



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission

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Mayor Joy D. Adams
Vice Chair Sabrina Javellana
Commissioner Mike Butler
Commissioner Michele Lazarow
Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria
City Attorney Jennifer Merino
City Clerk Jenorgen M. Guillen, CMC

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

5:30 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joy D. Adams at 5:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Joy Adams, Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana, Commissioner Mike Butler, Commissioner Michele Lazarow and Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub arrived at 6:38 PM.

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria and City Attorney Jennifer Merino were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

ITEM 12C IS TIME CERTAIN FOR 7:00 PM.

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

Marcos Pena, Hallandale Beach, spoke regarding the environment and sea level rise.

Stephen Elbaz, Hallandale Beach, spoke regarding the direction and flow of traffic near the area of 801 N.E. 2nd Street. He recommends easier, bigger and noticeable signs. He also spoke about the amount of litter in the area and suggested the City to have stricter enforcement. He also spoke regarding vandalism of vehicles in his area and requested having more police presence.

Commissioner Michele Lazarow addressed Mr. Elbaz' comments and asked him to speak with Police Chief Sonia Quinones and Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria.

Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana advised Mr. Elbaz that someone from Public Works had the tree trimmed today.

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria asked Mr. Elbaz to provide his contact information to Ms. Claudette Crowder, Executive Assistant to the City Manager so that staff could follow-up with his requests.

Mary Thompson, Hallandale Beach resident, spoke regarding an outline of making the maximum use of the land at the City cemetery and bringing back the citizen recognition program. Ms. Thompson provided the City Clerk a handout exhibit of the cemetery initiative she was proposing and requested it be made part of the minutes.

Assistant City Manager/Director Steven Parkinson responded to Ms. Thompson's question regarding the cemetery land.

Howard Garson, Hallandale Beach resident, spoke regarding the cemetery land and lots. He spoke regarding the volunteer boards and the current rule of limiting the membership to serving in two (2) boards and the restrictions of the Three Island Safe Neighborhood District (TISND) and Golden Isles Safe Neighborhood District (GISND) Boards. He stated that those two (2) boards should be exempt from that requirement. He also spoke regarding the environment, sea level rise and the City to support the Green New Deal.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino read the decorum statement into the record.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. PROCLAMATION FOR MAUDIE LEE JAMES (SPONSORED BY MAYOR JOY D. ADAMS)

Ms. Maudie Lee James was not in attendance to receive said Proclamation.

- B. RECOGNITION OF THE TEEN ZONE 5K ATHLETES. (STAFF: PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR)

Cathie Schanz, Parks & Recreation Department Director provided an overview of the item and introduced the Teen Zone 5K athletes.

City Commission recognized and congratulated the Teen Zone 5K athletes.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

- A. COMMISSIONER BUTLER

No communication.

- B. COMMISSIONER LAZAROW

Commissioner Michele Lazarow mentioned the upcoming Town Hall Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on February 21, 2019 with a surprise presentation for the residents.

Commissioner Michele Lazarow requested that the City Clerk distribute her sponsored Resolution on the agenda to the State and Senate.

Commissioner Michele Lazarow reconsidered her appointment of Faith Fehr to the Planning & Zoning Board and appointed Diane Lyon Wead to the Planning & Zoning Board. She apologized for the oversight on the request made by Ms. Wead earlier last year to become a Planning & Zoning Board Member.

There being no opposition to the appointment of Diane Lyon Wead to the Planning & Zoning Board, the appointment was accepted by consensus.

Commissioner Michele Lazarow requested a copy of the updated list of the members on the Planning & Zoning Board. City Clerk Guillen to follow-up.

C. COMMISSIONER LIMA-TAUB

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub commended the Police Department staff and recognized Gina Sylvestri for her work with stray dogs. She requested to have a Proclamation for her volunteer work at the next commission meeting.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub asked Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria to ask for the cost for a small vacant grass area to be constructed and be used for a one (1) or two (2) dog runs or a small area to house stray dogs that have been found.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub asked staff to determine how much funding was left in her discretionary expense account. She expressed she would like to put funding towards veterinarian bills of a stray dog.

