The North Lauderdale City Commission met at the Municipal Complex on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. The meeting convened at 6:00 pm.

1. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Rich Moyle gave the invocation and led the pledge.

2. **ROLL CALL** – Clerk called roll. All present.
   - Mayor Ana Ziade
   - Vice Mayor Samson Borgelin
   - Commissioner Rich Moyle
   - Commissioner Lorenzo Wood
   - Commissioner Mario Bustamante
   - City Manager Ambreen Bhatti
   - City Attorney Samuel S. Goren
   - City Clerk Patricia Vancheri

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   a. **May 28, 2019** – Vice Mayor Borgelin moved to approve the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Bustamante. Minutes unanimously approved by voice vote.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**
   a. **The Family of former Mayor Pat Petta** – Mr. Richard Petta, Son of former Mayor Pat Petta and Ms. Angelique Petta, Grand-daughter, attended the meeting while visiting from Winter Garden, to express their privilege to be present in the building which was built and dedicated to Mayor Pat Petta during his term in the 1980’s. Mr. Petta thanked the City for the Honor Guard that was provided at his father’s funeral even though he was no longer a resident. He spoke of his father’s dedication to public service and the principal of “do for the people” while in office during the first time a Council existed that was not controlled by the builders. Mr. Petta stated that if his father were still alive today, he would be gratified by the way the City, that he helped start, has progressed today.

   b. **Parkland’s Recognition of North Lauderdale’s Support following MSD tragedy**
   Ken Cutler, Vice Mayor of the City of Parkland, together with Parkland’s Commissioner Bob Mayersohn; Nancy Morando, Interim City Manager; and Sowandee Johnson, Assistant City Manager, addressed the City Commission and audience. Vice Mayor Cutler stated that on February 14, 2018 much of the world came to know the City of Parkland in the aftermath of an unthinkable day for their community, as they faced something that no city should have to face. He said in that time-frame the City of North Lauderdale’s First Responders rallied to their City to aid them, as well as members of the
Commission who offered support. As a result of the City’s gesture, a token of appreciation and thanks was given to the City. Mayor Ziade deferred to City Manager Bhatty who expressed heartfelt comments and introduced the First Responders present who had responded to the call that day. Battalion Chief Jon Sucher introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Santana and Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Ruesga and stated that Lt. Christopher Passino was not present this evening, who responded to this tragic event. City Manager Bhatty explained how the City’s Teen Club presented their idea to build a Memorial Garden which has now been completed and dedicated in honor of the victims.

c. GFOA Distinguished Budget Award
Clerk Vancheri introduced the Finance Director, Susan Nabors, who received the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association on behalf of the City. This is the 25th year the City has received this special award, which the highest award presented, for its commitment to excellence and transparency in preparation of budget documents based on program standards. Finance Director Nabors commented that this award is obtained with collaboration from all City Administration and Department Heads who have a hand in putting the budget together. Budget documents can be found on the City’s website.

d. North Lauderdale Fire Department Promotions
Fire Chief Rodney Turpel stated that tonight he has the honor of presenting a full contingency of officers that are ready, qualified and able to be promoted in the North Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department, whose main mission is to protect and serve the residents of North Lauderdale and surrounding cities in the County when needed in the ten-fifteen mile radius of the city. Chief Turpel commented that this is the sixth promotional ceremony held during the past six years and he is proud of the top men and women of North Lauderdale Fire Rescue that have been promoted. Tonight two vacant Lieutenant positions are being filled. Chief Turpel gave some history of their careers to date. Lt. Frank Nobile and Lt. Matt Hurt were joined by their family and friends as their new badges were pinned by their wives.

5. PROCLAMATIONS
   a. Park and Recreation Month – July
Clerk read the Proclamation into the record and it was presented to Mike Sargis, Parks and Recreation Director.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION
Allen and Victor Chi – SW 13 Street – Commented on a situation with their water bill and late fees. City Manager advised the matter would be looked into.

