



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 Anthony A. Sanders
Commissioner Anabelle Taub

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 17, 2017

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

WORKSHOP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cooper, Commissioner Lazarow, Vice Mayor London, Commissioner Sanders and Commissioner Taub

City Manager Carlton and City Attorney Merino were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

Howard Garson, Hallandale Beach, FL, spoke in opposition to the boards and committees overview process and to some of the proposed changes made by the City Commission. He also advocated for minimal disruption to the boards and committees.

Barbara Southwick, Hallandale Beach, FL, spoke in opposition to turning away volunteers by limiting the composition of the City's boards and committees.

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

A. COMMISSIONER LAZAROW

Commissioner Lazarow commended City Manager Carlton for hosting the Community Meeting in Foster Park and for maintaining his composure throughout the meeting.

Commissioner Lazarow raised concerns with respect to vehicles parked for several

days on the right-of-way of Atlantic Shores Boulevard and further suggested staff to look into the problem.

Commissioner Lazarow commended the Innovation Technology Department for their work with the Hallandale Happenings Newsletter.

B. COMMISSIONER SANDERS

No communications.

C. COMMISSIONER TAUB

Commissioner Taub thanked the City Manager, Deputy City Manager Rafols, Parks & Recreation Director Schanz, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jules for assisting with the Prom Dress Drive initiative.

Commissioner Taub also thanked the City Manager for coordinating the Community Meeting at Foster Park.

Commissioner Taub asked staff to look into windows that were shot at either OB Johnson or BF James Park.

Commissioner Taub shared that two construction workers at the Fire Station 7 site were robbed at gunpoint and requested an update from the Police Department.

Commissioner Taub requested staff to look into the valet services of North Beach utilizing public parking spots.

Responding to Commissioner Taub's inquiry, Human Services Director Sanders-Mayweather and Police Chief Flournoy provided a brief update on the status of the residents of Royal Palm Mobile Home Park.

D. VICE MAYOR LONDON

Vice Mayor London thanked the City Manager for coordinating and responding to the Community Meeting at Foster Park. Vice Mayor London also thanked those residents who offered solutions to the present challenges.

Vice Mayor London also clarified he never discussed personnel matters with City Manager Carlton during the hiring process nor was it a condition of his employment to terminate City staff.

Vice Mayor London spoke about missed opportunities with respect to the Village of Gulfstream Park selling land to the City of Aventura for the purpose of establishing a Charter School.

Vice Mayor London requested to be blocked from receiving reply all emails from Mayor Cooper.

Vice Mayor London inquired into gaining access to the Future Foundation's financials.

Responding to Vice Mayor London's inquiry, City Attorney Merino stated the Charter provides for broad powers with respect to the City Commission's ability to initiate investigations. Vice Mayor London requested the City Attorney to provide a written memo outlining her interpretation of legal opinion from then City Attorney Whitfield regarding the City Commission's ability to initiate investigations..

E. MAYOR COOPER

With respect to the Future Foundation, Mayor Cooper informed the independent non profit organization is in the process of dissolution, and further clarified that all documents in her possession, as President of the Future Foundation, have been submitted to the Broward Office of Inspector General. Mayor Cooper also provided historical perspective on the organization.

Mayor Cooper thanked staff for responding to the Diplomat parking signs request in a timely manner and further requested staff to reach out to Ms. Connelly concerning the implementation of wayfinding signs for the area.

Responding to Mayor Cooper's request regarding e-payables, City Manager Carlton elaborated on the e-payables process and the difficulties encountered by many vendors due to the due to merchant fees. CM Carlton indicated staff is looking at options to ensure the accounts payables process is streamlined.

Mayor Cooper commended Director Schanz, Department Directors and staff for their efforts during Government Day.

Mayor Cooper spoke about the Mayor's Climate Protection Award and further suggested staff to look into nominating the Re use Irrigation Project at Scavo Park or the S.W. Drainage Project.

Mayor Cooper requested staff to bring forth an item designating the City as a Purple Heart Community.

Mayor Cooper spoke about the \$200,000 contribution to paint the Hallandale Beach Boulevard bridge and further referenced additional funds in the original letter that were to be allocated for the purpose of design or permitting of the other side of the bridge. Mayor Cooper requested staff to follow up on this subject.

Mayor Cooper commended Commissioner Taub for her dedication to making the Prom Dress initiative a success.

Responding to Commissioner Taub's concern with respect to the incident at the Fire Station 7 construction site, Mayor Cooper provided historical perspective on contractors being required to facilitate security guards while construction work is taking

place at the site.

