



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 are recommended but not required for City employees and visitors.

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.

This Hollywood Digest is an update of the actions taken and information shared during the City Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. In case you missed the live meeting, the archived video can be viewed on the City's website at hollywoodfl.org.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Presentation of Diamond Service and Team Diamond Service Awards

In honor of Public Service Recognition Week, May 1-7, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission, City Manager and the Diamond Service Award Committee recognized the City's Diamond Service Award recipient and Team Diamond winners.

Congratulations to Diamond Service Award recipient **Raelin Storey**, Director of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development (CMED). Raelin was nominated by her peers for the most prestigious honor an employee can receive from the City of Hollywood. A video, which was produced by the CMED team, paid tribute to Raelin followed by congratulatory messages from the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Commissioners, City Manager and others. Please [click here](#) to watch the video and the presentation of the Diamond Service Award to Raelin Storey.



City Manager Dr. Wazir Ishmael presented the Team Diamond Service Award to the **Hollywood Police Department Peer Support Team**. This group of sworn and non-sworn members of the Police Department volunteer to assist their coworkers during and after times of critical incidents and/or personal crisis. These compassionate and outstanding volunteers provide social, emotional and practical support that is invaluable to their colleagues. To watch the Team Diamond Service Award presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Additional Funds Available for First-Time Homebuyers Program

On Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved Resolution [R-2022-106](#) to execute an amendment to the agreement with Broward County for the administration of the City's First Time Homebuyers Program. This resolution proposes to provide \$3,399,965.00 in additional dollars to the agreement. The additional amount will provide assistance to a minimum of 68 participants. Broward County and the City have agreed to an administrative fee of 10 percent of the Program's budget, not to exceed \$479,993.00.

Surtax Funds to Implement Various Capital Improvement Projects

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-124](#) to accept funding, if awarded, from the Broward County Transportation Surtax Fund to implement Capital Improvement Projects. The Department of Development Services, Engineering, Transportation, and Mobility Division has identified the following Surtax capital improvement projects for possible 2022 Surtax funding that will improve the level of service for vehicular traffic, bicyclists, and pedestrians within the City:

1. Hollywood Boulevard Traffic Calming Project: Narrowing of the through lanes on Hollywood Boulevard at City Hall Circle and the geometric realignment of two intersections to reduce traffic speeds in the area and improve bicycle/pedestrian safety (submitted last year).
2. North 46th Avenue Traffic Capacity Improvement Project: Widening the pavement at three key intersections between Stirling Road and Hollywood Boulevard to improve vehicular capacity. The project will include improved street and pedestrian lighting, signage and pavement markings, drainage improvements, bike lanes, milling and resurfacing, and ADA and sidewalk improvements to improve overall corridor safety.
3. North 29th Avenue Road Diet Project: Repurposing one travel lane in each direction between Sheridan Street and Stirling Road to slow traffic. The design will also include exclusive left turn lanes at median openings and the undergrounding of FPL power poles to reduce the potential for crashes. The project will also include improved street and pedestrian lighting, signage and pavement markings, drainage improvements, bike lanes, milling and resurfacing, ADA, and sidewalk improvements.
4. Taft Street Traffic Capacity Improvement Project: Widening of pavement at seven key intersections on Taft Street between North 40th Avenue and North 22nd Avenue to improve vehicular capacity as well as improved street and pedestrian lighting, signage and pavement markings, drainage improvements, bike lanes, milling and resurfacing, and ADA and sidewalk improvements to improve overall corridor safety.
5. Tyler Street Traffic Calming Project: Converts Tyler Street from a one-way westbound traffic to two-way eastbound/westbound traffic with bicycle sharrows which will improve traffic flow within the downtown core and result in traffic calming improvements (submitted last year).