7. OTHER BUSINESS
   a. RESOLUTION - Contracting with Broward County for Stormwater Assessment
Commissioner Moyle 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 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A STORMWATER
ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Bhatty stated presented the item based on backup memorandum, stating that several steps have been taken toward transitioning the stormwater fee from the water bill to the tax bill. This last step is for an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County to request the Property Appraiser’s Office to use the uniform method of collection as part of the annual tax bill. This type of resolution has been done in the past for assessments such as for the garbage assessment fee and Water Control District assessment fee. The Broward County Property Appraiser’s office charges a 2% collection fee on the total revenue collected, plus $0.50 per tax bill. Susan Nabors, Finance Director, reiterated that this is a formality to enter into a contract with the BCPA who sends out the bills, receives the money and remits it to the City. This will be effective in October and tax bills go out in November. Commissioner Moyle moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. No Commission discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-6642 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

b. SUBJECT - SPEV 19-01 “Reggae Pon The Grill” Community Appreciation Event – 8032 W. McNab Road (Broward Meat and Fish)

Commissioner Moyle moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Attorney read item into record. Tammy Reed-Holguin, Community Development Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. She indicated that the request will mark the three year anniversary of the restaurant’s business. All residents are invited. Applicant has provided an indemnity agreement; insurance certificate; layout of event; letter of intent; and authorization from the property owner to hold the event. Also, the property owner consented to the Commission’s approval of waiver of the clean-up bond. Applicant is requesting waiver of the $106 special event fee. Administration is not aware of any other fees for this event. Fire Department has provided the Applicant with all safety requirements that must be met prior to the event and the Applicant is responsible for continued coordination with Police and Fire for the event. Administration recommends Commission’s consideration and motion for approval subject to conditions as outlined; items 3 and 4 already having been satisfied. Consideration of waiver of the application fee and clean-up bond is also requested. Applicant, Ava Thompson-Samuels, was present and indicated that she reviewed and agrees to the six conditions. Commissioner Moyle moved to approve the “Reggae Pon the Grill Community Appreciation Event” and the applicant’s request for waiver of application fee of $106, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14, 2019, from 2:00 P.M. to 9 P.M. at the restaurant location 8032 W. McNab Road subject to the six (6) conditions listed in Staff’s memorandum. Seconded by Commissioner Bustamante. Clerk called roll; All YES. MOTION PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. ORDINANCE - First Reading – Amendment to Article III – Property Maintenance Standards Regarding Timely Removal of Hurricane Shutters

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
STANDARDS”, SECTION 82-62 “DEFINITIONS” AND SECTION 82-81 “MAINTENANCE OF EXTERIOR OF PREMISES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, BY INCORPORATING LANGUAGE REQUIRING THE TIMELY REMOVAL OF HURRICANE SHUTTERS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE DEVICES FROM OCCUPIED BUILDINGS AND UTILIZING THE PENALTY SECTION OF THE PUBLIC NUISANCE CODE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tammy Reed-Holguin, Community Development Director, presented the item indicating that approval on first reading of this Ordinance will add language compatible with the Florida Fire Prevention Code requiring the removal of hurricane shutters as outlined in the backup memorandum, within 15 days after the termination of weather threats and to utilize penalties of the Code for non-compliance. Ms. Reed-Holguin commented that this is an item that the Commission has discussed frequently regarding the safety and dangers of leaving them on with regard to access in case of emergencies. In February of 2019, the Broward County local amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code became effective to require that these devices be removed from occupied buildings within 15 days of a threat. Ms. Reed-Holguin stated that this will be added to the City’s Code of Ordinances to have a mechanism to enforce removal of these shutters through a code enforcement process. Commissioner Moyle moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Vice Mayor Borgelin asked how residents be notified that they need to remove them within 15 days after an event. Ms. Reed-Holguin explained that the robo-call system can be used if phones are working. Also immediately after winds die down, Rapid Impact Assessment Teams go out in the field that is made up of Code Officers and Building Inspectors who go door to door to do a preliminary assessment of damages and information can be distributed at that time. City Manager interjected that after 15 days the Code Officers will issue Courtesy Warning Notices giving them 24 hours to remove before citations are issued. Mayor Ziade asked about properties that have the shutters up and the property owners are gone? Ms. Reed-Holguin replied that this will apply to occupied buildings. Mayor Ziade said something to think about is maybe having a list of people who are gone for months at a time so the City is aware the property is unoccupied. City Manager said they will refine the procedure once this is implemented. No further discussion; Clerk call roll. All YES

ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY ON FIRST READING
Second and final reading will be on July 9, 2019.

d. ORDINANCE – First Reading:Proposed Fee Schedule Revision (Article 1, Section 4 of Appendix F) - To Modify Local Business Tax Receipts and Associated Processing Fees