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria advised the City was awarded pet grant funding. He also advised that Commissioner Michele Lazarow has been working with staff on developing a dog run.

Discussion among Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub and Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria continued regarding pet grant funding and what it covers.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino advised to request a motion to use her discretionary funds to be authorized for the payment of the veterinarian bills for the stray dog. Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub made the motion. Motion passed on consensus.

D. VICE MAYOR JAVELLANA

Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana spoke regarding the recent events she attended recently.

Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana spoke regarding her meeting with the City's Lobbyist Alcalde and Faye and the projects they are working on.

Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana stated that she attended the meeting last Friday at Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) regarding the merger and is looking forward to hearing their presentation.

Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana mentioned the Job Fair being held on March 28, 2019 at the Cultural Center.

E. MAYOR ADAMS

Mayor Joy D. Adams spoke regarding her meeting with Barbara Shariff for obtaining help for some of the City's programs and asked the members of the City Commission for any suggestions they would like.

Mayor Joy D. Adams requested for Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria to draft a letter and send it to Commissioner Shariff requesting funds.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino said the Mayor can send the letter on her own behalf if she wants or if she would like it as part of the entire City Commission, the City Commission would need to have consensus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Butler to send the letter on behalf of the entire Commission body, motion received a second from Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub. Motion carried on consensus.

Mayor Joy D. Adams asked through the Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria to write a letter on behalf of the City Commission to Broward County requesting funding for grants.

- 8. CONSENT AGENDA (Matters on the Consent Agenda are not expected to require discussion. Items will be adopted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any member of the Commission, then that item may be pulled from the Consent Agenda by any member of the City Commission and will be considered separately. If the public wishes to speak on a matter on the Consent Agenda, they must inform the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. They will be recognized prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda or on the separate item, if it is pulled.)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Michele Lazarow, Seconded by Commissioner Mike Butler to approve the Consent Agenda. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Joy D. Adams, Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana, Commissioner Michele Lazarow, Commissioner Mike Butler, and Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub.

Nayes: 0

- A. JANUARY 2019 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (STAFF: BUDGET & PROGRAM MONITORING DIRECTOR)

Approved on consent.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 741, TREATING ANTI-SEMITISM AS A HATE CRIME IN THE SAME MANNER AS RACISM; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW)

Approved on consent.

Marcos Pena, Hallandale Beach, spoke in support of the item and would like the resolution amended to add "any hate crimes".

Commissioner Michele Lazarow addressed Mr. Pena's comments and clarified the adoption of the Resolution in support of Hallandale Beach and the State of Florida.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub agreed with Commissioner Michele Lazarow comments regarding Resolutions on the agenda addressing residents in Hallandale.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 49 AND SENATE BILL 332, ENTITLED THE "DIGNITY FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN ACT;" DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW)

Approved on consent.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA SENATE BILL 540 TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW)

Approved on consent.

Marcos Pena, Hallandale Beach resident, spoke in support of the item.

9. 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 TO AMEND PROCEDURES FOR THE DESIGNATION OF UNSAFE STRUCTURES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (STAFF: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR)

City Clerk Jenorgen Guillen read the item into the record.

Development Services Director Keven Klopp presented the item.

Mayor Joy D. Adams opened the floor to public participation.

Seeing no speakers, Mayor Joy D. Adams closed the floor to public participation.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino commended former Building Official Shellie Jackson for her effort related to this Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Michele Lazarow, Seconded by Commissioner Mike Butler to approve the Ordinance on first reading. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Joy Adams, Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana, Commissioner Michele Lazarow, Commissioner Mike Butler, and Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub.

Nayes: 0

10. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

11. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING/ DENYING VACATING A CERTAIN DRAINAGE EASEMENT WITHIN THE APPROVED MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DIPLOMAT GOLF COURSE PROJECT LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE DIPLOMAT PROPERTY SPECIFICALLY, WITHIN THE TOWER 100 SITE; WITH CONDITIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (STAFF: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR)

City Clerk Jenorgen Guillen read the item into the record.