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Amendment Approved – Vehicular Use and Landscaping

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve an amendment to Article 9 of the Code of Ordinances for minimum landscape requirements for single family residences. The current code states that for all new construction, any work that results in a 50 percent increase in floor area, or renovations that exceed \$60,000 must comply with the landscape requirements. Ordinance [PO-2022-06](#) removes the minimum threshold dollar amount of \$60,000 for any construction or renovations to single family residences to meet landscaping requirements, which created difficult and undue burdens and posed penalties on

simple home maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrade projects that have little or no relevancy to landscape improvements. To watch the presentation and discussion during First Reading, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Commission Approves Ordinance Amendment to Update Requirement for Tree Removal

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-07](#) to amend Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances to update the requirements for the removal of trees. The approved changes redefines the measurements of a tree from a two-inch or more trunk diameter and 4.5 feet above grade to a trunk diameter of three inches or more and measures 4.5 feet above grade. The amendment also removes the requirement of notifying the City when a property owner plans to remove a tree. To watch the presentation and the discussion during First Reading, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Ordinance Amendment to Update Requirements for Driveways and Aprons Approved

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-08](#) to amend Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances to update the requirements for driveways and aprons. Prior to this approval, the Ordinance only allowed concrete, asphalt or sand oiled surfaces for the driveways. The amended Ordinance provides language that allows for many other hard dustless materials including:

- Pervious or impervious concrete
- Pervious or impervious asphalt
- Pervious or impervious Interlocking Paver Systems
- Two Strip Driveways
- Concrete, asphalt or paver sections with sod, artificial sod or stone in between the concrete slabs
- Natural Stone Pavers
- Turf Block (West of US1)

To watch the presentation and discussion during First Reading, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Approved: Ordinance Amendment to Address Retrieval of Shopping Carts

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-09](#) to create new sections Of Chapter 129 of the Code of Ordinances to address the retrieval of shopping carts by commercial businesses. With this approval, the sections entitled "Retrieval Plan" and "Plan Submission and Review" ensures the burden of responsibility for retrieval would be shifted to the retailers who choose to accommodate their patrons with the use of shopping carts instead of City resources. To watch the presentation and discussion from the First Reading, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

GRANTS

PRCA Applies for 2022 Boating Improvement Program Grant

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-125](#) to accept the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's 2022 Boating Improvement Program Grant for the Holland Park Boat Ramp Improvement Project in the amount of \$200,000. If awarded, this grant will fund the removal of the existing structure and the installation of concrete piles, a ramp and a floating dock.

PRCA Applies for 2022 Waterways Assistance Program Grant

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-126](#) to accept the Florida Inland Navigation District 2022 Waterways Assistance Program Grant for the Holland Park Boat Ramp Improvement Project in the amount of \$200,000. If awarded, the grant funds will be used to fulfill the one-to-one match required by the pending award from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's 2022 Boating Improvement Program Grant.

2021 Urban and Community Forestry Grant to Fund Completion of Citywide Tree Inventory

As part of the City's commitment to the maintenance and enhancement of the City's tree canopy, the City applied for and was awarded the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 2021 Urban and Community Forestry Grant for the completion of a Citywide Tree Inventory. On Consent Agenda, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-128](#) to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$25,500. The tree inventory will identify and collect data on every tree located on City-owned or managed property.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Recognition of Hatzalah South Florida Day, May 4, 2022

The Mayor and City Commission presented a proclamation in recognition of Hatzalah South Florida Day to Andre Roitman, Executive Director of Hatzalah South Florida. Rabbis, leaders, and volunteers of the Hollywood Hatzalah along with Hollywood Fire Rescue Chief Dan Booker were in attendance to accept the proclamation with Mr. Roitman. Hatzalah South Florida is a volunteer not-for-profit organization with a mission to improve medical outcomes and save lives. By augmenting existing emergency medical services with over 120 community-based, state-certified EMT and paramedic volunteer responders and dispatchers – Hatzalah South Florida provides emergency response in neighborhoods across South Florida. To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month, May 2022