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 1, SECTION 4, OF APPENDIX F OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, ENTITLED LOCAL BUSINESS TAX, TO INCREASE BY FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE CURRENT RATE STRUCTURE
Tammy Reed-Holguin, Community Development Director, presented the item indicating that approval on first reading of this Ordinance will adopt the revised fee schedule for local business tax receipts, increasing the fee by the statutory limit of 5% every two years. The last time the item was brought to the Commission was in 2017, and this is the only opportunity to adjust the fees at this time. Ms. Reed-Holguin reiterated the background as indicated in the memorandum indicating that in 1995 the City established an Equity Study and met all requirements of State Statutes. Staff is recommending an increase to the fees for the commercial businesses only by 5%, effective on second reading of the Ordinance to be advertised for July 9th. It is estimated that this increase will amount to about $9,800 in additional revenue if all remains the same with the number of businesses and the value of their licenses last year. It is not a huge revenue generator for the City, but operating costs for the City licensing programs, inspections, administrative costs for issuance and a new invoicing program which is labor-intensive, an increase is recommended to implement and cover these processes. No increase for residential rental tax receipts is recommended at this time. Ms. Reed-Holguin stated that with this proposed 5% increase, the majority of businesses will see an increase of between $3.00 and $15.00 depending on the size of the business. Commissioner Wood moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Bustamante. Commissioner Wood reiterated it is not a large fee to keep our businesses licensed and viable, and that we are upholding the State Statute. Vice Mayor Borgelin asked how much we receive from businesses. Ms. Reed-Holguin and Mayor Ziade explained that the $9,800 estimated is above the amount collected the previous year. Vice Mayor Borgelin commented that he wants to encourage businesses and can these costs come from somewhere other than an increase, and how do we compare to other cities. Ms. Reed-Holguin replied that the fees the businesses pay here are 1/10th the amount that they would pay in a city such as Pembroke Pines. She said the City can only go by the Statute which allows an increase of up to 5% and they are working with a level that was set in 1995, and our business tax receipt is very reasonable. Ms. Reed-Holguin said the small businesses fall within the $100-200 range, which would amount to a $5-$10 increase for them for the whole year. City Manager Bhatty interjected that when the equity study was done in 1995 they looked at the nature of the businesses and the fees at that point were based on the nature of the businesses and the size of the business so that was the baseline to begin with. Ms. Reed-Holguin gave an example of a business such as a barber shop with the 5% increase would bring the tax receipt to approximately $33.00 per year. Commissioner Bustamante asked what the costs would be in the event of a recession and is this an annual increase. City Manager Bhatty said the rate remains the same and it is for every two years; we have to have increases because costs to provide services goes up. No further discussion; Clerk called roll. Vice Mayor Borgelin – NO; Commissioner Bustamante – YES; Commissioner Moyle – YES; Commissioner Wood – YES; Mayor Ziade – YES. Motion passed on a 4-1 Vote; Vice Mayor Borgelin dissenting.

ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED ON A 4-1 VOTE ON FIRST READING
Second and final reading will be on July 9, 2019.

e. RESOLUTION – Grant Application for the Community Shuttle Program (CSP)

Commissioner Moyle moved to read. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.
Attorney read:
Katherine Randall, presented the item based on the backup memorandum. She indicated that this resolution will approve submittal of an application to Broward County for two proposed routes for community shuttle buses for east and west routes in the City. She gave background information indicating that during 2004-2011 the City partnered with Broward County’s Community Shuttle Program. In 2011 the services were eliminated due to ridership threshold not being met. Funding is now available through the Transportation Surtax Referendum that was approved in November 2018 and residents have expressed interest in the provision of mobility and connectivity options. The City’s application will request 2 buses routes (east and west) running six days a week from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm; the routes would be free and would provide connectivity to existing County and neighboring city routes which will enable the City to increase its ridership. Ms. Randall showed a PowerPoint presentation, which is available in the City Clerk’s office, and indicated that at a Town Hall meeting in District D residents voiced their opinions. The application is due on June 28. Commissioner Moyle moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Commissioner Wood and Vice Mayor Borgelin expressed thanks for this presentation and their approval. City Manager commented that they have included all the stops that were expressed during the Town Hall meeting, however once the application is submitted the County staff will do their review of the routes to determine a final approval. Commissioner Wood reiterated that we have to reach the ridership threshold to receive the funding. He suggested the Commission embrace the ridership and maybe do a field trip on the bus as a promo. Ms. Randall said the County wants to partner with the City to make this work. No further discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-6643 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

