

City of Lauderhill

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, November 26, 2018

7:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

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

I CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 PM**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 7:01 PM.

II ROLL CALL

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

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

A. A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOE EGELLETON (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

IV ELECTION**A. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Berger restated his position that a new Commission member should serve at least one term before being nominated to serve as vice mayor on the City Commission to allow them time to become acclimated to serving on the Commission. He nominated Commissioner Bates for the position of Vice Mayor.

Mayor Thurston closed the nominations for Vice Mayor upon receiving no further nominations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berger, seconded by Mayor Thurston, to appoint Commissioner Margaret Bates as Vice Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

HOUSEKEEPING

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Commissioner Grant, to ACCEPT the Final-Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for November 26, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

V 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

VI APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the City Commission for October 29, 2018

Attachments: [October 29, 2018 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

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

VII PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

A. A PROCLAMATION HONORING JULIET MURPHY ROULHAC FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF LAUDERHILL (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD BERGER).

VIII SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

IX GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-11-149: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8, ELECTIONS, SECTION 8.5, FILING FEES; PROVIDING THE METHOD FOR CALCULATION OF THE ELECTION ASSESSMENT FEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [ORD-18O-11-149-Code-8-5-Election Fee Assessments.pdf](#)

[AR 18O-11-149](#)

[99.092 FS Qualifying Fee.pdf](#)

[99.093 FS Municipal Candidates.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on December 10, 2018. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

2. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-11-150: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING

MODIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MANAGERIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL PAY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC COST OF LIVING INCREASES; RESCINDING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 100-09-163; REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 18R-10-259; ADDING THE CITY COMMISSION TO THE PAY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [ORD-18O-11-150-Ord-Confidential-Managerial Pay Plan Modifications 2018.pdf](#)
[AR 18O-11-150](#)
[Managerial Confidential 11-2018corrected](#)
[ORD. 100-09-163 COMMISSION SALARY INCREASE CLAUSE TO FOREGO.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on December 10, 2018. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

3. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-11-151: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ROLL-FORWARD OF FUNDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$16,693,237.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 WHICH INCLUDES: A CITYWIDE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,832,025.00, A CDBG SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,307,927.00, AND A CAPITAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,553,285.00; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [ORD-18O-11-151-Budget Roll-Forward FY 2018.pdf](#)
[AR 18O-11-151](#)
[capital.pdf](#)
[cdbg.pdf](#)
[roll over.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on December 10, 2018. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

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

XII RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

4. REMOVED

6. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-262: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF

LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM FICE DESIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,645.00 FOR THE REVISED SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS INDICATED IN THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL REGARDING FIRE STATION 110; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 190-611-03110; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-262-Proposal-FICE Design-Firestation 110.pdf](#)

[AR 18R-11-262](#)

[FICE.pdf](#)

Commissioner Campbell mentioned asking staff questions regarding the subject resolution, stating his discomfort with understanding that the residential community adjacent to the subject plant, as well as to the City's fire station had been complaining for a long time about the effects of the operations of the machinery on their property. His understanding was that there was an assessment done on the company, in which they indicated that their practice with the machinery had no effect on the fire station. However, there had been several resident complaints that the practices damaged their property, such as cracking walls, items falling off walls, and equipment within their homes being damaged. If the City Commission proceeded, it would likely reduce the chance of residents being able to state their case.

Mayor Thurston surmised Commissioner Campbell was referencing the fire station on NW 31st Avenue.

Commissioner Campbell answered yes.

City Attorney Hall remarked that the City, too, was a victim of the damage caused by the operations of the subject machinery, and the City sought to hire an expert to confirm and verify the machinery was causing damage to City property. He suspected that if the City's analysis and report revealed damage was being caused to City property by the subject machinery, it was likely that residents could piggyback on the City's analysis, as evidence of a causal relationship between the machinery operations and the damage to their property.

