

CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

MINUTES

The North Lauderdale City Commission met on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the Municipal Complex. The meeting convened at 6:00 pm.

1. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Wood gave the invocation and led the pledge.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Clerk called roll; all present.

Mayor Jack Brady (*by teleconference*)

Vice Mayor Rich Moyle

Commissioner Jerry Graziose

Commissioner Lorenzo Wood

Commissioner Samson Borgelin

City Manager Ambreen Bhatti

City Attorney Julie Klahr

City Clerk Patricia Vancheri

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **June 12, 2018** – Commissioner Graziose moved to approve the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Minutes unanimously approved.
 - b. **June 26, 2018** – Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Graziose. Minutes unanimously approved.
4. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. **Florida Power & Light Company**

Tim Hogans, External Affairs Area Manager, addressed the Commission and audience and stated it is an honor and privilege to be here tonight. The primary focus of this presentation was to talk about Hurricane Irma and the response, as well as hurricane preparedness. He stated that Hurricane Irma was a huge 400 mile wide, slow moving storm and FPL covered 35 counties throughout the state. Mr. Hogans reported on how FPL prepares a dry-run during May to prepare for the hurricane season; how they use resources and technology; and how they save time by having staffs stay at staging sites. There are 55 utilities throughout the state and FPL has

the lowest utility bill throughout the state. There were 29 actual staging sites with about 1,000 employees working there. Mr. Hogans gave a PowerPoint presentation along with some video clips. He reported that this was the largest restoration workforce in US and the industry history. He commented that Gulfstream in Hallandale Beach and the BB&T Center in Sunrise were two of the staging sites. The presentation indicated that during an event there are tornados; storm surge and flooding. He spoke about the importance of trees interfering with the overhead lines and said FPL trims about 16,000 miles of vegetation each year to try to eliminate outages. Also, FPL is utilizing new technology with the use of drones that can fly over and access damages and watch the crews performing work to repair the areas of concern. FPL worked 16 - 18 hour days around the clock for weeks and weeks to clean up around Florida, and then went to Puerto Rico to help out. Mr. Hogans stated that a lot of progress has been made since Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Wilma and they are still striving to be the best that they can to be able to speed up restoration. Mr. Hogans highly recommended downloading the FPL app on I-phones to be able get updates on restoration times and other information.

b. Broward County Schools Planner – Interlocal Agreement Amendment

Lisa Wight, Broward County School Board Growth Management Planner, addressed the Commission and audience with a PowerPoint presentation. She stated that she is here to talk about the proposed Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Amendment for Public School Facility Planning which the Commission will consider this evening. She commented that this is a contract the School Board has with each of the cities in Broward County. It is required by statute to inform as to how the cities and the School Districts are going to coordinate on the approval of development in the provision of facilities that are needed to support development. Ms. Wight gave some background information on public school concurrency and indicated it is the main substantive part of this change to the contract, and stated some of the proposed changes are resolve some past challenges. She indicated that later, after presentation, this item will be on the Consent Agenda for Commission consideration and vote. Ms. Wight stated that Public School Concurrency is a growth management tool that makes sure the necessary infrastructure is in place to support development at the time that development occurs which applies to roads; water; sewer; and also to schools. It may also temporarily prohibit a development from moving forward if upon the School Board's analysis it shows that there is no capacity for that development. The developer has an option to wait if within the School Board's five year plan they can afford to fund enough improvements to meet the levels of service of each of the concurrency service areas; or they could choose to pay to expand the facilities needed for their development. Also, Ms. Wight stated that requirements of concurrency are to incorporate the standards of guidelines agreed on by everyone in the ILA, and adopt the levels of service standards that the school boundary facilities require with regard to the five year plan, and based on the formula for enrollment divided by capacity. Ms. Wight said there are three options to address levels of service - 1) build something; 2) change a boundary or 3) change a standard itself in an ILA Amendment. During the last ILA Amendment there were domino boundary changes from Sawgrass to Seagrass due to the financial recession and the declining enrollment trends at that time. As part of that ILA an analysis was required in 2014 and now today the Third ILA is being proposed. Community feedback in the eastern and western schools is very different and exposes competition for resources. Ms. Wight said they have started a

