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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](https://hollywoodfl.org). Members of the public may watch the City Commission Meetings via the City's website at [hollywoodfl.org/WatchMeeting](https://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, December 7, 2022. In case you missed the live meeting, the archived video can be viewed on the City's website at [hollywoodfl.org](https://hollywoodfl.org).

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## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

### **Commissioner Adam Gruber Named New Vice Mayor**

By unanimous vote, the Mayor and City Commission appointed Commissioner Adam Gruber as the City's new Vice Mayor for a one-year term. He takes over from outgoing Vice Mayor Caryl Shuham.

Vice Mayor Gruber was first elected to the Hollywood City Commission in 2020 and represents District 4. He has been an active member of the Hollywood community since 1978, when he and his family moved to the City from Montreal. Vice Mayor Gruber is focused on improving quality of life, increasing property values, improving district parks, maintaining green space and implementing traffic calming strategies on major thoroughfares. Congratulations, Vice Mayor Gruber!



### **Sidewalk Projects Approved for Beverly Park, Hollywood Beach Heights and Hollywood Country Estates**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolutions [R-2022-353](#) and [R-2022-354](#) to authorize City officials to negotiate contracts with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of the Sidewalk and ADA Compliance Projects for Beverly Park, Hollywood Beach Heights, and Hollywood Country Estates. These projects, which will improve pedestrian safety and help complete the citywide sidewalk network, are a part of the Complete Streets and other Localized Initiatives Program grant, and funding will be provided by the Florida Department of Transportation Local Agency Program.

## **City Commission Approves Purchase of Lifesaving Devices for Fire Rescue Department**

The Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved Resolution [R-2022-356](#) to purchase Lucas Devices and Life-Pak 15 units for the Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department. Lucas Devices are an easy-to-use chest compression device that assists lifesaving teams around the world, delivering high quality and guidelines-consistent chest compressions to sudden cardiac arrest patients.



This device is also compatible with the Life-Pak 15 units and allows the compression data to be recorded and reviewed for enhanced quality assurance. This device is part of the City's cardiac resuscitation plan of action which includes EMS Protocols, the Life-Pak 15, and the CODESTAT cardiac arrest review software.

The Life-Pak 15 performs an electrocardiogram and monitors the electrical activity of the heart and is also a defibrillator for acute cardiac care response. It is designed for both basic and advanced life support. These Life-Pak 15 units will be placed on the fire engines, and with this equipment, personnel on the fire engines will be able to deliver advanced life support care.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance Approved to Amend Land Development Regulations to Extend Opportunity Zone**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-21](#) on second reading. This Ordinance amendment allows the City to extend the Opportunity Zone. Opportunity Zones are census tracts designated by state and federal governments targeted for economic development. Two census tracts in Hollywood were designated Opportunity Zones, and staff recommended the extension of the Downtown Core Opportunity Zone to include sites along the major multi-use corridors, Federal Highway and Dixie Highway/21st Avenue, to further encourage and focus redevelopment opportunities in the most appropriate areas.

### **Ordinance Approved to Amend Dog Beach Location, Accessible Hours and Remove Fees**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-22](#) to expand the dog beach boundaries, eliminate the requirement for a pass and fees, and remove the days of access. Approved on second reading, the boundaries of the dog beach extend between the lifeguard tower to the north of Custer Street and the lifeguard tower to the south of Pershing Street. In addition, the dog beach is free and open to the public during normal beach hours.

### **Ordinance Approved to Update the Nuisance Abatement Process**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-23](#) to amend Chapter 101 of the Code of Ordinances to update the nuisance abatement process. On second reading, this ordinance amendment creates a nuisance abatement program to hold property owners responsible for eliminating nuisances which exist on their property and, if the owners fail to do so, permitting the City to abate the nuisance and be reimbursed for the associated costs.

### **First Reading: Ordinance to Approve Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-24](#) to approve an Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement with the City of Dania Beach and Broward County. The City of Dania Beach has requested to annex approximately .204 acres of land that is located within the limits of the City of Hollywood and owned by the Florida Department of Transportation.