City Manager Faranda added that the City's fire station experienced some structural damage, but no cause and effect had been established to date, though staff believed there was correlation in the community. City staff was asking to hire an engineering firm to assess the construction of the fire station building, as no determination had been made if there was any error in the building's construction, or if the damage observed was due to machinery operating in the area. The fire station, like the surrounding homes, experienced similar events, such as shaking of the building, but staff was unaware if the cracks observed predated the machinery's operation. He preferred to use a process of elimination to get to a conclusion as to cause and effect of the damage at the fire station. Mr. Faranda commented his staff had taken steps to ensure the machinery no longer operated, as they felt it should not be there and was a nuisance to the community. If it was found, based on the engineer's study and results in assessing the damage that the machinery operating in the area caused the damage to the fire station's building, the City would take the matter a step further with legal matters and other avenues to ensure the City was made whole, and the community was enriched by such findings where needed. He reiterated the City experienced similar issues that the community complained about in the same time period, the most concerning being the damage

taking place at some of the City's schools. He was of the opinion that the machinery was operating illegally; so they were instructed by the City to cease and desist, and they had not operated the machinery since. The City would take part in making sure that corrective actions were taken for the affected community's benefit.

Commissioner Campbell asked if the City's direction to cease and desist operation of the machinery a temporary one.

City Manager Faranda was unaware of the legal actions the company might take to try to reinstate the operation of their equipment, and he heard rumblings that the company felt they had the right to do so. He consulted with experts in the City's Building and Fire Departments, and they felt the operation of such machinery should not be allowed at its current location. The City's fire inspectors witnessed, while the subject machinery was in operation, particulate matter falling from the sky onto the playground of a nearby school. Under that premise, he instructed staff to immediately shut down the machinery's operation as a public safety hazard, and he would not waver from this position until some court order forced him to do so.

City Attorney Hall added that the current use for which the subject area was zoned did not allow the operation of such machinery. Staff and he met with the machinery owners the previous week and advised them that their operations were shut down indefinitely.

Commissioner Campbell questioned if any present decision made by the City Commission would encourage them to move.

City Attorney Hall answered no, and this was not the intent of the subject resolution.

Commissioner Bates wished to confirm the firm the City was hiring would determine whether the machinery was the source of the damage to the City's fire station.

City Manager Faranda hoped the engineers would find the cause and effect of the damage City staff observed at the fire station.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Commissioner Berger, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 7. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-263: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CERTIFIED RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD, BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-263-Election Results Nov. 2018.pdf](#)

[AR 18R-11-263](#)

[Lauderhill - Signed Election Results](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO: 18R-11-264: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING TWO (2) QUIT CLAIM DEEDS FROM BROWARD COUNTY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-264-Quit Claim Deeds from County to City.pdf](#)

[AR 18R-11-264](#)

[County Res 2018-446.pdf](#)

[QuitClaim-4941-35-01-0041.pdf](#)

[QuitClaim-4941-35-01-0040.pdf](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-265: A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS; APPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ESRI) SMALL MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT (EA) TO OBTAIN UNLIMITED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) LICENSES AND NUMEROUS VALUABLE MAPPING AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS TOOLS FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY PAYMENTS FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBERS INDICATED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-265--Agrmt-GIS-Sole Source Agrmt .pdf](#)

[AR 18R-11-265](#)

[1 EA.20537957-Oct30-18\(9 41 29pm\).pdf](#)

[2 SS Ltr for City of Lauderhill.pdf](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-266: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER IN THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND FAVORABLE MANNER PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 2-143; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-266-surplus property transfer.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-266](#)
[Surplus-City Owned parcels to transfer to CRA.pdf](#)

Commissioner Berger asked if the subject resolution was a part of the City's plan to build single family housing in Canon Point, once the City gained ownership of the property.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Kennie Hobbs answered yes. In previous presentations, staff sent out a bid for an architect to design some homes, and for those designs to be brought before the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board for consideration, the ultimate goal was to develop the land into single family housing.

Commissioner Berger wished to know, once the process was concluded with the ten sites, how would that change the base of Canon Point with respect to what else needed to be done to finalize these matters.

Mr. Hobbs responded a number of things would take place. For example, many years ago the amortization of the overlay was removed, so some of the current activities that were approved in the past were no longer allowed. He said in addition to the properties the City owned, he believed the City's Housing Authority owned about four properties, and the hope was that those sites would be developed as single family homes. General obligation (GO) bond dollars were set aside to replace the wall along 56th Avenue.

Commissioner Berger questioned if any assisted living facilities (ALF) remained in the Canon Point area.

City Attorney Hall believed two ALFs remained, but they were deemed nonconforming uses, so if they closed, neither they nor any future occupants could open an ALF.