Rabbi Yaacov Laredo accepted the City's proclamation honoring Jewish American Heritage Month, which recognizes the innumerable contributions American Jews have made, and continue to make, to our nation's history, culture, and society. For more than 360 years, Jewish Americans have contributed to American culture and society - from sports, history, art, music and entertainment to medicine, business, science, government, and military service. Across these fields, many Jewish Americans have contributed significantly to this nation's struggle for freedom, justice and liberty, bringing progress in all aspects of this nation's values and character. In his comments, Rabbi Laredo shared the topic of this month's verse from the Torah, "love your fellow as yourself." To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Recognition of the 74th Anniversary Of Israel's Independence Day, May 5, 2022

Consul General Maor Elbaz-Starinsky, Consulate General of Israel in Miami accepted a proclamation recognizing the 74th Anniversary of Israel's Independence Day on May 5, 2022. The residents of the City of Hollywood and the people of Israel, through cultural, civic, religious and economic relations share a special bond of friendship. The City of Hollywood recognizes the founding of the modern state of Israel and all that Jewish people have experienced throughout history. To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Recognition of Haitian American Heritage Month, May 2022

State Representative Marie Woodson accepted the City's proclamation in recognition of Haitian American Heritage Month, which is celebrated each year during the month of May. May marks the anniversary of the birth of Toussaint Louverture, one of the leaders of the Haitian revolution, and the creation of the Republic of Haiti flag – a major celebration in Haiti and the Diaspora. Haitian Americans have made their mark and contributed to the betterment of our nation as educators, authors, community leaders, activists, athletes, artists, musicians and politicians. And, many Haitians are on the frontlines as our nurses, doctors, restaurant workers, emergency services and home healthcare workers, who put their lives on the line every day to protect all residents of Hollywood. The Haitian community greatly contributes to the rich history, culture and vibrant diversity of the City of Hollywood, and the City promotes intercultural understanding, mutual respect and universal acceptance of our community's cultural melting pot. To watch the presentation and comments shared by State Representative Woodson, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Recognition of National Economic Development Week, May 9-13, 2022

Raelin Storey, Director of the Office of Communications, Marketing and Economic Development (CMED) along with Marie Suarez, Executive Director of the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, accepted the proclamation for National Economic Development Week, May 9 -13, 2022. This week provides an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of positive economic development and explain the role of the profession in our local community.



Herb Conte-Parlato, Economic Development Manager, presented an overview of the programs and activities of the CMED team. The team is committed to implementing a holistic and sustainable economic growth strategy that results in a robust economy and healthy neighborhoods which includes business expansion, retention and recruitment, entrepreneurship, work skills training, and corridor redevelopment programs. CMED works in concert with other City Departments and Offices as well as local groups dedicated to the enhancement of commerce in the City including the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the Community Redevelopment Agency, the Downtown Hollywood Business Association and

the Beach Business Association, as well as the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development, the Small Business Development Center and Broward SCORE.

The celebration of National Economic Development Week gives the City an opportunity to highlight CMED's key accomplishments over the past year which includes its entrepreneurship program, which has helped launch nearly sixty-five new businesses in the City, the creation of the Work Skills Scholarship Program, and the continued implementation of the "Backing Business" campaign in support of local businesses impacted by the pandemic through various marketing, business assistance and economic development.

To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Recognition of Public Service Recognition Week, May 1-7, 2022

The Mayor and City Commission presented Human Resources Administrator Jennifer Solinger, pictured here, with a proclamation in celebration of Public Service Recognition Week, May 1-7, 2022. This week is set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state and local government employees. Throughout the nation and around the world, public servants use the week to educate citizens about the many ways in which government serves the people and how government services make life better for all of us. Our participation in this event enables the City and members of the community to show appreciation for its employees and volunteers. To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Recognition of National Drinking Water Week, May 1-7, 2022

Ali Parker, Outreach Coordinator of the Department of Public Utilities, accepted the proclamation for National Drinking Water Week. For more than 40 years the American Water Works Association (AWWA), Broward County, and many other national and local entities have designated the first week of May as "National Drinking Water Week." This designation highlights the vital role water plays in our lives on a daily basis. Celebrating "Drinking Water Week" also provides an opportunity to showcase some of the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) educational and conservation programs. Current water conservations programs offered by the DPU include:



