property/property owner per federal fiscal year.



Traffic Calming Program Continues Throughout the City

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2021-230](#) as part of the Consent Agenda. This resolution authorizes the appropriate City officials to execute a contract with Atkins North America, Inc. for engineering services for Phase II of the City's Traffic Calming Program. The consultants will perform studies to evaluate and prioritize the various locations where traffic calming treatments could be effective to reduce vehicular speeds and cut-through traffic in identified neighborhoods. This project was included in the General Obligation Bond which was approved by voters in March 2019. To learn more about these and other GOB Projects, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Installation of Playground Equipment at 441 Linear Park

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to authorize the purchase and installation of playground equipment, safety surfacing and a shade structure for a new playground area at the northern end of the US 441 Linear Park. As part of the Consent Agenda, the approval of Resolution [R-2021-231](#) allows for the installation of the first City playground in the Hollywood West Gardens neighborhood.

City Accepts Rebuild Florida Community Development Block Grant for Flood Mitigation

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2021-235](#) that authorizes City officials to accept the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds in the amount of \$400,000. The Department of Public Utilities will use this grant to update and improve the City's Floodplain Management Plan, which provides a localized strategy of programs, projects and measures to reduce adverse impact of

flood hazards. An updated Floodplain Management Plan will lead to a greater discount in flood insurance premiums to Citywide property owners.

Since October 1, 1992, the City has been a participant of the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS), which provides property owners with a 20 percent reduction in their flood insurance premiums. Updating the City's Floodplain Management Plan is one component of the City's pathway to a more resilient community. To learn more about the NFIP and CRS, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

New Hours for Dog Beach Approved

With a unanimous vote, the Mayor and City Commission approved an ordinance, [PO-2021-15](#), to extend the hours of operation for the Dog Beach to better accommodate users during the week. The new hours will mirror the hours that lifeguards are on-duty. Users will not be required to complete a hold harmless form. The Dog Beach, which is located on the beach between Pershing and Custer Streets, is currently open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a fee. For more information about the Dog Beach, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Ordinance Approved to Update the Procedures for the Building Safety Inspection Program

The Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved an Ordinance on second reading to amend Chapter 151 of the City's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Buildings." The revised Code will be more consistent with the Broward County Administrative Provisions from Chapter I of Florida Building Code, Building Safety Inspection Program. To learn more about Ordinance PO-2021-16, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Commissioners Gruber and Anderson Appointed to Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Adam Gruber to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and Commissioner Linda Hill Anderson as the alternate Designee. The purpose of the AHAC is to recommend incentives to facilitate and implement affordable housing, review policies, ordinances and other actions of the City Commission that may increase or adversely affect the cost of housing.



*Comm. Gruber
appointed to
AHAC*



*Comm. Anderson
appointed as
designee*

PRESENTATIONS

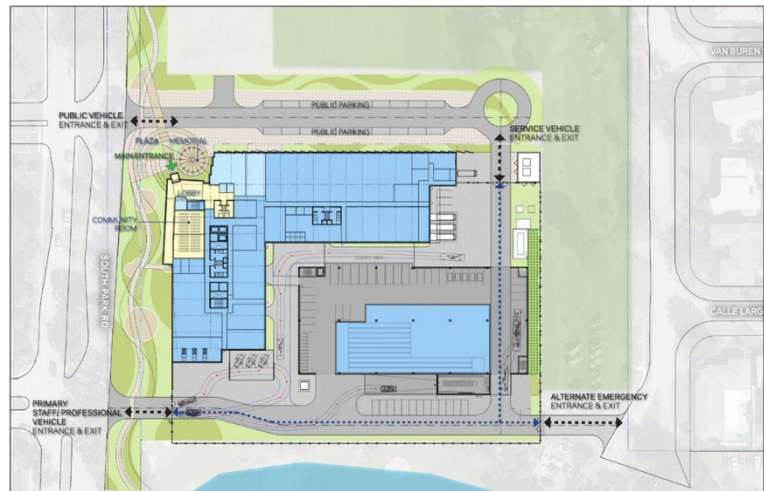
FDOT Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for I-95

Kenzo Jasmin, Project Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation, presented the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for I-95 from south of Hallandale Beach Boulevard to north of Hollywood Boulevard. The Study, which started in 2016, evaluated interchange improvements at Hallandale Beach Boulevard, Pembroke Road and Hollywood Boulevard; identified ramp terminal intersection improvements; analyzed the social, economic, physical and environmental impacts associated with potential improvements; and identified preferred alternatives. FDOT estimates the opening of this project to be in 2030. After a detailed presentation by FDOT representatives, the Mayor and City Commission provided feedback, suggestions and alternatives for improvements that would be in the best interest of the City of Hollywood. To watch the presentation and discussion, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Hollywood Police Headquarters Site Location

Jose Cortes, Director of Design and Construction Management (DCM), presented a detailed update on the Hollywood Police Department Headquarters site location. As part of the March 2019 General Obligation Bond, voters approved the construction of a new, state-of-the-art Police Department Headquarters. The DCM team worked with Chief O'Brien and his staff, the CMED team, Development Services and the Design and Construction consultants (ODP, HO+K & Moss) to produce a conceptual design that will accommodate the changing needs of the Police Department for years to come. Public outreach meetings have been held to gather feedback from the community. The proposed site is located along Park Road, with two access points.



Chief O'Brien shared his thoughts on the site location and Shiv Newaldass, Development Services Director, informed everyone that six proposals have been received by the City for the revitalization of the Orangebrook Golf Course and the evaluation committee will be meeting this week to begin the review process for those proposals and their impact, if any, on the proposed site location of the new Police Department Headquarters. A lengthy discussion ensued and the Mayor and City Commissioners provided their input. To watch the presentation and discussion, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **King Tides:** Seasonal high tides, or "King Tides," are expected in our area now through December. King Tides can cause low-lying coastal areas to flood. Seasonal tides can raise the water level by more than 2.5 feet during high tide which can cause coastal roads, parking lots and docks in vulnerable areas to flood during the times of high tide. Pete Bienek, Public Works Director, provided an overview of The Lakes Interim Berm Project, which was installed last year around North and South Lakes to help prevent tidal flooding.



Based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tide predictions, above average high tides are expected:

- October 5-11
- October 20-21
- November 3-9
- December 2-7

Above average high tides are also expected again, on both the new moon and the full moon, additional dates to watch for tidal impacts include:

- September 18-22
- November 18-19

Residents are reminded to avoid flooded areas, do not drive or walk through flooded streets, do not drive around barricades, and do not allow children to play in flood water.

- **Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 beginning at 1 p.m. For more information about the meeting, please visit hollywoodfl.org.