Mayor Thurston questioned how the City accumulated the subject land.

Mr. Hobbs replied, over the years, the City purchased the land, recently purchasing eight quadplexes, and about five or six years ago, as part of NSP program, dollars were awarded to the City and used to acquire two of the properties.

Mayor Thurston asked what was the benefit of assigning property to the CRA, as opposed to the City, to build houses.

Mr. Hobbs pointed out that the City was not in the business of building houses, and consistent with what the City had done in the past regarding its Housing Authority, the CRA was in the business of redevelopment. One of the things the CRA did was the development of homes, allowing the City to operate more efficiently, execute grant applications, and coordinate with the Broward County Housing Authority; staff reached out to the latter and scheduled a meeting with them in the coming week to discuss the opportunities that the Housing Finance Authority had, so as to provide additional dollars to the project and the participants, qualifying them for the purchase of the homes.

City Attorney Hall remarked the subject item was simply a decision by the Commission to decide that the property was actually surplus and not needed to meet the City's immediate needs. Subsequently, the Commission would see the property transferred from the City to the CRA.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Commissioner Berger, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

11. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-267: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE JOB POSITION OF BOX OFFICER MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF BOX OFFICER MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-267-JOB-creation-Box Officer Manager.pdf](#)

[AR 18R-11-267](#)

[Box Office Manager 2018.pdf](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-268: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE JOB POSITION OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-268-JOB-creation-Regulatory Compliance Cord.pdf](#)

[AR 18R-11-268](#)

[Regulatory Compliance Coordinator.pdf](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-269: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE PROPOSAL (P18253R1) FROM SALTZ MICHELSON ARCHITECTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,500.00 FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR DESIGN CRITERIA DRAWINGS FOR A DESIGN BUILD PROJECT TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAYE JENKINS PARK; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 307-333-3110 UTILIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-269-Proposal-Saltz West -Maye Jenkins Park GO Bond Impr.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-269](#)
[2018-11-09 Revised contract to Charles Faranda \(002\).pdf](#)

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

14. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-270: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - PUBLIC WORKS; APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-270-JOB-creation-Asst. Director - Public Works.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-270](#)
[Assistant Director - Public Works 2018.pdf](#)

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

15. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-271: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE EXISTING POSITION OF BILLING & INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR; CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE POSITION TO BILLING COORDINATOR AS WELL AS MAKING OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-271-JOB-modification-Billing Coordinator.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-271](#)
[Billing Coordinator 2018.pdf](#)

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

16. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-272: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE EXISTING POSITION OF UTILITY BILLING SUPERVISOR; CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE POSITION TO CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR AS WELL AS MAKING OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-272-JOB-modification-Utility Billing Supervisor.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-272](#)
[Customer Service Supervisor \(004\)](#)

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

- 16A.** RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-275: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL OPPOSING VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWISH COMMUNITIES; REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT THE DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT; PROVING THAT ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST ACT TO STRENGTHEN LAWS TO ADDRESS HATRED AND BIGOTRY BASED ON RACE AND RELIGION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR, HOWARD BERGER).

Attachments: [FINAL RES-18R-11-275-oppose violence against jews.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-275](#)
[History of Attacks against Jews.pdf](#)
[S-2148.pdf](#)

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

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

- 16B.** RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-273: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO ACADEMIC SOLUTIONS ACADEMY, INC., AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT BUILDING HOPE PARKSIDE FOUNDATION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT AN EDUCATION, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY, CHARTER AND PRIVATE SCHOOL USE, FOR A SECONDARY CHARTER SCHOOL AT THE SITE OF 5 ABUTTING UNDEVELOPED LOTS, WITH A COMBINED 3.3 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE APPROXIMATE 6600 BLOCK OF W. COMMERCIAL BLVD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AND IDENTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING FOLIO NUMBERS; 494115140240, 494115140250, 494115140260, 494115140270, AND 494115140280; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-273-Special X - Academic Solutions-School.pdf](#)

[AR 18R-11-273](#)

[DRR \(18-SE-0016\) FINAL-Academic Solutions Adademy Inc.pdf](#)

[SEU Conditions Affidavit Building Hope Parkside Foundation on behalf of Academic Solutions Academy, Inc. \(18-SE-016\).pdf](#)

[ASA Org Chart \(2\).pdf](#)

[ASA 5 year projection.pdf](#)

[ASA Charter High School - Presentation](#)

Mayor Thurston collectively swore in all persons wishing to testify on agenda item 16B.