comprehensive plan to study schools struggling with under-enrollment and under performance, and to annually assess the condition of portables and do an analysis as to whether it is appropriate to invest in some of the portables; create covered walkways for them; or demolish and get them off the sites. Based on the budget situation and funding, they do promise to do something with the portables every year. Also there is a Student Success Opportunity Schools grassroots effort that was started since the last ILA Amendment that looks at underperforming and under-enrolled schools and engages the community extensively to help identify what may be a programmatic solution in their area, such as a health clinic, head-start program, or re-configuration of a school to a K-8. Ms. Wight stated that this has been a successful project in turning around some of the schools. She also spoke about the bond which provided a funding source for investing in exiting schools, but a small amount went toward the replacement of portables with permanent capacity in the southwestern part of Broward County. Ms. Wight said while they are asking for a change in the level of service today, since 2010 they have done 41 school boundary changes. Today they are asking for a change to the ILA because it is needed as the landscape is different than it was in 2010. One thing that happened is the extreme proliferation of parent choice and charter which makes it difficult to determine where a student actually goes to a school by just moving a line. She said charter enrollment may be going down, but when you have more seats than students in a district, the State won't allow building with state funds. Ms. Wight showed a picture of the County's elementary, middle and high school levels and what it looks like in 2019-2020 under the current ILA when the level of service reverts back to 110% permanent. She said there are some deficiencies but not that widespread so they are proposing a level of service that will be implemented as the higher of either standard, allowing them to recognize the capacity already existing on site and provide a lot more flexibility, particularly in neighborhoods that have portables. However, Ms. Wight said the level of service change will have no effect on the City of North Lauderdale; there is no money attached to it and no financing attached to it; it is just one standard that has to work for the entire County resulting in a win-win. She said it meets the statutory requirement for a uniform level of service of all school types; it meets the letter of the law and will be a formula applied universally to all concurrency areas. Ms. Wight said there is approval from the Oversight Committee, the consent of the School Board and they must have consent of 75% of the municipalities in order for an amendment to become effective, and they have gone to each and every city. The 21st city signed off in May, allowing the 75% to be reached and this is the last City to be visited. They are seeking the City's support and asking all cities to amend their comprehensive plan in compliance with the ILA as well. Commissioner Graziose commented that he and City Manager met with Superintendent Runcie a few times and they are in favor of the ILA program. He said a survey was done and there were 1200 empty seats in the City's five schools, and talked about North Lauderdale Elementary became a K-8 which impacted Silver Lakes Middle which became a STEM school, which is successful. But Commissioner Graziose indicated that there are some boundary problems that need fixed in the Broadview area where the boundary is split and there are still empty seats. He recommends having some help at Morrow Elementary and Pinewood Elementary as those schools have been seriously impacted by Charter schools. Commissioner Borgelin commented that what helps students is to be well fed and inquired about food bank programs for struggling families. Ms. Wight replied that they do have a Food and Nutrition department and they have done innovative thinking on those programs. Commissioner Graziose reported that there are free meal programs at the schools and churches and the government does have programs that provide meals to children during the summer. He said there are signs on

Kimberly Blvd before State Road 7 which addresses the free meal programs. Mayor Brady reported that the Boys and Girls Club provides hot meals to kids before they go home after school as well. Commissioner Graziose mentioned that the elementary schools do provide breakfast, lunch and dinner. Commissioner Wood commented that they also have food programs at the high school level; there are free or reduced lunch programs and every student gets breakfast in Broward County. He said parents have to fill out the application for free or reduced lunch and you can do it online. Commissioner Wood also said there are social workers that help families in need; a program where meals go home in backpacks on weekends and go back to school to be refilled and a dinner program in effect and any student participating in after school activities get a free meal at the end of the day. Vice Mayor Moyle commented that many churches have food banks. Commissioner Borgelin said not all of the students are used to the same food which is an issue. In conclusion, City Manager Bhatti said Ms. Wight gave a detailed presentation, but that this item is on the consent agenda tonight.

