

City of Lauderhill

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 11, 2019

7:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

***Mayor Ken Thurston
Vice Mayor M. Margaret Bates
Commissioner Howard Berger
Commissioner Richard Campbell
Commissioner Denise D. Grant***

***Charles Faranda, City Manager
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk
Earl Hall, City Attorney***

I CALL TO ORDER**II COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AND RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE TIME PERMITS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION)****III ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 7:30 PM)****I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Thurston called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:12 PM.

II ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Howard Berger, Commissioner Richard Campbell, Commissioner Denise D. Grant, Vice Mayor Margaret Bates, and Mayor Kenneth Thurston

ALSO PRESENT:

*Charles Faranda, City Manager
Earl Hall, City Attorney
Constance Stanley, Police Chief
Marc Celetti, Fire Chief
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk*

III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY GOOD AND WELFARE

A. A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ONE YEAR AGO AT MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

HOUSEKEEPING

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to ACCEPT the Final-Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for February 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Thurston

Abstain: 0

IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, that this Consent Agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Thurston

Abstain: 0

V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the City Commission for January 28, 2019.

Attachments: [January 28, 2019 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

VI PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

- A. A COMMENDATION TO CELIA CONTI, ADOPT-A-BIKE FOUNDATION CEO, FOR HER ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT TO THE LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER CHARLES FARANDA).

VII SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. A SPONSORSHIP PRESENTATION BY JIM & SHARON GORANT OF PRESTIGE AUTO WASH TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TASKFORCE COMMITTEE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR M. MARGARET BATES).

VIII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

IX ORDINANCES & PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST READING (NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA) (AS ADVERTISED IN THE SUN-SENTINEL)

XI RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-02-28: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND LAUDERHILL MARKETPLACE, LLC REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF STATE ROAD 7 AND SUNRISE BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-02-28-Agrmt-MOA-Lauderhill Marketplace LLC.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-02-28](#)
[MOU-Lauderhill Marketplace signed.pdf](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

2. REMOVED

3. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-02-30: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN GARY MONROE AND THE

CITY OF LAUDERHILL; APPROVING PAYMENT BY THE CITY TO RESOLVE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM IN THE TOTAL WASHOUT SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$437,500.00 INCLUSIVE OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS AND BENEFITS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-02-30-SETT-Gary Monroe.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-02-30](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

4. REMOVED

5. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-02-32: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD FOR THE TERMS INDICATED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-02-32-Brd-GE Pension Comm as a Whole appt.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-02-32](#)

[General Employees Pension Board List](#)

[Paul Shelton Reappointment Correspondence](#)

[Alfreda Coward Reappointment Correspondence](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

6. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-02-33: RESOLUTION APPROVING 2017 JAG GRANT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, SUB-RECEIPT AGREEMENT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attachments: [RES-19R-02-33-GRANT-JAG-LOCAL SOLICITATION 2017.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-02-33](#)

[2017 JAG MOU.pdf](#)

[Sub-recipient 2017 Jag Grant.pdf](#)

[JAG 2017 CEO Certification.pdf](#)

[JAG 2017 Chief Legal Officer Certification.pdf](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

7. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-02-34: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING THE PIGGYBACK OF

THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FOR BUILDING DIVISION PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY C.A.P. GOVERNMENT, INC., ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, EFFECTIVE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 16, 2019; PROVIDING THAT THERE IS ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR OPTION TO RENEW REMAINING; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT AS NECESSARY FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 001-212-03110; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-02-34-Piggy-CAP-Building inspection services.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-02-34](#)

[C.A.P GOV CONTRACT \(Fort Lauderdale\)](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

8. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-02-35: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE DISTRICT FOUR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPROVE ROADWAYS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OWNED BY ANOTHER ENTITY BUT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL UNDER THE FINANCIAL PROJECT ID 429569-5-52-01; FURTHER EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO TAKE OVER MAINTENANCE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUEST BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-02-35-FDOT Road Improvements 2019.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-02-35](#)

[HMMOA City of Lauderhill \(FM 429569-5-52-01\)](#)

[FDOT 42956955201 - Roadway Constructability Plans](#)

[FDOT 42956955201 - Signing & Marking Constructability Plans](#)

[NW 55th AVE Sketch](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

XII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

XIV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING

XV UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XVI OLD BUSINESS**XVII NEW BUSINESS****XVIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AT 9:00 PM, OR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR. IF AN ITEM OF LEGISLATION IS BEING DISCUSSED AT 9:00 PM, THE CHAIR MAY DELAY THESE COMMUNICATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE ITEM OF LEGISLATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED.**

Commissioner Campbell stated on the previous Thursday he visited Lauderhill 6-12, where several presentations were made to some of the students, and in recalling his experience of many years as a teacher in the classroom, what he observed at Lauderhill 6-12 was a first-time experience for him. In a packed room, the school principal asked how many students had a 4.0 grade point average (GPA), and almost all the students present raised their hands. He found this very impressive and extended an invitation to the principal and students to come to City Hall. This was in keeping with his observation that too often no one spoke of the very positive happenings in the community, while constantly highlighting the negative happenings, particularly by the media. Commissioner Campbell hoped everyone would join him in spreading the word about the great achievements of the Lauderhill 6-12 students, adding that he became aware that the school had a 100 percent graduation rate for the past two years. There were many exciting things taking place at the school, and though these were known in the Lauderhill community, it was time to take steps make them more widely known. He stated whenever he had a chance, he would make sure to use the dais' podium to inform anyone listening about such positive happenings.

