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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-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](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.

This Hollywood Digest is an update of the actions taken and information shared during the City Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. 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

### ORDINANCES

#### **Ordinance Approved to Prohibit Cigarettes, Unfiltered Cigars, Pipes or Tobacco Products at Beach and Parks and Recreation Facilities**

On first reading, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinances [PO-2022-19](#) and [PO-2022-20](#) to prohibit smoking cigarettes, unfiltered cigars, pipes or tobacco products on the City's beaches and in municipal parks and playgrounds. Municipal parks include athletic fields, skate parks, aquatic facilities and other recreation facilities. This ordinance promotes public health and safety for all residents.

During the 2022 legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill ("HB") 105, which is referred to as the "Florida Clean Air Act". HB 105 authorizes local governments to regulate and prohibit smoking on municipal beaches and in parks.

### GRANTS

#### **City Accepts \$800,000 in Grant Funding for Vulnerability Assessment Update**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-304](#) to accept the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida Program Grant in the amount of \$800,000 for the Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Update. There is no match requirement for this grant.

In 2020, the City completed a vulnerability assessment for tidal flooding, storm surge, and extreme precipitation. The parameters used for modeling future flooding differ from those in a new



Florida State Statute, F.S. 380.093. The City will secure a consultant to update the vulnerability assessment in order to fully comply with F.S. 380.093 requirements, incorporate its new Stormwater Master Plan, conduct analyses to comply with the Peril of Flood statute section 163.3178(2)(f), and draft corresponding comprehensive plan language.

Earlier this year, 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. The City of Hollywood received the second largest award in the State with \$800,000 for the Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Update.

### **City Accepts Department of Homeland Security 2021 Assistance for Firefighters Grant**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-292](#) to accept the Department of Homeland Security 2021 Assistance for Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$368,181.81. The grant will assist with the purchase of cardiac monitors/automatic external defibrillators to enhance fire and rescue services throughout the City.

### **City Applies for Broward MPO's Complete Streets Grants**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-305](#) and authorize City officials to apply for, and if awarded, accept the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Cycle 7 Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program. Staff intends to submit two grant applications for projects that are within the Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program ("CSLIP"). The applications are for the following projects:

- (1) Tyler Street Traffic Flow Modification and Safety Improvements: Tyler Street between Young Circle and North 21 Avenue
- (2) Sidewalk Construction Infill within the North Central Neighborhood between Johnson Street and Hollywood Boulevard and Dixie Highway and I-95, and the Highland Gardens and United Neighbors of South Hollywood Neighborhoods between Hollywood Boulevard and Pembroke Road, and 21st Avenue and I-95.



*Rendering of Tyler Street Improvements*

### **HPD Applies for Grant to Assist with the Removal of Derelict Vessels**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-295](#) to accept, if awarded, a \$50,000 grant from the Broward Marine Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 Broward County Boating Improvement Program Grant. This grant funding will assist the Hollywood Police Department with the removal of derelict vessels from waterways within the City.

## PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

### Recognition of Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Raheem Seecharan, the City's Information Technology Director, along with Matthew Frost and Gary Warren of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Region IV (Florida), accepted a proclamation in recognition of [Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#). Celebrated in October, Cybersecurity Awareness Month raises awareness of the importance of practicing good "cyber hygiene." This year's Cybersecurity Awareness Month theme is "See Yourself in Cyber" to focus on the people part of cybersecurity to ensure all individuals and organizations make smart decisions whether on the job, at home or at school – now and in the future.