5. PROCLAMATIONS – Clerk read the following proclamations into the record:

a. Women’s Equality Day – August 26

b. Suicide Prevention Week – September 9- 15

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dee Lewis Ricketts – 1904 SW 84th Ave. – Commented she is requesting to hold the annual block party Burnham to be scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 10:00 to 5:00 for Burnham Woods Day and requested the closure of SW 19th Street between 82nd Avenue and 83rd Terrace. City Manager replied that the request should be submitted to the Community Development Department to begin the review and process, for Commission’s approval in September.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from consent. Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Attorney read:

a. RESOLUTION – Re-Appointment of James Kendrick to Code Enforcement Board

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RE-APPOINTING JAMES KENDRICK, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE NORTH LAUDERDALE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER JERRY GRAZIOSE); PROVIDING FOR TERM OF OFFICE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6533

b. RESOLUTION – Celebrating 50 Years of Municipal Home Rule

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL RIGHT.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6534

c. RESOLUTION - Employee Group Insurance (Life, Long Term Disability & Short Term Disability) Renewal - Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH METLIFE FOR THE PURCHASE OF GROUP LIFE, ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT, SHORT TERM DISABILITY AND LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6535

d. RESOLUTION - Approval of Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Public School Facility Planning in Broward County Schools

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE THIRD AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6536

e. SUBJECT - City's Marquee Sign Program

i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Expenditure to Stewart Signs for Operating System

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$23,807.00 TO STEWART SIGNS FOR THE OPERATING SYSTEM OF A MARQUEE SIGN AT FIRE STATION 34; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6537

ii. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Expenditure to Lowest Bidder for Construction of Marquee Sign

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$25,000.00 TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE VENDORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARQUEE SIGN AT FIRE STATION 34; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6538

Commissioner Graziose moved to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Clerk called roll; All YES.

CONSENT AGENDA PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. RESOLUTION - Adoption of a Tentative Millage Rate for the General Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 7.4000 FOR GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND SETTING FORTH THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Susan Nabors, Finance Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. She indicated that pursuant to F.S. 200.065, the Truth In Millage (TRIM) statute, cities must advise the Property Appraiser's office of its proposed millage rate and the date, time and place of their first September budget hearing. This information goes out on the TRIM notice to all property owners in August. The millage rate establishes the tax revenue base for future years and administration recommends adoption of an operating millage rate of 7.4 mils per thousand dollars of taxable property value. This millage rate is the same as the current fiscal year rate. The tentative millage rate being considered tonight is the maximum millage rate that can be imposed, and in September the Commission can vote to decrease the millage rate, but not increase it. Approval of the resolution also establishes September 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 701 SW 71 Avenue, North Lauderdale, Florida as the first public budget hearing on this

tentative millage rate. Ms. Nabors showed a brief PowerPoint presentation for the benefit of the public, which was a topic of a budget workshop held prior to this Commission meeting to go over the proposed budget for FY 2019. An overview was presented showing where the taxing dollars go as indicated on the TRIM notice; only 34 cents on the dollar (or 34%) actually comes back to the City with the rest going to other taxing districts such as Broward County School District; North Broward Hospital District; Children's Health Council and others. Ms. Nabors explained that the property taxes help fund a number of services the City provides. The total proposed budget for FY 2019 is \$37,336,217 and of that, only about 28% actually comes from property taxes, or about \$10.5 million dollars. The City does receive some funding from other sources, including some shared revenue from the State, so not everything is paid through property taxes. Administration seeks approval of this resolution. **Commissioner Graziose moved to approve. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. No Commission discussion; Clerk called roll; all YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6539 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

b. RESOLUTION - Comprehensive Pay and Classification Plan - Fiscal Year 2019

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 17-07-6433 WHICH RESOLUTION DID ADOPT THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE COMPREHENSIVE PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND HEREBY ESTABLISHING A REVISED PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2018; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CLASSIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jennifer Yarmitzky, Human Resources Manager, presented the item based on backup memorandum, requesting approval of the FY 2018-19 Comprehensive Pay and Classification Plan for City employees. The Plan includes a 3% salary adjustment for employees effective October 1, 2018; adjustment of starting salaries for position classifications of 2.5%; an increase of the maximum salaries of 3%; creation of one Administrative Clerk position in Community Development; creation of a Project Manager position in Public Works/Utilities; creation of a Camp Security Monitor in Parks & Recreation and re-classification of one vacant Grounds Maintenance Worker position to a Grounds Maintenance Foreman in Public Works/Utilities department. The Pay Plan also recommends keeping all the current benefit levels. **Commissioner Graziose moved to adopt. Seconded by Mayor Brady. No Commission discussion. Clerk called roll; all YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6540 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

