



City of Hallandale Beach  
City Commission  
400 S. Federal Highway  
Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Mayor Joy F. Cooper  
Vice Mayor Keith S. London  
Commissioner Michele Lazarow  
Commissioner Anabelle Taub

City Manager Roger M. Carlton  
City Attorney Jennifer Merino  
City Clerk Mario Bataille, CMC

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, December 6, 2017

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.*

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Cooper, Vice Mayor London, Commissioner Lazarow, and Commissioner Taub

*City Manager Roger Carlton and City Attorney Jennifer Merino were also present.*

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

*City Clerk Bataille advised Item 10B was being pulled from the Agenda.*

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Speakers must sign-in with the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting)

*Robert Selz, Hallandale Beach, FL, commended the Public Works Department Heavy Equipment Operator Lamar Cobb for his efforts removing debris after Hurricane Irma. Additionally, he commended the Public Works Department for the removal of debris from the canal. Mr. Selz shared his appreciation for the removal of the bollards. Lastly, Mr. Selz shared concerns with the 14th avenue enhanced landscape as it may pose a line of sight problem for motorists.*

*Judith Selz, Hallandale Beach, FL, provided an overview on the Annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award and requested support of the Commission to further publicize this award to increase public participation and interest.*

*Joy D. Adams, Hallandale Beach, FL, express concerns with the decorum of the Mayor and Commission at recent City Commission Meetings. She further express concerns with the Commission's salary increases approved by the Commission as part of the budget process.*

*Bob Herkert, Hallandale Beach, FL, expressed parking concerns along Diana Drive and the potential reduction of parking spaces because of future roadway improvements.*

*Eleanor Herkert, Hallandale Beach, FL, expressed parking concerns along Diana Drive and the potential reduction of parking spaces because of future roadway improvements.*

*Zoran Popovic, Hallandale Beach, FL, expressed parking concerns along Diana Drive and the potential reduction of parking spaces because of future roadway improvements.*

*Mary Thompson, Hallandale Beach, FL, spoke in support and recommended the City Commission honor former Commissioner John Saunders, Mr. Lewis Smith, and Ms. Angelean Glass. Lastly, Ms. Thompson agreed with Ms. Selz comment on increasing advertisement requesting nominations for the Annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award.*

*Regent Tourangeau, Hallandale Beach, FL, shared concerns regarding drainage issues along the alleyway next to Berkeley Diplomat Condominiums.*

*E. Steven Wolfe commended the City Commission and Staff for a job well done. Lastly, Mr. Wolfe shared concerns on parking issues along Diana Drive.*

*City Clerk Bataille read into the record e-Comment received for this meeting (exhibit 1).*

*Mayor Cooper spoke on the concerns regarding future improvements to Diana Drive and potential impacts to parking used by the neighboring residents. Mayor Cooper recommended holding a special meeting to discuss this matter more.*

*Commissioner Lazarow made it known she is open to meet with the residents individually to address their concerns regarding Diana Drive and was in opposition of holding a Special Meeting of the Commission.*

**A motion was moved by Mayor Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Taub, to hold a Special Meeting after the Holidays in January to discuss the Diana Drive Roadway Improvements. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 2 - Commissioner Lazarow and Vice Mayor London

**Nays:** 2 - Mayor Cooper and Commissioner Taub

*Mayor Cooper stated she will work with staff to host a public meeting at the Cultural Center to discuss the Diana Drive roadway improvements sometime in January.*

*Mayor Cooper made it known the City Commission did approve to rename the library at Foster Park in honor of Angelean Glass and maybe the Human Services Board can provide recommendation on honoring Joe Lewis Smith.*

*Vice Mayor London welcome everyone to attend his monthly Town Hall Meeting.*

*Vice Mayor London shared concerns with the biasness of articles from the Sun Times and reiterated policy is decided by the Commission at meetings of the City Commission.*

*Vice Mayor London expressed there are parking issues throughout the City and commented on past approved development agreements which have worsen the issue. Lastly, Commissioner London recommended the City Manager meet with the concern residents to discuss the development of a residential permit parking program.*

*Vice Mayor London agreed with Dr. Selz comments regarding the Annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award.*

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FARM SHARE APPRECIATION DAY.  
(SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER ANABELLE TAUB)