- Toilet rebate program which provides resident incentives to replace water wasting fixtures with more efficient models
- Leak detection tips and "how to" videos to prevent inadvertent water loss
- Irrigation audits and rebates to help save on outdoor water usage
- School and community educational programs and materials

An annual highlight of Hollywood's Drinking Water Week is the awards ceremony for the DPU's Annual "Drop Saver" Water Conservation Poster Contest. This awards ceremony is often held in conjunction with the Proclamation of Drinking Water Week. To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Presentation of 2022 Florida Water Conservation Poster Contest Winners

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) celebrates the first full week in May as "Drinking Water Week", a nationally proclaimed observance. This year, Drinking Water Week is May 1-7, 2022. A focal point of the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) Drinking Water Week celebration is the awards ceremony for the DPU's annual "Drop Savers" Water Conservation Poster Contest, and Outreach Coordinator Ali Parker presented the 2022 winners. Ana Bottger, a student at Nativity, won 1st place in the City's grade 9-12 category, and 1st place in the State competition. Congratulations to Ana (and her sister Maria who won 2nd place in the City's grade 9-12 category)! To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Honoring our Fallen Officers - Hollywood Police Department Memorial Ceremony:** This Friday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. our Police Department will be holding its annual Fallen Officer's Memorial Service on the front lawn of the Hollywood Police Department, 3250 Hollywood Boulevard, at our fallen officer memorial. We invite the staff and the public to join us as we honor our fallen heroes who lost their lives in the line of duty over the history of the department: Officer Owen Coleman, Officer Henry Minard, Officer Byron Riley, Officer Philip Yourman, Officer Frankie Shivers and Officer Alex Del Rio, as well as those we laid to rest in this past year Detective Jon Cooke, Officer Yandy Chirino and Lieutenant John Graham.
- **Teddy Bears for Taylor:** The Hollywood Police Department has extended an invitation to join in collecting Teddy Bears for Taylor Bishop. Taylor is the little boy who lost his life last year when an airplane collided with his mother's SUV. This happened near North Perry Airport in Pembroke Pines. This Saturday, the City of Pembroke Pines will be dedicating 72nd Avenue in his honor. Ms. Bishop, Taylor's mom, has requested to receive Teddy Bears from the community so that they can be given to the attendees at the dedication. There are collection boxes set up at PD and City Hall on the 2nd Floor. Teddy bears of all sizes, both new and gently used, will be accepted until noon on Friday, May 6th.
- **Hollywood Awarded \$800,000 Resilient Florida Program Planning Grant:** Governor Ron DeSantis announced the award of grants totaling nearly \$20 million in state funds (FY 2021-22) for the Resilient Florida Program Planning Grants. This funding will support 98 awards to develop or update comprehensive vulnerability assessments in inland and coastal communities, and the City of Hollywood will receive the second largest award in the State with \$800,000 for the Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Update.
- **Congratulations to Noah Zambrano,** son of Assistant City Manager Gus Zambrano. Noah recently graduated summa cum laude from the University of Florida and is going on to the University of Michigan, where he will pursue a PhD in Aerospace Engineering on a full scholarship. Congratulations to Noah, Gus and the entire Zambrano family. Go Blue!
- **Street Lighting Update:** Pete Bieniek, Public Works Director, provided an update on the City's Street Lighting network. The inventory of streetlights in the City of Hollywood include 2,470 city-

owned lights, 333 Beach CRA street lights, 97 Broward County owned lights, and 5,919 street lights that are owned by FPL, which are all converted to LED lights. The City has converted 55 lights, all in the Lakes of Emerald Hills, to LED through a pilot program. In addition to city-owned streetlights, the Public Works Department maintains and repairs light along Broward County and Florida Department of Transportation streets. With unanimous approval of Resolution R-2022-129, the City will enter into an agreement with Noresco, LLC, an energy performance contractor that will assess all of the City's energy-related operations and complete an investment grade audit. It is estimated that installation of a new street lighting program will be complete within two years. To watch the presentation, which is a part of the City Manager's Comments, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