WALKON ITEM:

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

- **RESOLUTION - Employee Group Health, Vision and Dental Insurance Renewal Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE AND THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 1 OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jennifer Yarmitzky, Human Resources Manager, presented the item based on backup memorandum passed out on the dais. She indicated that this item is for the City's group health, vision and dental plans through the Florida League of Cities. Renewal for group health reflects an 8% increase in health premiums, due to high loss ratio in the current year because of some large claims. The vision plan has a change from a 2-tier plan to a 4-tier plan, with a decrease in premium for the bottom 3 tiers of the plan, and the family vision coverage will have a minimal premium increase. No changes to dental plan or any of the benefit levels of any of the plans. **Commissioner Graziose moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.** Commissioner Wood commented, and Vice Mayor Moyle echoed, thanks to City staff for their hard work in negotiating these contracts as health care is the most expensive part of a person's life. **No further comments. Clerk called roll; all YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6548 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. **RESOLUTION - Award of contract to Juliana Enterprises for Fire Station #44 Renovations Bid #18-06-375**

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JULIANA ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE RENOVATION AT FIRE STATION 44 AS OUTLINED IN BID #18-06-375 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$174,152.55, AND SET ASIDE \$10,000.00 IN CONTINGENCY FUND FOR ANY UNFORESEEN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

George Krawczyk, Public Works/Utilities Director, and Fire Chief Rodney Turpel, presented the item based on backup memorandum, indicating that there have been several phases to the improvements to Fire Station 44 located on Hampton Blvd. The scope of work for this phase of the project will be for conversion of the men's and women's bathroom to 3 unisex bathrooms; new Battalion Chief Quarters; and moving the break room. This project was advertised through the Sun-sentinel, the City's website and DemandStar in June with a "Notice of Invitation to Bid". A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on June 19th and subsequently five prospective bidders submitted bid packets which were received and opened on June 29th. Staff reviewed bids and Juliana Enterprises was deemed to be the lowest and most responsible vendor for the renovations at Fire Station 44. Permitting will take some time but construction is anticipated to start by September. Staff recommends consideration and approval of an award to Juliana Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$174,152.55 with a contingency of \$10,000 set aside for any unforeseen costs. **Commissioner Graziose moved to approve. Commissioner Wood seconded. Clerk called roll; All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6541 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**d. RESOLUTION - Award of Median Beautification Kimberly Blvd West –
Bid #18-06-374**

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FG CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THE WEST KIMBERLY BOULEVARD MEDIANS AS OUTLINED IN BID #18-06-374 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$397,339.34; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

George Krawczyk, Public Works/Utilities Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. He indicated that with regard to this project, several years ago the underground sewer lining was done; the next phase of the project was milling and surfacing the roadway which was recently done and now the third phase is the beautification to complete the project. Also, this summer some safety enhancements will be done, including speed bumps and stop sign design at 78th to slow down speeding. The City's landscape Architectural Consultants, Calvin Giordano and Associates, prepared a "Pilot Median Landscape Design Project" component which was presented to the Commission and residents at a workshop setting on March 14th. Input was taken from this workshop and an "Invitation to Bid" was advertised in June in the Sun-Sentinel; City's website and DemandStar. A pre-bid meeting was held on June 19th and subsequently 4 bid packets were received and opened on June 29th. Bids were reviewed by Staff and FG Construction, LLC was deemed to be the lowest and most responsive vendor. Mr. Krawczyk gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the different aspects of the project which is considered to be a pilot program and design concept for other areas of the City as well.