On August 31, 2022, the City Commission adopted a responding resolution to the City of Dania Beach and Broward County to begin negotiations of the interlocal service boundary agreement, which resulted in the following:

- (a) At no cost to the City of Hollywood, the City of Dania Beach will create an e-vehicle transit hub for charging various types of public transportation vehicles that serve and may be operated by both municipalities and/or other governmental entities, which may include public amenities (a joint stop for a micro-transit hub for Hollywood and Dania public transit vehicles).
- (b) The City of Dania Beach will honor and permit City of Hollywood Citywide Residential Parking Permits in the garage on weekdays only, for a five-year period, with three additional five-year extension terms, under the condition that the City of Dania Beach can properly finance all secured bond or loan funding for the proposed parking garage through the revenue obtained from the parking garage use. The parking permit authorization shall exclude the following weekday days: national holidays that land on a weekday, and Broward County School Board spring break week.
- (c) The parties will work and collaborate with the Hollywood Beach Business and Civic Associations and property owners located proximate to AIA and Cambridge Street on the parking garage design and layout as a part of the development review process and prior to the City of Dania Beach applying for building permits.

[Watch the presentation and the discussion that ensued here.](#)

### **First Reading: Ordinance Amending Chapter 133 Pertaining to Antisemitism and Bias-Motivated Crimes**

On first reading, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2022-25](#) to amend Chapter 133 of the Code of Ordinances that regulates offenses against public peace and safety within the City to include antisemitism and bias-motivated crimes.

Jews are consistently one of the most targeted religious communities in the United States, and antisemitic incidents are being reported at record levels. Unfortunately, Broward County, home to the third-largest population of Holocaust survivors in the world, has not been immune to antisemitism. If approved on second reading, this ordinance amendment will adopt a working definition of antisemitism and establish its intent that the definitions of bias-motivated crimes and antisemitism be considered in determining the motivation behind a violation of law would help fight the serious, pervasive, and enduring problem of antisemitism and benefit the entire community.

## GRANTS

### **City Applies for Coastal Partnership Initiative Grant**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-351](#) and authorize City officials to apply for, and if awarded, accept the FY 2023 Coastal Partnership Initiative Grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for property improvements at Keating Park. These improvements include the renovation of public restrooms to current State and local codes, providing ADA accessibility, a community education space for environmentally based programming, planting new native landscaping and turtle friendly lighting among other improvements. The grant provides opportunity to receive up to \$60,000.00 in funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in FY 2023-2024, with a required 50% match, which will come from the Beach CRA.

### **City Applies for Early Learning Coalition Grant**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-359](#) and authorize City officials to apply for, and if awarded, accept the State of Florida, Dept. of State/ Division of Early Learning through Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. Child Care Stabilization Subgrant Program- Round II. This grant, in the amount of \$75,000, would provide funding for improvements, programming supplies and equipment for the City's afterschool childcare programs located at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kay Gaither and McNicol Community Centers.

### **City Applies for Broward County Cultural and Artistic Facilities Capital Grant**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-360](#) to apply for, and if awarded, accept the Broward County Cultural Division Cultural and Artistic Facilities Capital Grant in the amount of \$500,000. This grant will provide funding for improvements to the Hollywood Art and Culture Center education expansion project, which is a part of the 2019 General Obligation Bond.

### **City Applies for 2023-2024 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-361](#) to apply for, and if awarded, accept the 2023-2024 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for improvements to Oakridge Park. The 37-acre park includes a dog park, pavilions, walking path and playground facilities. If awarded, this grant requires a 50% match from the City.

### **City Receives \$50,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant**

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution [R-2022-362](#) to accept the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection Division of State Lands, 2022-2023 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. The grant will facilitate the addition of a park pavilion, park furniture, pathway creation and resurfacing at Poinciana Park. There is no matching funds required for this grant.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Recognition of 2022 Excellence in Continuous Improvement Award Recipients

Assistant City Manager Adam Reichbach and Performance and Accountability Officer Beatriz Sandoval presented the City's first ever Excellence in Continuous Improvement Award to Special Events Coordinator Tyrone Gordon and Administrative Specialist Melissa Fleming. Tyrone and Melissa created the "Online Pavilion Reservation Requests" to improve the reservation process for residents and simplify the exchange of information between residents and PRCA staff.



The Excellence in Continuous Improvement Award was created to encourage employees, at every level of the organization, to implement small improvements (or quick wins) within their respective departments and offices. The award recognizes an individual or team who has implemented a project that is both innovative and most impactful to enhancing City operations.