*This Item was pulled.*

## **7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda**

- A. COMMISSIONER LAZAROW

*Commissioner Lazarow announced the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Services drive for pet supplies and requested collection boxes at City Hall, OB Johnson Park and the Cultural Center, and to advertise in all media outlets.*

*Commissioner Lazarow requested the City Manager to provide written directive to staff to properly greet the caller and to identify themselves by name and department.*

*Answering a question posed by Commissioner Lazarow, Police Chief Quinones informed the Commission on the actions Staff are taking to prevent unforeseen incidents like what took place last year at the Annual Martin Luther King Day event.*

Commissioner Lazarow commended the Human Services Department for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Additionally, Commissioner Lazarow reiterated she is not in support of terminating funding for senior services at the Hepburn Center.

Commissioner Thanked Joe Rodriguez from the Rodriguez charity for their annual turkey donations where they gave out 1,000 turkeys.

Commissioner Lazarow commended staff for the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony and recommended the City Manager consider increasing the budget to expand on the lighting and children entertainment for the event.

Commissioner Lazarow commended staff for all the work they do.

Commissioner Lazarow expressed her reason for becoming elected as a Commissioner and spoke on some of the negative experiences she has had to deal with as a Commissioner in order to defend her character.

#### C. COMMISSIONER TAUB

Commissioner Taub commended the Police Department on handling a situation at Ingalls Park.

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Manager Carlton briefed the Commission on the Ingalls Park privacy/security wall project. Mr. Carlton added Commissioner Taub and staff will meet residents abutting the wall to inform them of the proposed demolition of existing wall and construction of new wall.

Commissioner Taub recommended staff purchase a microchip reader for lost dogs to be purchased and held at the Police Department.

#### **Consensus:**

**- Direct staff to utilize funding from the Commission Special Projects Account to purchase a microchip reader to be located at the Police Department.**

Answering a question posed by Commissioner Taub, City Manager Carlton indicated staff will provide a follow-up memo concerning on how funding has been allocated and employee utilization and education efforts on the \$600,000 allocated for Employee Health Insurance relief.

Commissioner Taub spoke on the events that took place at the last Commission meeting and opined Mayor Cooper was not under the influence. Nonetheless, she reiterated she is not aligned with any member of the Commission.

## D. VICE MAYOR LONDON

*Vice Mayor London spoke favorably on the Employee Appreciation Luncheon, Thanksgiving Lunch, and Holiday Lighting. However, Vice Mayor London shared his displeasure Styrofoam was used at the Thanksgiving Luncheon and was appreciative of staff addressing the matter and ceasing the use of Styrofoam.*

*Vice Mayor London spoke in support of expanding the annual Holiday Lighting event.*

*Vice Mayor London announced the Holiday Lighting on Monday, December 11, 2017.*

*Vice Mayor London commended staff on the Shop with a Cop event.*

*Vice Mayor London thanked staff for enforcing parking regulation along Golden Isles. Vice Mayor London recommended street sweeping along Atlantic Shores Blvd. to address commercial activity.*

*Vice Mayor London recommended staff to review parking issues within the Municipal Complex related to the Broward County Fair and provide recommendations as to the feasibility to charge for parking.*

*Vice Mayor London requested an Ordinance be brought forward defining Anti-Semitism like the Ordinance adopted by Bal Harbor.*

*Vice Mayor London requested an Ordinance be brought forward requiring undergrounding utilities for new construction projects like the Ordinance adopted by the City of Margate.*

*Referencing a request made by Mayor Cooper on a potential voting conflict and answering a question posed by Vice Mayor London, City Attorney Merino advised based on the opinions of the Commission on Ethic there is no voting conflict by Vice Mayor London when he voted on the Community Partnership Grant award to Memorial Healthcare System.*

*Vice Mayor London shared displeasure this request was made on his vote on the Community Partnership Grant but the same was not done on potential voting conflicts by former Commissioner Sanders.*

*Answering a question posed by Vice Mayor London, City Attorney Merino advised the Commission, referencing quasi-judicial, if the decision of the board was challenge it*

*would be up to the court to determine if any party rights were undermined by any type of conduct by the Commission.*

