



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, February 15, 2023. In case you missed the live meeting, the archived video can be viewed on the City's website at hollywoodfl.org.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

City Commission Appoints George Keller as Next City Manager

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to appoint George Keller as the new City Manager effective March 31, 2023. Currently serving as Deputy City Manager, George will succeed Dr. Wazir Ishmael, who will retire after serving as City Manager for more than eight years. Throughout the discussion, the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners shared their support and reflected on George's 27-year career with the City. Watch the discussion of Resolution [R-2023-049](#), which was approved unanimously, at hollywoodfl.org.



PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Presentation by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Shultz

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz presented the City with a \$3.8 million check for the Membrane Softening Drinking Water Upgrades project. This funding will assist the City with the replacement of all seven Membrane Softening (MS) trains at the water treatment plant. The existing membranes will be replaced with a newer and advanced 2 stage MS system that is more energy efficient and reliable than the existing system. As a part of the replacement program, electronic operations and cyber security will also be enhanced. Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz sponsored this request on behalf of the City of Hollywood through the 2023 Community Project Funding Appropriation Request. To watch the presentation, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



February is Career and Technical Education Month

The Mayor and City Commission presented Cara Daniel, Director of Sheridan Technical College and Sheridan Technical High School, with a proclamation for Career and Technical Education Month. Celebrated in February, Career and Technical Education Month recognizes the positive impact these educational institutions have on the workforce. Sheridan Tech offers students the opportunity to gain academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness in fields such as healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity and information technology. Watch the presentation of the proclamation at hollywoodfl.org.



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

Hollywood Police Chief Chris O'Brien presented members of the Department with awards for Officers of the Month, Lifesaving Award and Employee of the Month. Congratulations to:

December Officers of the Month: Sergeant Paul Scheel, Officer Nicholas Mathlage, Officer Mark Robbins, Officer Glenroy Mighty, Officer Christa Dram and Officer Theo Defreeze

December Employee of the Month: Crime Scene Technician Justine Browne

Lifesaving Award (October 2022): Officer Taylor Cutler and Officer Christian Ricano

Lifesaving Award (November 2022): Officer Vincent Benincasa and Officer Jhonny Jimenez

Certificate of Appreciation: Valerie Unger, Lucille Ballica, and Laura Kastner

To watch the presentation of these awards, please visit hollywoodfl.org.



Presentation by Broward State Attorney Harold F. Pryor

Broward State Attorney Harold F. Pryor provided the Mayor and City Commission with an update on the work the State Attorney's Office is doing to promote public safety and justice in Broward County. Watch the presentation at hollywoodfl.org.

ORDINANCE

First Reading: Ordinance Approved to Vacate a Portion of the Alley Within Block 49, Hollywood Hills

On First Reading, the Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve Ordinance [PO-2023-01](#) to vacate a portion of the alley lying within Block 49 of Hollywood Hills for the construction of a 19,000 sq. ft office building that will be located at the corner of Johnson Street and North 35th Avenue. The following is a rendering of the proposed project. Watch the presentation and discussion at hollywoodfl.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hollywood Boulevard from City Hall Circle to Dixie Highway:** The City's Design and Construction Management contractor, Superior Landscaping, is currently working on installing new landscaping and irrigation along the portion of Hollywood Boulevard between City Hall Circle and Dixie Highway. This is an ongoing project that is tentatively scheduled to be completed by March 31st. It is the final phase of the Complete Streets Project that was started in 2019. This phase is being funded through the Broward MAPS surtax funding.
- **Beach Restoration Underway in Hollywood:** A federally funded beach restoration project is underway on Broward County beaches and Hollywood Beach is next in line to receive its share of 887,000 cubic yards of upland sand along the shoreline. Hollywood is included in Segment III of the Broward County Shore Protection Project to restore areas impacted by erosion and create a natural

barrier against storm surge. Work is nearly complete at Von Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park and will then proceed to Dania Beach and North Hollywood Beach. Work will be paused during sea turtle nesting from March 1 through October 31, 2023 and then will resume November 1, 2023.