David Sacks, Esquire, representing Maltese Diplomat Owner, LLC spoke on behalf of the Diplomat and would answer any questions the public might have.

Development Services Director Keven Klopp presented the item.

Mayor Joy D. Adams opened the floor to public participation.

Seeing no speakers, Mayor Joy D. Adams closed the floor to public participation.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana, seconded by Commissioner Mike Butler to approve the resolution. The motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: 4 - Mayor Joy Adams, Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana,
Commissioner Michele Lazarow, and Commissioner Mike Butler.

Nayes: 1 – Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub

12. RESOLUTIONS/CITY BUSINESS

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE PRACTICE OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER ANABELLE LIMA-TAUB)

City Clerk Jenorgen Guillen read the item into the record.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub briefed the members of the City Commission on the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub, Seconded by Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana to approve the resolution. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Joy Adams, Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana,
Commissioner Michele Lazarow, Commissioner Mike Butler,
and Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub.

Nayes: 0

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER ANABELLE LIMA-TAUB)

City Clerk Jenorgen Guillen read the item into the record.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub briefed the members of the City Commission on the item.

Marcos Pena, Hallandale Beach resident, spoke in support of the item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub, Seconded by Commissioner Mike Butler to approve the resolution. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Joy Adams, Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana, Commissioner Michele Lazarow, Commissioner Mike Butler, and Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub.

Nayes: 0

C. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (BSO) / FIRE DEPARTMENT MERGER PROPOSAL (SPONSORED BY CITY COMMISSION) *THIS ITEM IS TIME CERTAIN FOR 7:00 PM*

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria and City Attorney Jennifer Merino introduced the item.

Marcos Pena, Hallandale Beach resident, spoke in support of the item.

Joseph Fernandez, Fire Chief for Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) Fire Department introduced his staff and gave a brief status on the proposal.

Eric Busenbarrick, Assistant Fire Chief for Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) gave a presentation of the possible merger of City of Hallandale Beach Fire Department with the Broward Sherriff's Office Fire Department.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub asked several questions of Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) staff and each question was addressed.

Discussion among Mike Gorman, Hallandale Beach Fire Union Representative, Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub, Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria and Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) staff took place regarding the fleet, requested for additional staffing, and the costs entailed, including what the SAFER Grant can offer.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub requested more information and to continue to move forward with the proposal.

Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana asked regarding the ISO rating, the difference between the standards and ratings, how it affects the residents, the moratorium that was discussed at last week's meeting and mentioned that ocean rescue was not included in the proposal.

Joseph Fernandez, Fire Chief for Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) Fire Department answered Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana's questions.

IAFF Union Representatives for Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) spoke regarding the benefits for the Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) collective bargaining unit.

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria advised the City Commission they still must get more information to work with Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO).

City Attorney Jennifer Merino gave the members of the City Commission a status update on the meetings with Broward Sherriff's Office (BSO) and the merger.

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria requested to set a timeline. He stated that the team is working on a proposal to present on the March 6, 2019 City Commission meeting and get back with Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) to see when they are available.

Commissioner Mike Butler stated he would like more information for the decision process.

Mayor Joy D. Adams thanked Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), is in support of the merger, and would like more information as well.

Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub would like to have Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) attend the following City Commission meeting on March 20, 2019.

Jim Bunce, President Fire Union, Hallandale Beach Fire Department spoke in support of the merger.

13. CITY ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

No communication.

14. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS - Items not on the Agenda

Interim City Manager Greg Chavarria provided an update for the Boards and Committees Volunteers Dinner. Available dates were April 5, 2019 or April 12, 2019.

The Commission agreed on having the Volunteer Dinner on April 12, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center.

Radu Dodea, Human Resources Director provided an update on the City Manager recruitment.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana, Second by Commissioner Mike Butler to reopen and advertise for an additional two (2) weeks for the recruitment for the new City Manager. Motion passed on consensus.

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (No Action Required)

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned without objection at 8:10 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ATTEST:

Joy D. Adams, Mayor

Jenorgen M. Guillen, City Clerk