8. CITY BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY'S ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES-PART III (STAFF: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE)

- MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
- POLICE & FIRE PENSION BOARD
- UNSAFE STRUCTURES

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item and provided a brief overview.

Deputy City Clerk Rodriguez delivered a presentation on the item and answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Salvatore Broccone, Chair to the Marine Advisory Committee, provided historical perspective on the advisory board and further recommended the board be a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Howard Garson, Vice Chair to the Parks & Recreation Board, spoke about the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's equal representation of appointments and further elaborated on the effects to the City if said board is reduced to five members. He also spoke in favor of the Parks and Recreation Board having subcommittee as long as this would not increase the responsibilities of the board.

Responding to public participant Michael Wead of Hallandale Beach inquiry, City Attorney Merino clarified some volunteerism requires security clearance, such as those that involve the vulnerable population.

Commissioner Taub provided her stance on City Advisory Boards with respect to how appointments affect employees and residents.

Mayor Cooper provided a historical perspective on the Marine Advisory Committee and further advocated for increased duties of the Parks and Recreation Board and the 10 members composition.

Barbara Southwick, Chair to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, clarified the composition of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board throughout the years she has served on the board.

Vice Mayor London spoke about leveling the playing field for all boards and committees, advocated for the removal of the Mayor from the Police and Fire Pension Board, and also spoke in favor of converting the Marine Advisory Committee to serve in a ad-hoc capacity

Commissioner Lazarow spoke about new and fresh ideas in terms of promoting new boardmembers to serve in lieu of those who have served for several years.

Commissioner Lazarow also thanked Marcia Simon for serving on the Education Advisory Board.

Leo Grachow spoke in favor of civic participation through volunteerism.

Dan Lavrich, Chair to the Unsafe Structures Board, clarified that said Board serves in a quasi-judicial capacity.

There being no further discussion, City Manager Carlton stated the next step is for staff to review the recommendations that were made by the City Commission and to bring forth those suggestions that are universal at the end of May. Secondly, with respect to addressing the various governing documents for all boards and committees, staff will then incrementally bring forth those documents throughout the following months with the goal of establishing a unified document that will govern all boards and committees.

The following recommendations were made during this workshop:

- Staff to prepare an agenda item to sunset the Marine Advisory Committee.*
- Staff to prepare an agenda item to reduce the Parks and Recreation Board's composition from ten (10) to five (5) members and to include language providing for an Ad-hoc Marine Advisory Subcommittee whenever matters concerning the marina, the intracoastal waterway and other bodies of water.*
- Staff to prepare an agenda item to remove Mayor Cooper from the Police and Fire Pension Board and to amend the governing Ordinance to stipulate that no elected officials shall serve on said board.*
- Staff to prepare an agenda item to ratify the current board appointments for the Unsafe Structures Board.*
- Staff to look into Resolution 2013-16 with respect to allowing employees who are residents to serve on advisory boards and committees.*

**B. PRESENTATION BY THE HR/RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND A LYTX REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LYTX DRIVECAM SAFETY PROGRAM.
(STAFF: HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR)**

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

Risk Manager James Buschman provided a brief overview of the item and turned the presentation over to Rush Akin, Director of Government Fleets, who delivered a presentation and answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Responding to Vice Mayor London's inquiry, Mr. Akin mentioned the City will receive a free trial period for a year.

Commissioner Taub requested staff to provide her with the number of vehicular accidents last year.

Both < Mayor Cooper and Vice Mayor London, were in support of the item. After further discussion, there was consensus to take next steps to implement the program in a trial basis.

C. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT. (STAFF: HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

Interim Human Resources Director Dodea provided an update on the health insurance renewal costs for fiscal year 2017 2018. The following options were discussed by City Manager Carlton and Mr. Dodea: (1) engaging current carrier, Cigna, to renew on an "as is" basis. However, Cigna has indicated that renewal of the agreement on an "as is" basis would represent a 20.9% increase over current costs, or an increase of \$1.25 Million; (2) high deductible health plan with 40% on health flexible spending card, which would represent an increase of \$369,000 (5% above premiums); and, (3) the City to test the market by engaging carriers through an RFP process.

City Manager Carlton requested the City Commission's input to prepare for the budget.

Vice Mayor echoed City Manager Carlton's comments with respect to how unsustainable the health benefit costs are for the City.

Responding to Vice Mayor London's inquiry, City Manager Carlton clarified the City is unable to piggy-back off of another municipality's healthcare plan because experiences differ throughout the varying municipalities.