f. RESOLUTION – Award of Silver Lakes Drainage Improvements Bid #19-05-380

Commissioner Moyle 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 FLORIDA ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT CORP. FOR THE SILVER LAKES DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS OUTLINED IN BID #19-05-380 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $383,284.33; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
George Krawczyk, Public Works Director, presented the item based on backup memorandum. He indicated the scope of work for the project to alleviate some of the ongoing drainage issues on the east side of the Silver Lakes Community. The west side improvements will be part of a big drainage study conducted during the next phase. Funding for this project will come from a Federal Community Development Block Grant program. This City has gone through the bid process and the bid was duly advertised, as required by all CDBG and HUD Federal rules and regulations. A pre-bid meeting was held on May 23, 2019. Sealed bids were due to be submitted by June 13th at 10:00 am at which time nine bid packets were received and opened. Upon review three bids were deemed non-responsive. Of the six responsive bids, Florida Engineering and Development Corp. came in as the lowest and most responsible bidder at $383,284.33. The project is supported by the County and their portion of the funding will be $249,587. The balance of the project in the amount of $133,697.33 will be funded through the City’s capital improvement fund. The project will have a 120-day construction schedule to proceed after paperwork is approved and a notice to proceed is done. Staff recommends Commission’s consideration and approval of the resolution to accept Florida Engineering and Development Corporation’s bid and to enter into an agreement for this project. **Commissioner Moyle moved to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Wood.** Commissioner Wood asked for clarification of when SW 10 Court on the east side would be done and when was that cleaned out. Mr. Krawczyk replied it would be focused on in the next phase drainage study and the pipes do drain, but the sizing is too small currently. Vice Mayor Borgelin asked if 78th will be included and can a sign be posted when it will be one. Mr. Krawczyk replied it will be in the next phase and there is specific criteria by the CBGD program and signs will be posted at the project area and will include costs. **No further discussion; Clerk called roll. All YES.**

**RESOLUTON NO. 19-06-6644 PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Carmen Joseph** - At this point Ms. Joseph was introduced by the Mayor as a late arrival for Public Discussion. She addressed the Commission to say she has lived in the City for 10 years and just began to attend the Commission meetings. Ms. Joseph said she is proud to be a resident and appreciates that the Commission respects each other; listen to the residents; and thanked them for their hard work.

8. **REPORTS**

a. **Traffic Study Report regarding 81st Avenue**

George Krawczyk, Public Works Director, stated that staff was directed to look into the area surrounding Mr. Bill’s [convenient store], Tam O’Shanter Blvd., 81st Avenue and 10th Court. He presented an aerial view of the area. The main concern is the turning movements coming out of Mr. Bill’s going southbound on 81st Avenue, which is an illegal turn as there is a “right turn only” sign there. Walter Keller, a Registered Professional Engineer and Certified Planner, was hired as a consultant to do a study and report to come up with ideas for the area. Traffic data was collected from three intersections and three driveways identified, which are very close to each other. Mr. Keller commented the study showed there is a lack of a median or separator for southbound turning lanes on 81st Avenue, which could possibly eliminate some of the problem if put into some of the cross-sections to make the flow safer. The study also included looking into accidents, which occurred a lot in the intersections, caused by lack of traffic control in the intersections and with the signals. Mr. Keller explained what he observed during his study at different times of the day. Mr. Keller said because some of the
intersections are only about 260 feet apart so you can only put a median in one direction. Tam O’Shanter is the intersection with the largest number of left turns and the most accidents. Mr. Keller said the City needs to look at doing either a traffic signal or a traffic circle if there is enough room. A signal warrant study would have to be done to collect a little more data to see if the conditions can be met. Mr. Keller said from the initial study there are several warrants that may qualify for this light. Vice Mayor Borgelin said that a light would possibly help with the speed and turns at Tam O’Shanter, but reiterated that the main issue is left turns out of Mr. Bill’s. Mr. Keller stated he did see many illegal turns at Mr. Bill’s and one option may be to put a diverter in that driveway so that people would have to make a right in, and a right out. Even with that change, Mr. Keller said you would have to do something about the traffic control because of the speeds on 81st Avenue. Mr. Krawczyk reported that the big picture is Tam O’Shanter and in the meantime they will look at designing some sort of divider from the sidewalk to the roadway. Mayor Ziade asked for a realistic time frame to implement a solution. Mr. Krawczyk replied it could be several months as it requires design, review and approval of the County, permitting, bidding and/or construction time. Vice Mayor Borgelin asked about if 81st could be widened. Mr. Krawczyk commented that is for a bigger picture regarding that C-Slip grant which includes paths and bike lanes and the bigger graphic for that would be from right-of-way to right-of-way. City Manager Bhatty commented that the sidewalks have to be made wider also, for the ADA requirements factored in. She further commented that although the County will approve the permits for a light, funding needs to be found as the cost of a signal light is about $250,000. Vice Mayor Borgelin also commented that there is a lot of tree canopy between Mr. Bill’s and Valero and too many people hang out there. Mr. Krawczyk said they can work with Code and BSO to see if something can be done about that.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