The following are key action steps that everyone should take:

- **Think Before You Click: Recognize and Report Phishing:** If a link looks a little off, think before you click. It could be an attempt to get sensitive information or install malware.
- **Update Your Software:** Don't delay -- If you see a software update notification, act promptly. Better yet, turn on automatic updates.
- **Use Strong Passwords:** Use passwords that are long, unique, and randomly generated. Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of your accounts. A passwords manager will encrypt passwords securing them for you!
- **Enable Multi-Factor Authentication:** You need more than a password to protect your online accounts, and **enabling MFA makes you significantly less likely to get hacked.**

[Watch the presentation here.](#)

### Recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Mayor and City Commissioners presented Angelic Mercer, Sr. Development Manager for Making Strides of Broward, with a proclamation in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer and the importance of early detection. Breast Cancer is one of the most common types of cancer in the world today with approximately 287,850 new cases expected in the United States this year. This widespread and random disease affects women and men of all ages and races and is one of the leading causes of cancer related deaths among women. During the month of October, the City renews its commitment to fighting this disease, raising awareness, and supporting those affected by breast cancer. The City is hosting a variety of fundraisers throughout the month to benefit the American Cancer Society, and Sharrice Lane, the City's Human Resources Administrator, shared that City employees have raised more than \$2,000 so far. City employees can visit the 2022 Breast Cancer Awareness Month Intranet Page for more details.



For more information about National Breast Cancer Awareness Month including research, advocacy and patient services, please visit the [American Cancer Society website](#). [Watch the presentation here](#).

## Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month

Felipe Pinzon, Executive Director of Hispanic Unity of Florida, accepted a [proclamation honoring Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which recognizes the extraordinary achievements and valuable contributions of Hispanic Americans. From September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> every year, we celebrate the culture and heritage of Hispanic American people whose ancestors immigrated from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America. This year's theme is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation." The theme encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation. According to the recent U.S. Census, more than 60,000 Hispanic Americans call the City of Hollywood home, countless others own businesses in the City, and hundreds are working in the public's interest as employees of the City. Hispanic Americans have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and community service. They have enriched and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their proud history. Hispanic Unity of Florida is a non-profit organization that provides assistance through 12 programs and more than 30 services in four languages. Please visit [Hispanic Unity online](#) to learn more. [Watch the presentation here](#).



## Recognition of Hindu Heritage Awareness Month

The Mayor and City Commission presented Mr. Shekar Reddy, Mr. Ram Tewari, and Ms. Fareida Rajkumar with a proclamation recognizing Hindu Heritage Awareness Month. This year marks the 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official introduction of Hinduism in the United States, and today, there are more than 4 million Hindu Americans. The City of Hollywood is home to a significant Hindu American population with diverse and ethnic backgrounds including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent. Hindu Americans share the entrepreneurial spirit of America and contribute significantly in the areas of business, law, politics, information technology, medicine and science. They have greatly enriched our country through higher education in the academic fields of astrophysics, computer science, engineering, law, planetary science, psychology, and neuroscience. Hindu Heritage Awareness Month is important to fostering greater understanding, acceptance and social cohesion among people of all faiths to help combat prejudice. [Watch the presentation here](#).



## Recognition of Italian American Heritage and Culture Month

In recognition of Italian American Heritage and Culture Month, the Mayor and City Commission presented a proclamation to Ron Tipa, VP of the Italian American Civic League of Broward County, his wife Dorothy

and the Treasurer of the Civic League, Rocco Maniaci. Between 1820 and 2004, approximately 5.5 million Italians came to the United States, and the most recent U.S. Census estimates there are 17.8 million Americans of Italian descent living in the United States. Italian American heritage month coincides with Columbus Day, the national holiday celebrating the distinguished contributions of Americans with Italian lineage. Italian Americans have contributed to education, science, finance, art, entertainment, and agriculture. A few notables from among the many Italian immigrants who played a vital role throughout history include: Christopher Columbus, John Cabot, Amerigo Vespucci, Enrico Tonti, Filippo Mazzei, William Paca, Colonel Francesco Virgo, Alessandro Malaspina, Giacomo Beltrami, Constantino Brumidi, A. P. Gianni, Enrico Fermi, and John Basilone – the first enlisted man to win the medal of honor in World War II, and Geraldine Ferraro – the first woman on a major party ticket, running for vice president. [Watch the presentation here.](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Support of the South Florida Tech Hub – Hackathon:** This past weekend the City of Hollywood helped to support the growing tech industry ecosystem here in South Florida by serving as the City sponsor of the South Florida Tech Hubs annual Hackathon held at Florida Atlantic University's College of Engineering and Computer Science. The City's CMED team partnered with the Chamber of Commerce's new Tech Committee in support of the event. Special thanks to Mayor Levy who provided the opening greeting and Information Technology Director Raheem Seecharan who spent his Sunday **volunteering his time** to serve as one of the judges. The theme for the event was "Hack My City" and groups competed to come up with technology solutions for common city problems. Raheem was joined by several other volunteer judges who came out to support students and technology innovation including reps from NextEra Energy, City Furniture, New World Angels Venture Capital Fund, and Broward College.