City Manager Bhatti interjected that they have looked at the design concepts and changed some of the ideas to keep costs down, taking into consideration maintenance, while still being aesthetically pleasing and explained these negotiations which resulted in a lower bid from the vendor. Mr. Krawczyk indicated that they worked with City Attorney to see if this could be done, as FG Construction was the lowest vendor at first, who was willing to work with staff and accepted the terms of the project with reduced quantities of trees. Vendor references and licenses were verified; their construction time set in the contract is 90 days once noticed to proceed. Staff will work with the school on the traffic pattern; put signs up and residents will be notified with door hangers while the project is being done. **Commissioner Graziose moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.** Commissioner Wood thanked staff for their work in obtaining a reduction of costs but commented on the creation of a canopy since trees would be taken out with the new design and asked if it would still look like the initial rendering. City Manager Bhatti replied that some of the types of trees that would create a canopy had larger root systems that would damage the roadway and create more of an issue during storms. She said the first rendering had the trees too close together so they reduced the total number but including some other trees in between and to keep the visibility. Commissioner Wood also said he likes the door hangers to keep the residents advised and asked about drainage of some of the areas on the roadway. Mr. Krawczyk replied that it will help some and that there is a drainage system in place that ties into the canal system which has been cleaned and is in good standing. Commissioner Borgelin asked what the plan is for maintaining the trees after the first year and what about the lighting. City Manager replied there will be an irrigation system in the medians. With regard to lighting, Mr. Krawczyk replied that these are smaller thin palm trees and the height of the trees are still low. In the future, they will be looking into working with FPL to possibly stagger additional lighting on the other side, but they have upgraded some lighting and are working with FPL on a program to convert to LED lights. Vice Mayor Moyle asked what year it was this project first started? Mr. Krawczyk replied that it started in 2015 with the mainlines first, then the lateral lines and that these projects take time to plan out. Vice Mayor Moyle said so it has been three years in the works; and also commented that canopy trees are dangerous when they fall over and have to be maintained and cut-back. He commented that with the pavers the only maintenance is weed control so he thinks it is a good idea with the way we will be doing it, however he would like to see a sign at both ends of Kimberly Blvd that talks about the actual cost of this project so that residents can see what kind of an investment we are making on this road and what is going to be invested in future roads throughout the City. Mayor Brady commented that Administration and staff is doing a great job in doing the research and he is okay with this. **No further discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6542 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

e. SUBJECT - Purchase of 2018 Fleet Vehicles

i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Surplus and Auction

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS OF FIVE FORD VEHICLES AND UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF AN AUCTION VENDOR AS BEING THE MOST APPROPRIATE METHOD OF DISPOSAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

George Krawczyk, Public Works/Utilities Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. He indicated that this resolution is for the surplus and the units and the next resolution will be for the purchase of replacement vehicles. Mr. Krawczyk explained that these old units have served beyond their recommended life span and some have been repurposed to get extra years from them and many have years of wear and tear and are ready for surplus. **Commissioner Graziose moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.** Vice Mayor Moyle commented that the Public Works Director and the Parks and Recreation Director are very good at getting the maximum life out of the City vehicles and wants to let the taxpayers know that our City Manager and Administration have done a fantastic job in being conservative fiscally with our vehicles and we are not purchasing brand new vehicles on a regular basis and obviously by looking at the age of these vehicles, they are in need of being replaced; he commended the departments on being conservative with purchases. City Manager Bhatti commented that they only purchase when the vehicles become too costly to repair based on the age of the vehicles. Commissioner Borgelin asked for the years of the vehicles to be read into the record; they ranged from 2003-2006 with mileage ranging from 68,000 to 165,000. Once new vehicles are purchased the old vehicles go out to auction and the City gets back some revenue, saving taxpayer dollars in this process. . **No further discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6543 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Purchase to Prestige Ford

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO AWARD PRESTIGE FORD FLEET SALES UTILIZING FLORIDA STATE CONTRACT 25100000-18, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,650.10 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) NEW FLEET FORD VEHICLES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