Mr. Dodea informed staff has explored the option of Consortiums which is comprised of smaller municipalities coming together to negotiate with health insurance companies and have them sell benefits to the consortium. However, one Consortium has turned the City down and the City is still waiting on the response of another one.

Consensus:

- To direct staff to go out to bid for employee healthcare insurance.

D. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH 2017 CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS. (STAFF: CITY MANAGER)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

ETC Institute Senior Project Manager Jason Morado presented the Citizen Satisfaction Survey results and answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Mayor Cooper expressed interest in improved lighting capabilities by establishing partnerships.

Responding to Commissioner Taub's inquiry, Mr. Morado stated the cost of the study was \$24,000 and that the surveyed households were selected at random.

Vice Mayor London requested Mr. Morado provide cross tabs for his findings.

Mr. Morado stated ETC Institute mailed 4,000 surveys, responding to Vice Mayor London.

City Manager Carlton mentioned the study is a great budgeting and long range planning tool. He further requested Mr. Morado to provide cross tabs that include the percentage response within the Hispanic and Russian surname categories.

E. DISCUSSION ON THE FY 2017-2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP CALENDAR TO SET A DATE PRIOR TO THE END OF APRIL 2017. (STAFF: CITY MANAGER)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

City Manager Carlton provided an update on the budgetary planning process and proceeded to seek consensus on prospective dates for the upcoming budget workshop.

Consensus:

- To schedule the budget workshop on May 4, 2017 from 11:00AM to 4:00PM.

F. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY'S BODY CAMERA, SECURITY CAMERA AND LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (LPR) PROGRAM. (STAFF: CITY MANAGER)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

City Manager Carlton provided an brief overview of the item.

Chief Information Officer Greg Chavarria provided an brief update on the Body Worn Camera initiative and answered questions posed by the City Commission.

Mr. Chavarria stated the next steps in the process are to develop a strategy for procuring a solution, to analyze the operational costs, and to address maintenance. In thirty (30) days, another update will be provided.

Commissioner Taub raised concerns with the crime activity in the Southwest quadrant

and advocated for cameras to be deployed in the area.

Vice Mayor London recommended staff to look into the prospect of implementing mobile license plate readers (LPR).

G. DISCUSSION ON THE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY AND HBCRA FOR FY 2017-2018. (STAFF: CITY MANAGER)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

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City Manager Carlton stated there are two parts to the financial relationship between the City and the HBCRA, which are the MOUs. He further indicated that staff will ensure that MOUs will be detailed and contain deliverables and metrics. Furthermore, City Manager Carlton referred to the existing Coat Allocation Plan to be considered when drafting the MOUs. there is a cost a allocation system between the two entities.

H. DISCUSSION ON THE 2017 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT MID-TERM. (STAFF: CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Carlton provided a brief update on the item, thereby noting that, while the 5th report from the City's State Lobbyist indicates there are \$400,000 allocated by the the Legislature for the water project,the 6th report is silent on the allocation of funds.

Vice Mayor London asked for clarification with respect to the original budget request for the water project. Responding to the inquiry, DPW Director Parkinson informed the \$1.3 million request represent half the cost of the project. Human Services Director Sanders Mayweather informed the Senior Services Program request is \$82,000.

With respect to the beach re nourishment program, Director Parkinson informed the County plans on commencing construction late calendar year 2019, and this is expected to be a one-year project. The City would then have an additional year after the project is complete to pay its share.

I. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY COMMISSION'S RECESS SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER 2017 AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL DURING RECESS PERIOD. (STAFF: CITY MANAGER)

City Clerk Bataille introduced the item.

City Manager Carlton informed staff will be presenting the proposed millage to the City Commission for consideration and approval in the month of June. Therefore, if the City Commission so desires, it may declare the month of July as their recess.

City Manager Carlton also recommended the City Commission considerr authorizing

him to execute documents above his threshold, on behalf of the City Commission, during the summer recess, subject to ratification by the City Commission after the summer recess.

Consensus:

- To schedule the City Commission recess for the month of July and to bring an agenda Item authorizing the City Manager to approve items during the summer recess as discussed.

9. CITY ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

No Communications

10. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

No Communications

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (No Action Required)

A. AFTER ACTION FOLLOW-UP - March 13, 2017

12. ADJOURN

There being no further City business, Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 10:12 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Mayor Joy F. Cooper

ATTEST:

Mario Bataille, City Clerk