- **Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 beginning at 1 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at Hollywood City Hall. For more information about the meeting, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

RESULTS SUMMARY

This is a summary of the actions taken by the Mayor and City Commission. It is NOT equivalent to the Minutes, which when approved by the City Commission, constitute the official record of the meeting.

Agenda Item	Action/Vote	Vote
R-2022-121 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Implement A Settlement In Litigation Styled <i>Yaroslav Farber v. City Of Hollywood, Et. Al.</i>	Approved	6-0
R-2022-103 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of January 19, 2022.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-122 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budgets Of Various Funds As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2021-244; Amending The Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Improvement Plan As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2021-245.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-123 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The 2022 Amendment To The Interlocal Agreement With Broward County Regarding Additional Local Option Gas Tax On Motor Fuel, And The 2022 Amendment To The Interlocal Agreement With Broward County Regarding Additional Local Option Gas Tax On Motor Fuel For Transit.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-106 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A First Amendment To The Agreement With Broward County For The Administration Of The City's First-Time Home Buyer Program In Order To Increase The Administrative Fee Funding Amount	Approved	7-0

From \$139,965.50 To \$479,993.00 And Extend The Term From Two Years to Four Years.		
R-2022-124 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And, If Awarded, Accept Funding From The Broward County Transportation Surtax Fund To Implement Various Capital Improvement Projects; And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Any And All Applicable Program Documents Associated With The Broward County 2022 Transportation Surtax Fund Applications.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-125 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission's 2022 Boating Improvement Program Grant For Holland Park Boat Ramp Improvement Project In The Amount Of \$200,000.00; Authorizing The Required 5% Matching Funds To Be Paid From In-Kind Staff Services; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Other Applicable Grant Documents; Amending The Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Plan.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-126 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The Florida Inland Navigation District 2022 Waterways Assistance Program Grant For Funding The Holland Park Boat Ramp Project In The Amount Of \$200,000.00; Authorizing The Required One-To-One Matching Funds To Be Paid From The Pending Award Of The Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission's 2022 Boating Improvement Program Grant; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Florida Inland Navigation District; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Other Applicable Grant Documents; And Amending The Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Plan.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-127 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With Greenberg Traurig, P.A., For Legal Services In Utilities Matters, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$500,000.00 For Fiscal Year 2022.	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-128 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept The State Of Florida Department Of Agriculture And Consumer Services 2021 Urban And Community Forestry Grant, In The Amount Of \$25,500.00, For The Completion Of A Citywide Tree Inventory; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents For The Tree Inventory Project.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-129 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ranking Firms To Provide Energy Performance Contracting For Citywide Use; Authorizing Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate An Agreement With The Highest-Ranked Firm, Noresco, LLC, For Consideration And Approval By The City Commission At A Later Date.	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-06 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article 9 Of The Zoning And Land Development Regulations Entitled	Approved	6-0

<p>"Vehicular Use Area Landscaping" By Amending Section 9.4 Entitled "Minimum Landscape Requirements For Single Family Residences" To Eliminate The Value Threshold Requirements For Construction Or Renovation. (20-T-43)</p>		
<p>R-2022-07 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Trees" To Update The Requirements For Tree Removal.</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>6-0</p>
<p>R-2022-08 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 155 Of The Code Of Ordinance Entitled "Basic Land Improvement Code" To Update The Requirements Under Driveways And Aprons And Update Certain Provisions For Operational Purposes.</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>6-0</p>
<p>R-2022-09 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 129,"Shopping Carts" Of The Code Of Ordinances Creating New Sections Entitled "Retrieval Plan" And "Plan Submission And Review".</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>6-0</p>