George Krawczyk, Public Works/Utilities Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. He indicated that this is for the purchase of vehicles to replace those listed as surplus in the previous resolution. Staff recommends going with Prestige Ford Fleet Sales utilizing the Florida State Contract, which is a good price structure that other vendor quotes could not beat. The five vehicles to be purchased are standard units. Commissioner Graziose moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Commissioner Graziose echoed that the State bid could not be beat and other municipalities and the School Board all purchase vehicles using the State bid. Commissioner Borgelin asked what is the advantage of having two 4x4

vehicles. Mr. Krawczyk replied that for use in getting the boats to the canal system, it is often grass and not a paved boat ramp so the 4x4 unit is needed for the slope and incline. Also, it is needed for towing the harvester. City Manager Bhatti interjected that the price of the vehicles also includes all the add-ons necessary to make the vehicles functional for our needs. **No further discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6544 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

f. RESOLUTION - Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application for Our Town Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 funding through the National Endowment for the Arts

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR AND TO FILE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REASONABLY REQUIRED FOR AVAILABLE OUR TOWN GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS; A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR A GRANT OF \$25,000; WITH A \$25,000 CITY MATCH IN CASH OR IN-KIND SERVICES; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXTENSIONS OF TIME, LINE-ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS, AND PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS, TO IMPLEMENT SAID PROGRAMS IF AND WHEN FUNDING IS APPROVED; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS WITH REGARD TO THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED BY PROCESSING AND OBTAINING SUCH GRANT FUNDS; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tammy Reed-Holguin presented the item based on backup memorandum. She indicated that this grant was identified by Chassidy Albury, the City's grant writer within the Community Development Department, working with Osny Jean, one of the Planners, to put together the grant application. There are some details that they are continuing to work on but the application is due in August so it needs Commission's approval to move forward with submittal of the application to the National Endowment of the Arts, for a creative place making grant for FY 2019 called "Our Town". This grant funding would be used by the City to put artwork within the City to identify the culture of our city. This would be a matching grant, which can be a combination of cash and in-kind services and the City is applying for a \$25,000 grant since this would be a first submittal of the grant request. Ms. Reed-Holguin stated that a requirement of the grant is that you work with a non-profit and staff has identified two non-profits and is working on getting a commitment for participation in this project for art work that may include the water tower and the wall between the Aquatic Center and Teen Center or City garden. **Commissioner Graziose**

moved to adopt; seconded by Commissioner Wood. No Commission discussion; clerk called roll. All YES.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6545 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

g. RESOLUTION – Switching and Routing Devices Refresh

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SWITCHING AND ROUTING DEVICES AND SUPPORT INSTALLATION FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$208,000.00 PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 FOR INCIDENTALS FROM FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mitch Williams, Information Technology Manager, presented the item based on backup memorandum. He stated that this item is for replacement of some switching and routing devices in City Hall, which have reached their end of life as of January 31, 2018 and the manufacturer will no longer support these devices. Administration recommends Commission's consideration and approval of the attached resolution finding that the purchase and installation of these devices under the Florida State Contract is consistent with Section 9.10(b) of the City's Code and authorizing expenditure to Champions Solutions Group. **Commissioner Graziose moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. No Commission discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6546 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

h. RESOLUTION - Turf Replacement at Highland Park

Commissioner Graziose moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SPORTS TURF ONE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$94,330.00; FOR THE RE-GRADING/RE-SODDING OF THE FIELDS AT HIGHLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mike Sargis, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. He reported that the Parks and Rec Dept. continues to expand their athletic programs and this year have expanded the soccer programs, both youth and women's. The good news is the