Community Development Manager Zach Davis-Walker presented the subject resolution, as set forth in the backup.

Mayor Thurston asked how far away the crosswalk would be from where the school would be constructed.

Mr. Davis-Walker replied, from the nearest bus stop on the north side, not factoring in the south side of the street, the distance was about 870 feet away.

Mayor Thurston sought confirmation the bus would drop the children off on Commercial Boulevard, after which they would have to walk across the road.

Mr. Davis-Walker commented the City had uses similar to the subject one, such as the charter school, and they caused quite a strain on City staff, particularly the police officers, as students unlawfully crossed the road on University Drive, creating safety risks to commuters and pedestrians alike. He mentioned police staff had an overwhelming number of calls for service from businesses in the area around Piper High School for students congregating on their premises and being disruptive.

Commissioner Grant stated staff indicated the hours of operation would be 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Davis-Walker affirmed there would be two shifts: the morning group ended classes at 12:00 p.m., with an hour break before the second shift, at 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Bates asked for a presentation from the applicant.

Debbie Orshefsky, the applicant's representative, introduced the project team members present and reviewed the subject resolution, as detailed in the backup, highlighting the following:

- Academic Solutions Academy (ASA) once operated the same facility in Sunrise for close to six years, and in that time, and they experienced none of the many concerns raised by City staff
- ASA's goal was to provide educational opportunities for high school students where the typical public school system failed them
- The ASA in Sunrise was located at the Sunrise Jewish Center on Pine Island Road, and it was the same size, a similar configuration, and with similar traffic volumes and patterns as the proposed facility on Commercial Boulevard
- ASA managed and controlled student traffic for six years without the incident

Board of Directors Vice Chair Mike Aitcheson continued the presentation, highlighting the

following:

- He had been a part of ASA from the beginning
- ASA was a public charter school sponsored by the Broward County School District
- ASA opened in Sunrise in school year 2013/2014, and offered an excellent education to high school students from grades nine to 12; they offered credit retrieval through blended learning process
- The blended learning process was comprised of computer-based instruction and direct instruction that allowed students to work in a self-paced environment
- All ASA students had access to technology or instruction, increasing their opportunity to graduate from high school
- ASA received its accreditation in the 2014/2015 school year, and they were proud to be so recognized by AdvanceED as meeting high quality education standards
- ASA had been in operation for some six years, located specifically at 4099 N Pine Island Road, Sunrise, Florida
- In the 2018/2019 school year, the building was purchased by another entity and, subsequently, ASA was compelled to temporarily relocate their students to 2000 W Commercial Boulevard, Suite 132, in Fort Lauderdale
- ASA currently operated two public charter high schools in Broward County
- The basic learning environment was classroom based, with 25 desktop or laptop computers in each classroom; it included whole class instruction, small group instruction, cooperative learning, and one-on-one instruction
- Students moved from class to class every hour on the hour when the bell rang, per the student schedule
- Each class covered a core academic year, including: English, math, science, social studies, and other elective classes
- Classes met five times a week for a total of 25 hours per week, following the Broward County Public Schools academic calendar
- A school day consisted of five periods, and students were required to take a minimum of five courses per day
- The morning shift began at 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and the afternoon shift was from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The school administration spent the summer creating a master schedule that spoke to the needs of individual students, and master schedule courses were created by needs, so students were placed in classes based on what they needed to fulfill their graduation requirements
- The school utilized several State-approved computer-based curriculum to help students graduate high school, such as Pearson GradPoint, Hobsons Naviance, Pearson PowerSchool, PowerTeacher, National Geographic Edge, READ 180, and REWARDS Reading, and several combination of these methodologies would be used to prepare students for success
- In the 2017/2018 school year, the school received a C for commendable at both locations, which was the highest mark a school could receive under the School Improvement (SI) Honor System
- ASA implemented academic strategies to become successful in obtaining this goal, and in order to qualify for highest level of Commendable, the school had to test 90 percent of its students, and show significant student academic gains
- ASA gained an increase in its graduation rate each year since the first graduating class in the year 2013/2014 school year, graduating 98 students in the last academic year, and many of the graduates received a multitude of scholarships valued at over \$300,000.00, and last year, for the second consecutive year, the valedictorian received a full scholarship to attend Nova Southeastern University
- One hundred percent of all ASA graduates were in postsecondary institutions, technical schools, or military programs, working towards achieving their career goals