Vice Mayor Bates said, as the chairperson of the MLK Task Force for the past 19 years, she wished to thank the City of Lauderhill staff for doing such an awesome job arranging the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations every year. There were various phases: the elementary school the Spelling Bee competition that involved grades three to five; the Brain Bowl involving middle school grades; and the adult event, a night of music at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC). She said the Spelling Bee competition was awesome, with the third graders prevailing after going 24 rounds. The City staff, teachers and parents did a wonderful job taking care of the 100 plus students from 17 different schools who participated. She noted the Brain Bowl was televised by the School Board's television station, Beacon, and students from six schools participated, as they too were truly awesome; McNicol Middle School was the champion. Vice Mayor Bates sent a special thanks to co-sponsor Hall & Rosenberg for their continued support of the Brain Bowl. Regarding the adult celebration event at the LPAC, her slogan for the 2019 event was "When we party, we party hearty. When we boogie, we boogie woogie." This was what all concert attendees would be doing the coming Saturday night at the LPAC starting at 7:00 p.m. The guest artists were Deniece Williams and Howard Hewitt, along with the Old School Gang. She invited everyone to come out, relax, and have an enjoyable evening, adding that tickets were on sale starting at \$35.00 and could be purchased at the LPAC or from Task Force members. For those wishing to purchase VIP tickets that included the meet and greet portion of the event, the tickets were \$90.00. She thanked the sponsors for their continued sponsorship, noting many of them had been supporting Lauderhill's MLK annual programs since their inception, and without their help, it would be difficult to afford putting on the programs.

Commissioner Berger remarked that on Friday, February 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m., the Caribbean Culinary Museum and Theater event would take place at the Lauderhill Museum, 1080 NW 47th Avenue. The event would be a grand opening of a month-long, family-friendly exhibition, exploring the food histories of the Caribbean region with the aid of informative graphics, historical facts and dramatic video. He noted in the museum section of the exhibition, visitors would learn how Caribbean islands were connected by flavor profiles, feel a sense of nostalgia when learning about the culinary artifacts that served past generations, and how similar utensils and tools were used from one island to the next. In the culinary theater, visitors would see actors representing the islands of the Caribbean, delivering dramatic presentations of the meaning behind the shared culinary cultures. Commissioner Berger announced that on Sunday, February 17, 2019, everyone was invited to the Lauderhill Regional Chamber of Commerce's SoLa Rum, Food & Wine Festival that would be held outside of the LPAC. The event would showcase wine, rum and food pairings in an outdoor environment; and the tickets were sold by Eventbrite: general admission was \$45.00, and VIP tickets were \$100 for one person and \$180 for a couple. The proceeds would benefit the Chamber's foundation that supported culture in central Broward.

Commissioner Grant reminded everyone that on Thursday, March 7, 2019, the S.A.K.E. Awards would take place at 7:00 p.m. at the LPAC, where student athletes who excelled both in sports and academics would be recognized. The coaches and volunteers who helped the young participants in their high achievement pursuits would be recognized as well. She said the event was free, and everyone was encouraged to attend, as this would be the 11th annual awards, an event founded by former Commissioner Benson, so she hoped everyone would attend to show their support to assure him the event would be continued. She thanked Mayor Thurston for the proclamation given to Lauderhill resident Garth Reeves, who would celebrate his 100th birthday on February 12, 2019. Mr. Reeves was one of the founders of the publication, Miami Times, and though he was now retired, he remained fit, walking regularly to stay strong and hearty. Commissioner Grant attended Mr. Reeves' birthday party in Miami on Sunday, February 10, 2019, and she felt honored to be among those persons celebrating his birthday, adding that she presented Mr. Reeves' with the proclamation from the City of Lauderhill.

City Manager Faranda noted City staff held periodic meetings with principals of Lauderhill schools' and those of other schools which Lauderhill students attended, at which they discussed issues important to the schools and the City. He wished to convey some of the positive news that Commissioner Campbell spoke of, stating the schools had high praise for the school resource officers (SRO) that worked inside the schools, specifically their willingness to be open and cooperative when interfacing with students. One of the longtime principals who served several different schools said Lauderhill had the best team of SROs he ever encountered. He wished the message to go out to the public that there were very positive things the City's Police Department was doing every day, though sometimes only a few witnessed them taking place; he thanked them for the job they did.

Mayor Thurston mentioned the previous week he did the State of City Address, thanking the Chamber for their marketing efforts and encouraging people to support them; he commended the City staff that helped pull the event together, as he thought it was a successful address. On Sunday, February 10, 2019, another successful Jazz Picnic in the Park event took place at the Ilene Lieberman Botanical Gardens from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He thanked two Public Works employees, David and James, for the tremendous job they did in making certain event attendees had a good time and had all of their needs taken care of.

XIX ADJOURNMENT - 7:40 PM