Segment III includes the following shore length boundaries:

- Dr. Von Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park: from the Port Everglades south jetty to FDEP reference (R) monument R-92
- Dania Beach/Hollywood Beach: from Dania Beach Pier to Hollywood Beach at Liberty Street (R-108)
- Hollywood Beach/Hallandale Beach: from Hollywood Beach, Iris Terrace (R-119) to the south county line (R-128)

Construction is during daylight hours, basically 7 am - 6 pm. The current schedule calls for work to be conducted Monday through Friday; however, weekend work may occur if required to stay on schedule. Beach construction access and/or staging will be, at the discretionary needs of the construction vendor, from the following beach access points:

- Approximately location of R-99, Dania Beach Public Parking Lot
- Adler Park, Dania Beach
- Meade Street, Hollywood Beach
- Bougainvillea Terrace, Hollywood Beach
- Magnolia Terrace (Keating Park), Hollywood Beach
- South City Beach Park, Hallandale Beach

For additional information, please visit www.broward.org/Beaches/Pages/Segment3.aspx.

- **City of Hollywood Welcomes Community Development Director Ryon Robert Coote:** Ryon is a graduate of the Steve J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University where he received a Master of Public Administration. He has over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit and government sectors.
- **Turtle Friendly Lighting Recognition Program:** The Office of the City Manager, CMED, Code Compliance, and Design and Construction Management have been working on a Turtle Friendly Lighting Recognition Pilot Program and are now ready to move ahead with the launch of this program. The goal is to increase awareness and compliance with the City's turtle friendly lighting ordinance by recognizing property owners who are certified as compliant. Elaine Franklin, the City's Sustainability Coordinator in the Department of Design and Construction Management, shared a brief presentation about the pilot initiative. Watch the presentation, which is a part of Comments by the City Manager, at hollywoodfl.org.
- **Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 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.

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-2023-044 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Establishing A Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee; Providing For The Purpose And Duties Of The Committee; Providing For The Number Of Committee Members; Providing Criteria For Committee Membership And Providing For Length Of Term Of The Committee.	Approved	7-0
R-2023-045 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 Construction Services Agreement With State Contracting & Engineering Corporation For The Fire Station 45 HVAC Replacement For A Total Guaranteed Maximum Price Of \$518,030.00.	Approved	7-0
R-2023-046 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To ETR, LLC For The Remounting Of A Spare Medic Master Type I Advanced Life Support Ambulance Onto A Spare Advanced Life Support Ambulance Freightliner Chassis In The Amount Of \$208,022.00, Based Upon The Florida Sheriffs Association Contract FSA20-Vef14.01 Ambulances & Other Equipment, In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The Procurement Code (Piggyback).	Approved	7-0
R-2023-047 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Expenditure Of Federal (Treasury) Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds Pursuant To The Federal Comprehensive Crime Control Act Of 1984 To Provide Funding For Law Enforcement Training, Law Enforcement Investigations (Inclusive Of Overtime And Confidential Informant Fees), And The Acquisition Of Law Enforcement Equipment In An Amount Not To Exceed \$285,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Operating Budget (R-2022-283).	Approved	7-0
R-2023-048 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute An Authorization To Proceed For Work Order No. H&S 23-02 With Hazen And Sawyer, P.C. To Provide Professional Engineering Services, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$421,984.00 For Design, Permitting, And Bidding Services Related To The Bar Screen Bypass At The Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Plan (R-2022-284).	Approved	7-0
PO-2023-01 An Ordinance Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Vacating A Portion Of The Platted Alley Lying Within Block 49 Of The Plat Of "Hollywood Hills", Plat Book 6, Page 22; Providing A Severability Clause And A Repealer Provision.	Approved	7-0
R-2023-049 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Appointing A City Manager.	Approved	7-0

R-2023-050 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 Intercounty Engineering, Inc. For Lift Station Rehabilitation And Repair Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,500,000.00, Based On The City Of Sunrise Contract No. 2022000363 In Accordance With Section 38.41(C)(5) Of The City's Procurement Code; Amending The Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan (R-2022-284) (Piggyback).	Approved	7-0