South Florida continues to be recognized as one of the country's top growing technology hubs and has become a destination for tech and innovation. As more technologists flock to our region, South Florida Tech Hub recognizes the important role that the individual people who live in our communities play in developing a thriving ecosystem for all.

- **King Tides Expected:** It's King Tide season here in South Florida and we are seeing some street level flooding in low-lying areas during these high tides. Police and Public Works have been monitoring hot spots and deploying signage and barricades as needed if roadways become unsafe or impassable.

The King Tides are expected periodically through December and are caused by the close proximity of the moon which creates King Tides. These seasonal high tides, combined with rising sea levels and inclement weather conditions, can exacerbate flooding risks. Rainfall and wind strength and direction also have a significant impact on the height of the tides causing them to come in higher or lower than predicted. With seven miles of shoreline, 7.9 miles of canals, and a flat topography, Hollywood is vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise and tidal flooding.

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

- October 6-12
- October 24-30

- November 6-9
- November 23-27
- December 23-24

Seasonal tides can raise the water level by more than 2 and a half feet during high tide. The City is working on both short and long-term solutions to minimize the impacts of tidal flooding.

- **Holland Park Restroom Renovation:** The Holland Park restroom renovation has begun. The project is expected to run through mid-January 2023. While the restroom is under construction, portable restrooms will be provided.
- **Less than a month left to join the Solar Co-op:** If you're feeling stressed about your electricity bill or just want to learn about other electricity option, you may want to check out the Broward Solar Co-op 2022. Solar United Neighbors is offering an opportunity for residents to learn how to go solar & access a group rate for a solar system. It's free to join! You can get the latest information about the solar Investment Tax Credit and a new "direct pay" option for tax-exempt organizations. Learn more at [www.solarunitedneighbors.org/broward](http://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/broward). The Co-op closes to new members on November 30, 2022.
- **Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 19, 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](http://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-2022-286 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving General Fund Agency Grants To Certain Non-Profit Organizations Providing Social Services To City Of Hollywood Residents; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute Miscellaneous Appropriations Agreements With Each Organization For A Total Allocation Of Funding Not To Exceed \$180,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Operating Budget (R-2022-283).	Approved	7-0
R-2022-287 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing Payment Of Attorneys' Fees To Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., In An Additional Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000.00 For Fiscal Year 2022, Bringing The Total Amount Authorized For Fiscal Year 2022 To \$150,000.00.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-288 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of May 4, 2022.	Approved	7-0

R-2022-289 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving The Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes Of May 18, 2022.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-290 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Construction Management At Risk Phase II Construction Services Agreement With State Contracting & Engineering Corporation For The David Park Tennis Center Interior Renovations, For A Total Guaranteed Maximum Price Of \$441,804.00.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-291 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Updating The Comprehensive Schedule Of Fees.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-292 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept The Department Of Homeland Security 2021 Assistance To Firefighters Grant In An Amount Not To Exceed \$368,181.81 To Purchase Fire Rescue Operational Equipment; Authorizing The Expenditure Of Matching Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$36,818.19; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Grant Documents.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-293 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Agreement With The Hollywood Art And Culture Center, Inc., For The Purpose Of Coordinating And Managing Cultural Arts Programming Services At Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center In The Amount Of \$70,000.00; In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(9) Of The Procurement Code (Best Interest).	Approved	7-0
R-2022-294 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Miscellaneous Appropriations Grant Agreement With The Hollywood Art And Culture Center, Inc. For The Provision Of Cultural Services Through Visual Arts, Performing Arts And Educational Programming, In The Amount Of \$175,000.00.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-295 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ratifying The Submission Of An Application To The Broward Marine Advisory Committee To Receive The 2023-2024 Broward Boating Improvement Program Grant In The Amount Of \$50,000.00; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept The Grant, If Awarded, To Assist With The Removal Of Derelict Vessels From The Waterways Within The City; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Grant Documents.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-296 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Lease Rate Quote With Enterprise FM Trust For The Lease Of Vehicles To Serve The Police Department For A 12-Month Term For An Estimated Annual Amount Not To Exceed \$127,472.39, Based Upon Sourcewell Contract Number 060618, In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code (Piggyback); Repealing Resolution No. R-2022-201.	Approved	7-0