*Answering a question posed by Vice Mayor London, City Attorney Merino advised a motion, second, and vote should be done to properly recess a meeting. Additionally, it is improper for the City Manager or Staff to recess the meeting.*

*Vice Mayor London requested future meeting minutes indicate a recess as advised by the City Attorney.*

*Vice Mayor London made it known Mayor Cooper is currently being investigated by the Broward Office of Inspector General concerning the Future Foundation.*

*Answering a question posed by Vice Mayor London, City Attorney Merino advised there have been incidents where individuals have been arrested for violating the public records law. Additionally, the willful destruction of public records is a misdemeanor.*

*Vice Mayor London requested all e-mails, phone and text messages received by Commissioner Taub as she indicated during the September 17, 2017 Budget Hearing.*

#### E. MAYOR COOPER

*Mayor Cooper thanked everyone for their assistance and checking on her as she was not feeling well at the last Commission meeting.*

*Mayor Cooper spoke on the City's parking issues and requested support to address this issue. Additionally, Mayor Cooper mention the beach club parking audit.*

*Mayor Cooper welcomed assisting the family on a memorial for former Commissioner Saunders.*

*Mayor Cooper commended staff on the HB90 (City of Hallandale Beach 90th Year Anniversary) and recommended rotating the HB90 painting around various City facilities.*

*Mayor Cooper commented on the Ingalls Park security/privacy wall and requested the project schedule.*

*Mayor Cooper shared concerns regarding service dogs being discriminated at condo building within the and requested staff provide information/education related to service dogs in City newsletter and all media outlets.*

*Mayor Cooper opined on the performance of the City Manager and requested the City Manager's resignation before January 2018.*

## **8. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES**

### **A. NOVEMBER 15, 2017 CITY COMMISSION MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

*Vice Mayor London requested the minutes be amended to reflect Mayor Cooper was slurring her words and was not able to speak coherently. Additionally, Vice Mayor London reiterated in the future a proper motion and vote is necessary to recess the meeting.*

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, to approve the minutes to include amendments as discussed.*

*Mayor Cooper spoke in opposition of the amendments.*

*Commissioner Lazarow expressed concerns with Mayor Cooper's disposition and displeasure with some of the comments made by Mayor Cooper at the last meeting.*

*After further discussion, Mayor Cooper called the question.*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, that this Minutes be approved as amended. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 2 - Commissioner Lazarow and Vice Mayor London

**Nayes:** 2 - Mayor Cooper and Commissioner Taub

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lazarow to reflect the Mayor Cooper's comment requesting a plaque recognizing her donation towards the Annual Holiday Lighting event. Motion failed for the lack of second.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Cooper that these minutes be approved. The motion failed for lack of second.**

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was moved by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

A. AFTER ACTION REPORT - NOVEMBER 1ST AND 15TH COMMISSION MEETINGS. (STAFF: CITY MANAGER)

*Referencing Item B.2 of the report regarding a memorial for former Vice Mayor John T. Saunders, Mayor Cooper indicated she will work directly with the family to rename the Hallandale High School.*

*Vice Mayor London read into the record a letter submitted by Mary Thompson concerning a memorial for former Vice Mayor John T. Saunders.*

*Vice Mayor London reiterated policy is decided by the City Commission at public meeting of the City Commission. Additionally, Vice Mayor London noted the family was not in support of a bronze bust of former Vice Mayor John T. Saunders.*

*Mayor Cooper spoke in support of honoring former Vice Mayor John T. Saunders by the City and will bring forward an Item after she meets with the family.*

*Commissioner Lazarow spoke in opposition of renaming any street or public facility within the City.*

*Answering a question posed by Vice Mayor London, Deputy City Manager Rafols advised any member of the City Commission can place an Item on the Agenda through the City Manager and City Attorney.*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, to accept this report. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A PRE-LITIGATION SETTLEMENT WITH JEANETTE MALENFONT IN RISK MANAGEMENT CLAIM NO: 16-129, FOR PERSONAL INJURIES SHE SUSTAINED, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE APPROPRIATE RELEASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (STAFF: CITY ATTORNEY)

**This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda**

## **10. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14 "MINIMUM PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE" OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 14-2 "DEFINITIONS"; CREATING



SECTION 14-13 "VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION"; REQUIRING OWNERS TO REGISTER PROPERTIES AND PAY AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*City Clerk Bataille introduced the Item.*