A selection committee comprising of five Department Directors reviewed seven submissions from the following departments: Design and Construction Management (DCM), Development Services (DS), Human Resources, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts (PRCA), Procurement and Public Utilities.

[Watch the presentation here.](#)

### Police Chief Chris O'Brien Presents Awards to Sworn and Civilian Personnel

Hollywood Assistant Police Chief Nikki Coffin presented members of the Department with awards for Officers of the Month, Lifesaving Award and Employee of the Month. Congratulations to:

- Officer Dwayne Valentin - September Officer of the Month
- Officer Brittany Wohlitka - September Lifesaving Award
- Officer Christian Ricano - October Officer of the Month
- Crime Scene Technician Diane Unger and Latent Print Examiner Lawrence Elmhurst - October Employees of the Month



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Shop with a Cop Event Coming Up:** The Hollywood Police Department will be hosting the annual Shop With A Cop event next week. The event will take place on Wednesday, December 14th at 6 p.m. at the Walmart located at Hollywood Boulevard and State Rd 7. The Hollywood Police Department applied for and was awarded a grant through Walmart, which will allow 20 children to go shopping and get holiday presents for themselves and their families. Pizza will be served and each of the kids will be paired up with an officer to pick out toys and other items. Each year, our police officers enjoy being part of this event and are grateful to be able to bring this annual tradition to children in need in our community.
- COVID Testing Sites to Close by December 28:** The last remaining Curative COVID testing site in Hollywood that we have been hosting at our Oak Lake Community Center will be closing on Wednesday, December 28th. Residents seeking COVID testing through Curative can still schedule a self-collected Rapid PCR test by visiting the Curative website. It's important to note: As of March 2022, these testing sites were no longer able to offer free testing to the uninsured due to the lack of federal reimbursements.
- Introduction of New Public Utilities Director:** Recently we welcomed a new member to the City's Executive/Management team with the hiring of Vincent Morello to serve as our Director of Public Utilities. Mr. Morello comes to the City with more than 30 years of utilities management experience. He started his career with the Massachusetts Water Authority in Boston overseeing capital projects. From there he went to work for Broward County's Utilities Division implementing more than a billion dollars in utilities capital improvements and then to Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer as the Assistant Director of Engineering and Construction. He has a degree in marine engineering and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Florida.
- Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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-2022-350 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budgets Of Various Funds As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2022-283; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Plan As Adopted And Approved By Resolution R-2022-284.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-351 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The FY 2023 Coastal Partnership Initiative Grant Through The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection For Property Improvements At Keating Park For The Renovation Of Public Restrooms In	Approved	7-0

The Amount Of \$60,000.00; Authorizing The Required 50% Matching Funds; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements.		
R-2022-352 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 Cay Industries, Inc., d/b/a Print Dynamics, For The New Horizons Newsletter For An Estimated Annual Amount Of \$130,084.00 Based Upon Bid Number IFB-4751-22-SK For Newsletter Printing And Mailing Services.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-353 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Professional Services Agreement For Engineering Design Services With Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc. For The Beverly Park Sidewalk And ADA Compliance Project, With Funding Provided Under The Florida Department Of Transportation Local Agency Program, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$531,541.00.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-354 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Professional Services Agreement For Engineering Design Services With Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc. For The Hollywood Beach Heights And Hollywood Country Estates Sidewalk Project, With Funding Provided Under The Florida Department Of Transportation Local Agency Program, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$427,339.00.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-355 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 Horsepower Electric, Inc. To Furnish And Install Solar Powered Speed Feedback Signs In An Annual Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.00 Based Upon Broward County's Contract No. PNC2122875B1 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The City's Procurement Code (Piggyback).	Approved	7-0
R-2022-356 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue Purchase Orders To Stryker For Lucas Devices And Lifepak 15 Units In An Amount Of \$528,596.25 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(2) Of The Procurement Code (Sole Source).	Approved	7-0
R-2022-357 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Playcore Wisconsin, Inc., d/b/a GameTime, For The Purchase Of Playground And Outdoor Fitness Equipment, Site Accessories, Surfacing And Related Products And Services In The Amount Of \$340,249.63 Based Upon The Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code (Piggyback).	Approved	7-0
R-2022-358 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To All Paving Inc. For Annual Small Concrete And Pathway Construction In The Amount Of \$487,461.00 Based Upon Palm Beach	Approved	7-0