programs are well received by the residents; however, the bad news is that there is more damage to the sod. As well as City programs, Highland Park is the home field for Somerset Prep; North Broward Academy of Excellence and Silver Lakes Middle School through partnership agreements. Highland Park is also used by residents and non-residents during the week and on weekends with groups coming to the city to play soccer because a lot of other cities don't open their fields. The last renovation to Highland Park was in 2008, which included laser leveling, de-grading and sodding. Staff has determined that the field needs re-grading and sodding of approximately 87,000 square feet which is large sections of both fields. It is anticipated to that the field will be closed during the duration of the project and will be ready to open for the start of the new sports seasons which begin in October. Sports Turf One, Inc., the premier vendor for athletic field construction has done work in the past for the City. The vendor will install rolls of certified Bermuda grass which holds up well with wear and tear of athletic fields. The purchasing section of the City Charter – 9.10(a) authorizes the waiver of three bids for a service that is of unique character not otherwise obtainable and staff feels Sports Turf One is the leader in repairs to athletic fields. Commissions' approval is sought to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$94,330. **Commissioner Grazioplene moved to approve. Seconded by Mayor Brady.** Commissioner Wood commented that he wants to make sure signs are posted to let the public know what the project being done is and the cost of these capital improvement projects. Commissioner Grazioplene commented to add a completion date. Mr. Sargis said they do typically put up the signs and they will ask contractor for a completion date. He said typically the landscaping projects are done during the rainy season, but if there is three weeks of heavy rain, it would push back a completion date. Commissioner Borgelin commented he is all for this program, but asked about replacing the sod with artificial turf on this field so it will last for years and not have to be re-sodded, even if it costs more money. Mr. Sargis replied that he visited the vendor, Sports Turf One at a Florida City Managers Conference, who does do artificial turf, and in October for the new budget season, they will be brought out to do an engineer study; the ballpark figure Sports Turf One gave at the conference was about \$8,000 to look at installing artificial turf on one of the fields at the Sports Complex that could be painted to use for different sports. Mr. Sargis reported that Tamarac entered into an agreement with Sports Turf One to do a football field project and the cost was about \$600,000. He explained that the issue with the Sports Complex is that the field was created over an old public works sewage pit and they would have to make sure that if artificial turf was installed, rain water would need to have someplace to go. Eight inches of dirt would have to be removed; a rock and sand base created and compacted; and turf installed so that water could run through the turf to a drainage system. But by going down eight inches, they need to make sure not to hit lime sludge or run into EPA issues. Mr. Sargis said they will come back possibly in November with a quote for the artificial turf and designs. **No further discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-07-6547 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9. REPORTS

a. On-line Permitting for Limited Types of Permits

Tammy Reed-Holguin, Community Development Director, reported that they have been working with the Information Technology Department and the Munis vendor for some time to initiate online permitting which is a very tedious process because of the work involved in the background to set it up. A soft deployment of the testing of the system is being implemented; a manual is being created to put on line for information on how to use the system to start the application process through to scheduling inspections and completion, which may still require the requestor to come in to pay and finalize some steps. Staff hopes to do a full deployment in September which will help with the initial application time and monitoring of the permits. Discussion ensued on the permit processes; the amount of time it takes to process; the need for a new permit clerk position to handle the volume of the workload; as well as the responsibility of contractors to follow up. Ms. Reed-Holguin commented that they would eventually like to be able to take payments online. Commissioner Borgelin asked if there could be separate phone lines for the homeowners and the contractors.

b. Community Appearance Award Program

Tammy Reed-Holguin, Community Development Director, reported that there are now four people and one vacancy on the Community Sustainability Board, so they will be moving forward with Community Appearance Awards. At the Board's last meeting they had only two submissions, so Ms. Reed-Holguin passed out copies of the application and requested submission of properties to be nominated for consideration of the six categories of the awards.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Graziose:

- **Discussion and possible consensus regarding Resolution in Support of Assigning National Guard to Serve as Safe-School Officers**

Commissioner Graziose asked for support of the resolution adopted by the City of Lauderhill regarding school safety officers and to put pressure on the School Board to take care of what needs to be done for the start of school. Commission gave their consensus.

- **Discussion and possible direction regarding Script for City Board Meetings relating to Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Graziose commented that he noticed that at other Board meetings there is no script for the beginning of the meeting and a Chair had commented that if anyone "chose to participate, please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance". He asked that the City Attorney develop a script that could be used at the beginning of all meetings to make sure they are all the same, just like we do at the City Commission meetings. Discussion ensued with regard to the Pledge of Allegiance and the meaning of the Flag. Vice Mayor Moyle stated that he is not so sure he would want to force the Pledge of the Flag on Board members, as they are not elected officials. Commissioner Borgelin asked do we know why some people would not stand. Mayor Brady

said it is dis-respect if they don't. Commission gave their consensus to direct City Attorney to draft a script.