- ASA awarded its own scholarships to further facilitate graduates' with the ability to attend local colleges
- Other areas mentioned included: registration and orientation, which were attended by both parents and students, with the latter required to sign a document to indicate they understood and would abide by the school's rules, code of conduct and expectations
- ASA deemed student, staff and visitor safety and security a daily priority, and in an effort to maintain a high level of safety proficiency, they implemented procedures to keep the learning environment safe and secure, allowing staff to focus on the needs of the students they served; a private security company had been hired to provide security services at the schools, and all visitors, including family members and volunteers coming through the school's entrance had to go through security and sign in at the front desk; all building exterior doors were kept locked, and the front door entrance remained locked throughout the day, with entry and exit made possible by security guards; staff members were posted around the exterior of the building during arrival and dismissal times; staff members monitored the bus stops and accompanied students to the bus stops at dismissal; upon entry to the school, students were searched and required to turn in their cell phones that were returned at the end of the academic session at dismissal; students were not allowed to bring backpacks on campus, and all students were required to leave campus at dismissal and not loiter around the campus or nearby local businesses; students were not allowed reentry to the school after dismissal; surveillance cameras were posted in all classrooms and the exterior at the campus, and the cameras recorded daily campus activities and stored the information for a 30-day period and were constantly monitored.

Ms. Orshefsky resumed her presentation, focusing on the site plan and highlighting the following:

- The site plan of the proposed facility sought to relocate as much as the existing vegetation in the landscaping as much as possible
- The building was oriented so that the front entrance faced Commercial Boulevard, with the structure pulled as close to that roadway as possible, while maintaining the necessary circulation, visitor parking, and any activity towards the front in an effort to be sensitive to the residential uses
- The landscape buffer on the south side of the building along the back of the school was 58 feet deep; and they hoped the majority of that landscaping would be composed of the native vegetation currently on the site
- At the south end, there was a proposed site wall, as the City's code required an eight-foot wall five feet off the boundary line, and the applicant agreed with City staff that a good idea would be to move the wall to the property line, as there were some existing fences on the south property line, and the five-foot separation would create a type of no-man zone, so it would be better to put the buffering, etc. to the north side of the wall, while allowing the south property line to remain unobstructed, yet secure from any kind of intrusion to the south
- Regarding the interior, there would be a controlled entry next to the administrative building; a fully enclosed gymnasium, and there was no exterior activity area within the site; there would be a culinary training area with a kitchen that provided no regular food service, but would allow the school, its parents and students food service facilities they could use when hosting a special event
- Classrooms had a typical set up, an open hallway area, and the school was designed to serve 350 students per shift.

Vice Mayor Bates sought confirmation the proposed building would be near the Children Services building.

Ms. Orshefsky answered yes.

Vice Mayor Bates questioned if there was a pathway from the Children Services building to the proposed building.

Ms. Orshefsky believed the Children Services building was located to the south side of Commercial Boulevard, just east of the proposed school site, and there was an existing sidewalk there.

Vice Mayor Bates wished to know if there was a dedicated drop off facilities for students other than that for public transportation.

Ms. Orshefsky indicated there was a drop off location.

Vice Mayor Bates expressed concern that the students would disembark from buses on Commercial Boulevard, then had to cross the roadway to get to the school.

Ms. Orshefsky resumed her presentation, elaborating on the school's plan for students' arrival at the school, highlighting the following:

- A rendering illustrated a modern, contemporary building that included a drop off area, but the expectation of the school's student body was that they would mostly use public transportation, as they tended to be over 16 years of age.*

Vice Mayor Bates asked if the school in Sunrise was still operating.

Ms. Orshefsky replied the Sunrise school was in operation until last June, when it closed and relocated temporarily to a school site on Commercial Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale, specifically inside City College.

Andrew Kinlock, school principal, indicated ASA was co-locating two locations within the City College building due to their having to leave the Sunrise site at the Jewish Center. They were now located at 2000 W Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale.