County Project #2020056 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code (Piggyback).		
R-2022-359 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Apply For And If Awarded, Accept The State Of Florida, Dept. Of State/Division Of Early Learning Through Early Learning Coalition Of Broward County, Inc. Child Care Stabilization Subgrant Program Round II For Improvements To City Operated After School Child Care Programs In The Estimated Amount Of \$75,000.00; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Early Learning Coalition Of Broward County, Inc.; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Other Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-360 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The Broward County Cultural Division Cultural And Artistic Facilities Capital Grant For Improvements To Hollywood Art & Culture Center Education Expansion Projects In The Approximate Amount Of \$500,000.00; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With Broward County; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Other Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Plan.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-361 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept, If Awarded, The 2023-2024 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant In The Amount Of \$200,000.00 For Improvements To Oakridge Park; Authorizing The Required 50% Matching Funds To Be Paid From PRCA Capital Improvement Project Funds; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Plan.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-362 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept The 2022-2023 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant For Park Improvements To Poinciana Park In The Amount Of \$50,000.00; Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection Division Of State Lands, Land And Recreation Grants Section; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Other Applicable Grant Documents And Agreements; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Plan.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-363 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Accept An Amended Permanent Easement In Favor Of The City From Maltese Diplomat Owner, LLC. To Accommodate The Installation Of An Electrical Power Generator At Stormwater Pump Station SW-08.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-364 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ranking Engineering Firms To Provide Professional Engineering Consulting Services Related To The Infiltration And Inflow	Approved	7-0



Program; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate An Agreement With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C., The Highest Ranked Firm.		
R-2022-365 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Ranking Professional Engineering Consulting Firms To Provide Design And Construction Administration Services For Sewer Lift Stations N-07 And N-08 Upgrades; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Negotiate An Agreement With EAC Consulting, Inc., The Highest Ranked Firm, For Consideration By The City Commission At A Later Date.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-366 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 Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. For The Supply And Delivery Of One-Ton Cylinders Of Liquid Chlorine For An Amount Not To Exceed \$981,200.00 For The Period From December 7, 2022 Through December 31, 2023; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Operating Budget.	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-21 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article 4 Of The Zoning And Land Development Regulations Entitled "Schedule Of District, Use And Setback Regulations" By Amending Section 4.6 To Extend The Incentive Program For The Opportunity Zone To Include Sites Or Portions Of Sites Along Federal Highway And 21st Avenue Corridors; Providing For A Repealer Provision And A Severability Clause. (19-T-66)	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-22 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 99 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Municipal Beach" By Amending Section 99.05 Entitled "Hollywood Dog Beach" To Expand The Location, Remove The Days Of Access And Remove The Requirement For A Pass And Fees.	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-23 An Ordinance Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 101 Of The Code Of Ordinances To Update The Nuisance Abatement Process By Creating A Nuisance Abatement Program.	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-24 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving An Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement With The City Of Dania Beach And Broward County For The Contraction Of Certain Lands Located Within The Jurisdictional Limits Of The City Of Hollywood And Within The Area Known As The City Of Dania Beach Ocean Front Park, And The Annexation Of The Land By The City Of Dania Beach.	Approved	7-0
PO-2022-25 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 133 Of The Code Of Ordinances Pertaining To Antisemitism And Bias-Motivated Crimes.	Approved	7-0
R-2022-367 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The One Year Action Plan For Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020 To Re-Allocate \$194,000.00 Of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funds For Program Use; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Documents To Facilitate Such Amendments; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget.	Approved	7-0

R-2022-368 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Committing To Provide A Local Government Areas Of Opportunity Contribution In The Form Of A \$640,000.00 Loan In Support Of An Application To The Florida Housing Finance Corporation In Response To Its Request For Applications For 9% Housing Tax Credits To Support The Development Of A Mixed-Income Housing Project In The City To Include A Minimum Of 100 New Affordable Housing Units; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute All Documents Necessary To Effectuate The Intent Of This Resolution.	Approved	6-1
R-2022-369 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Appointing A Vice Mayor For A One-Year Term.	Approved	7-0