- **Ordinance allowing for trees in swales**

Commissioner Graziose reported that the ordinance allows for six types of trees in the swales, and in speaking to experts, he found that out of the six, two do not grow in South Florida; one is not appropriate for street trees; one is brittle in storms; so that leaves palm trees. He commented that allspice, crab wood and strong mark would be good for swales; also, there is a 40 foot requirement between trees which some areas do not have. Commissioner Graziose requested setting up a Committee to look at the ordinance to update for the appropriateness of what list of trees can be put in our medians and swales. City Manager Bhatti said the landscape Code was done some time ago but they can look into it with the City's landscape consultants to re-evaluate the code to implement something along with the previous discussions of canal bank tree issues. Commissioner Graziose stated there are people who are experts that would be interested in participating in this Committee and pointed out Christine McKay, a board member of the Planning and Zoning Board who was in the audience, who is also a landscape architect. City Manager Bhatti admitted that there is a problem with people parking on swales and overflowing sidewalks; that this will bring more greenery and canopies, but there are certain requirements because the trunks have to be clear of leaves from 2 feet to 6 feet.

- **Use of City Stage**

Commissioner Graziose stated that there is nothing in writing about the usage of the City stage which has in the past only been used for City sponsored events and approved functions. He would like to see some guidelines developed in writing about our stage.

- **Pompano Park**

Commissioner Graziose commented that there is work going on in other parks and tonight we approved sodding [for Highland Park] but Pompano Park is still a dump after Hurricane Irma and asked when the lights, irrigation and sodding will be complete. Mr. Sargis replied that some work projects have been done with Parks employees and Fire Explorers and they are not spending money for sodding. The area was cut yesterday; 90% has good grass cover; the fence will be removed with a goal of reopening that park by Monday. The lights are not turned on unless there is an organized event; they will work with Musco regarding lighting and the irrigation is working.

Mayor Brady: Thanked Administration and Staff on the fine job they are doing.

Commissioner Borgelin:

- Commissioner Borgelin thanked the Commission, BSO and Fire Department, Administration and Staff on behalf of the Sisters Understanding Naturally organization for making the Caribbean Night possible.

- Commented that residents are inquiring about if election signs on swales is fair or not
- **Discussion and possible motion to direct City Staff to research video broadcasting or live streaming of Commission meetings**

Commissioner Borgelin commented that he has been asked about this by residents, and requests an extensive research be done with regard to broadcasting the meetings as a means of civic engagement, transparency and accountability and for people who cannot make it to the City Commission meetings as a way to keep them engaged from the comfort of their homes. He

commented that most cities live stream and we have the means and the money and would like the research to be done to see how we can benefit the community by doing live stream of the Commission meetings. He said if we cannot do that, then how relevant are we to them, because not every resident can come here and it would encourage more participation. City Manager asked if there was a motion on the floor. **Commissioner Borgelin replied that this is his motion to direct City Staff to research this. Motion died for lack of a second.**

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- With regard to the appreciation comment from the Sisters Understanding Naturally, City Manager Bhatta said it was a team effort by the Community Development and all Departments that worked collectively on it.
- City Manager Bhatta said with regard to campaign signs, there is an Ordinance regarding political campaign signs and City Clerk works with candidates and the Code Enforcement department with regard to compliance with the Code.
- Wished everyone a safe, happy, healthy, peaceful summer recess until the next Commission meeting in September.

12. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

a. Community Development Block Grant Program – Request for Legal Opinion – Sean Lypher Disclosure of No Conflict

City Attorney Klahr commented that the Commission received a City Attorney's Opinion with regard to a request from the City staff regarding an employee who wants to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program. Based upon information received of the individual's employment with the City; the nature of the employment and that they are not involved in the program itself, the request was reviewed and in light of the State Statute, Broward County Code of Ethics and North Lauderdale's Code, City Attorney finds that there is not conflict of interest for this employee to participate in that program. Commission concurred with City Attorney Opinion on this matter.

On behalf of City Attorney Sam Goren, Attorney Klahr advised that litigation was filed on behalf of various cities pertaining to the authority of the local governments to regulate certain issues pertaining to firearms in response to the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas incident. State legislature has preempted all gun regulation and firearm regulation to their authority and that litigation is proceeding and moving forward in Court; a trial calendar is being worked out amongst the parties in order for the Court to issue an Order to move that process along.

- #### **13. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm and convened to the North Lauderdale Recreation Foundation meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Vancheri, City Clerk