R-2022-297 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Resolution No. R-2022-127 To Increase The FY 2022 Legal Fees To Greenberg Traurig, P.A. From \$500,000.00 To \$800,000.00 Due To Pembroke Pines Litigation.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-298 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Issuance Of A Purchase Order To Integrity Municipal Systems, LLC. To Furnish And Supply Two In-Kind Replacement Lime Slaker Units No. 2 And No. 3 At The Water Treatment Plant, As Identified In The 2007 Water System Master Plan, In The Amount Of \$332,000.00 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(9) Of The Procurement Code (Best Interest).	Approved	7-0
R-2022-299 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Renew The Agreement With The Cormac Group For Federal Lobbying Services In The Annual Amount Of \$90,000.00 Over The One-Year Renewal Period From October 1, 2022 Through September 30, 2023, In Accordance With Section 38.49(C) Of The Procurement Code (Renewals).	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-19 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 99 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Municipal Beach" To Prohibit The Use Of Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes Or Tobacco Products On The Municipal Beach.	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-20 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 103 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Parks And Recreation" To Prohibit The Use Of Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes Or Tobacco Products In Municipal Parks And On Playgrounds.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-300 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Amendment To The Employment Agreement Between The City Manager And The City.	Approved	6-1
R-2022-301 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Amendment To The Employment Agreement Between The City Attorney And The City.	Approved	5-2
R-2022-302 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Establishing Procedures For The Flying Of Commemorative, Special Occasion, And Other Ceremonial Flags At City-Owned Properties.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-303 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Repealing All Previous Resolutions Pertaining To The Procedures For Naming And Renaming Of Properties, Facilities, Parks, Streets And Memorials; Implementing A New Naming Policy And Procedures, And Approving The Associated Application.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-304 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept The State Of Florida Department Of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida Program Grant In The Amount Of \$800,000.00 For The Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Update; Authorizing Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Grant Documents And Agreements	Approved	7-0



<p>For The Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Update; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Plan.</p>		
<p>R-2022-305 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And, If Awarded, Accept The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Cycle 7 Complete Streets And Other Localized Initiatives Program To Implement Transportation Projects Relating To Bicycle Facilities, Pedestrian Level Lighting, Drainage, And Other Pedestrian Safety Improvements Specifically For The Following Areas: 1) Tyler Street From Young Circle To North 21 Avenue, And 2) Sidewalk Construction Infill Area Located Between Dixie Highway And Interstate 95 And Pembroke Road To The South And Johnson Street To The North, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,000,000.00 For Each Project, And If Successfully Awarded, Committing Matching Funds Estimated At 25% Of Total Costs For Each Project, Together With The Applicable Operating And Maintenance Costs Once The Projects Are Completed; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Program Documents And Agreement(s); Acknowledging That The Projects Will Be Delivered As A Local Agency Program Project.</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>7-0</p>
<p>R-2022-306 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Blanket Purchase Agreement With Parkson Corporation For A Turn-Key Project To Retrofit Eight Reuse Water Filters At The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant In A Lump Sum Amount Of \$2,750,000.00, Based Upon Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The City’s Procurement Code (“Sole Source”).</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>7-0</p>