   a. Upcoming Events
      • Fourth of July Fun Run/Walk on Thursday, July 4 – 8:00 am
      • Free Pool Admission July 4, 6 and 7 – 10:00 am-5:00 pm

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

   a. Florida League of Mayors Membership
City Clerk Vancheri sought Commission’s consideration and approval to reinstate membership with the Florida League of Mayors and to pay the invoice for annual membership in the amount of $1,103.00. Commissioner Moyle made that motion which was seconded by Commissioner Wood. Clerk polled Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

   b. Ceremonial Request for Letter of Honor
Commissioner Wood stated that at the last meeting he brought forth Ms. Jerleen Norey of Simply Inspired Dance Studio, located at 7930 W. McNab Road, and he advised that he would be presenting a letter of honor to her. Commission supported this in the form of a unanimous motion.
Commissioner Wood

- Gave thanks to the Fire Dept., BSO, City Administration and Departments for assisting with the Community Forum held on June 19th in District A. He also thanked the residents in the audience who also attended the Forum, and commented that it was a successful event and a lot of useful information was put out. He also encouraged successful forums in other Commission districts.
- Commented that Joshua’s Heart Foundation and Teleperformance had a successful event this past Saturday, with the help of Community Development Department, in providing foods and products useful to 200 families and looks forward to recognizing this group.
- Commented that to further discussions on safety and speeding, he just received a text about a four car accident at 64th and Kimberly Blvd this evening at the 4-way stop and hopes there were no serious injuries.
- Commented on a report from former Captain Chris McCoy in January 2019 regarding Law Enforcement Trust Fund purchases and asked when would they be purchased. He especially inquired about the license plate reader. Lt. Lupo said the readers have been purchased and received but they need to be hooked up to laptop computers and requires training. They are mobile units in that they are on trailers. He reported that all the LETF purchases have been received.
- Commented he attended the unveiling of the wing at the Courthouse in honor of Judge Reddick, the first African American Judge in Broward County on June 19th and also made some comments on the meaning of Juneteenth as a second day of freedom of the slaves in Texas who found out and it is a day of service.

Commissioner Borgelin

- Thanked to Administration and Staff for the success of his Community Forum in Silver Lakes Community on June 15th in District D.
- Sought consensus to recognize Colin Wanless of Joshua’s Heart at the next Commission meeting for a “Making a Difference Community Service Award” and commented that the Teleperformance event benefited 200 families. Consensus was given.
- Sought consensus to recognize Kenneth Palladino, a Home Depot employee, for his many years of Community Service, at the next Commission meeting. Consensus was given through a motion made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Moyle. All in favor.
- Commented that he attended a “Juneteenth” event on June 19th in Broward County which was a freedom day and leadership event.
- Commented that he also attended the Teleperformance event on June 20th.
- Commented that the residents appreciated the Fire Dept. giving away the smoke detectors at the Community Forum.
- Commented that residents commented about rats in North Lauderdale.
- Commented that he visited Waste Management’s Recycling Facility which was an eye-opening education to see the process.

Mayor Ziade

- Commented that she attended Representative Anika Omphroy’s Community Forum this past weekend regarding informative legislative issues in Tallahassee and stated it was a great turnout of elected officials and residents. Other forums will be held and sub-committees will be formed going forward.
11. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Goren reminded the Commission of the BLC Ethics Workshop on the coming Friday where they can earn their required credits. He said he, Jacob Horowitz and Quentin Morgan from his law firm are moderators, as well as Attorneys Jamie Cole and Robert Meyers and it should be a good workshop.

12. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Vancheri, MMC
City Clerk