*Development Services Director Keven Klopp, joined by Code Compliance Manager Jose Campa, provided an overview of the Item and answered questions posed by the City Commission.*

*Vice Mayor London shared concern on potential future mission/fee increases and requested adding a provision to the Ordinance including an 18-month sunset and 12-month reporting provision.*

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, that this Ordinance be approved as amended on first reading to include an 18-month sunset provision and 12-month reporting provision*

*Answering a question posed by Vice Mayor London, Director Klopp indicated the Development Services Department will provide the report.*

*Mayor Cooper spoke in support of the Item and recommended staff request for quotes for the company to assist with the vacant property registration.*

*After further discussion, Mayor Cooper called the question.*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, that this Ordinance be approved as amended on first reading to include an 18-month sunset provision and 12-month reporting provision. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Cooper, Vice Mayor London, Commissioner Lazarow and Commissioner Taub

**Nays:** 0

## **11. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

*None*

## **12. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING**

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A PLAT NOTE

AMENDMENT TO THE MCDONALD'S AT HALLANDALE PLAT WITHIN THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH LOCATED AT 111 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2 OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO BROWARD COUNTY FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE IX OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (STAFF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

*City Clerk Bataille introduced the Item.*

*City Clerk Bataille polled the City Commission concerning ex parte communications with regards to this Item, whereby all Commissioners responded in the affirmative and noted their decision will be based solely on the testimony heard during this evening's meeting.*

*City Clerk Bataille administered the oath of truthfulness to all interested parties.*

*Development Services Director Keven Klopp provided a presentation of the Item and answered questions posed by the Commission.*

*Answering a question posed by Vice Mayor London, City Attorney Merino advised the Commission the approval/denial criteria of plat amendments. City Attorney Merino advised the Commission to consider this application with due deference.*

*Mayor Cooper opened the floor for public comments.*

*There being no comments made by the public, Mayor Cooper closed the floor.*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Taub, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Cooper, Vice Mayor London, Commissioner Lazarow and Commissioner Taub

**Nays:** 0

### **13. RESOLUTIONS/CITY BUSINESS**

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING MARGUERITE BRYANT FOR THE 2018 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HUMANITARIAN AWARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(STAFF: HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR)

*City Clerk Bataille introduced the Item.*

*Vice Mayor London commended Officer Martin Jackson for his continued service to the City.*

*Vice Mayor London expressed concerns on the evaluation process and ranking by the Human Services Board. Nonetheless he spoke in support of Marguerite Bryant being awarded as the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award.*

*Vice Mayor London requested the attendance record of Deborah Brown.*

*Commissioner Lazarow opined Commissioner Sanders should have removed his nomination because of the Broward Office of the Inspector General report and spoke in support of Marguerite Bryant's nomination.*

*Answering a question posed by Commissioner Lazarow, City Clerk Bataille advised board appointments made by former Commissioner Sanders are not automatically removed and it would be up to the Commission or incoming seat 1 voted Commissioner to keep those or remove those appointments.*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Cooper, Vice Mayor London, Commissioner Lazarow and Commissioner Taub

**Nays:** 0

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ADOPTING THE SEPTEMBER 2017 BROWARD COUNTY ENHANCED LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (STAFF: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR)

*City Clerk Bataille introduced the Item.*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor London, seconded by Commissioner Lazarow, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Cooper, Vice Mayor London, Commissioner Lazarow and Commissioner Taub

**Nays:** 0

#### **14. CITY ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda**

*City Attorney Merino addressed the purpose of her office relocation is completely unrelated to anyone on this dais.*

*City Attorney Merino briefed the Commission on impending litigation regarding the Police & Fire Pension Board.*

*Answering a questioned posed by Mayor Cooper addressing the current EEOC report and status on Rosemond's case, City Attorney briefed the Commission on the status of both ongoing cases.*

#### **15. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda**

*City Manager Carlton addressed the concerns raised by Mayor Cooper regarding his performance.*

*City Clerk Bataille announced the February 19, 2018 City Commission Workshop and Hallandale Beach Community Redevelopment Agency will be moved to February 20, 2018.*

#### **16. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (No Action Required)**

#### **17. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned without opposition at 9:56 p.m.*