Ms. Orshefsky explained that ASA school began operating at the All Sunrise Jewish Center in 2013/2014 for almost five years, and they lost their lease last May and moved out in June to the present City College location on W Commercial Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale, where they would remain until the proposed school was completed, which they hoped to do by August 2019. She addressed questions regarding the public bus transportation and students, directing the Commission's attention to condition number five in the City staff report, adding that the applicant had agreed to satisfy all the staff conditions stated in the backup, with the exception of a few words in one condition, and one condition in another related the financing of the project not its operations. Condition five required the applicant, before gaining site plan approval, had to submit a transit rider management plan; that is, a plan to address all the concerns expressed by the City Commission and staff. The concern was how the children got to the school, and the 1,400-foot distance from the school to the easterly bus stop on the north side of Commercial Boulevard was not unusual for today's students. She mentioned at the Sunrise location, the students walked 900 to 1,000 feet from the school to the bus stop, and they had school staff escorted these students to the bus stops and monitored the bus stops at the times of arrival and dismissal to ensure the students were getting to the bus stops safely. She and Mr. Kinlock determined that ASA's student population required that the school's administration have a management plan in place to deal with each aspect of their school day, giving students direction on how to walk from the bus

stop to the school and back, as well as proper behavior in the classroom. She stressed that ASA attended to such issues and they had the staff to execute actions deemed necessary, and they wished to work with City staff to devise a management plan that included appropriate staffing, and there were crosswalks and traffic signals at the intersection of 64th and Commercial Boulevard, so the applicant believed they had the physical plan in place, and possessed the ability to carry it out, as their track record at the Sunrise location, and the existing temporary site illustrated.

Vice Mayor Bates wished to confirm that the reason ASA left its Sunrise location was due to them losing their lease at the Sunrise Jewish Center.

Ms. Orshefsky replied the Sunrise Jewish Center was sold to the adjacent property owner, and ASA tried for about six months to negotiate a lease with the new owners, but the plan was to demolish the building to become a parking lot for a new residential development just to the north of the site.

Vice Mayor Bates questioned if there were any issues at the school at the Sunrise location, specifically with regard to the need for police and fire services.

Ms. Orshefsky answered no.

Vice Mayor Bates explained her concerns were based on issues the City had with charter schools in Lauderhill, where there were issues of students loitering and requiring police officers to respond to those scenes. Thus, she wanted to know if at the Sunrise location were there any complaints from area residents or businesses regarding student behavior.

Ms. Orshefsky said there were no such complaints, and the Sunrise location was surrounded by residential and business uses, similar to the proposed Lauderhill location. Due to ASA's level of management and monitoring, along with the staffing they were willing to put in place, they were successful in controlling such circumstances. She noted one of the specific final conditions in City staff's report was alerting ASA to the provisions of section 5.48.7 of the City code that basically stated if there were a significant number of complaints, school representatives would be required to come to the City to discuss the issues, and if ASA was unable to satisfy the City Commission's and staff's concerns, the development order they now sought approval for, if granted, would be revoked. She acknowledged the City had regulatory systems in place that would address any concerns that arose, and the ASA had a track record to be ahead of such concerns, so the City would not suffer them, and the school would avoid the risk of revocation. Ms. Orshefsky added the subject project was a huge investment of millions of dollars for the applicant, as this was a ground up construction of an almost 30,000 square foot building, and it would be financed; the financing was related to some of the requirements in the staff conditions.

Commissioner Grant sought additional information on the amount of staff ASA expected to hire for the 350 student body, including those appointed to ensure students arrived and left the school site safely each day.

Ms. Orshefsky indicated they were still working on completing their management plan, reiterating ASA was required by City staff condition five to submit a transit riders management plan and have it approved by staff before site plan approval could be granted. There were some ratios addressed by other school drop off programs, including a manual from the Broward County School Board that spoke to the amount of students per crossing guard, and the ASA project team was considering all such information to educate them in ensuring they had sufficient staff for the number of students they would

serve. She said they would not have 350 students from the first day, noting one of the items in the Commission's backup was how they would increase the student population; they would start with about 125 students, and over the course of about ten years, this number would be brought up to the school's maximum capacity of 350 students. Their management plan would include a ratio between the number of students and the number of staff needed to manage the transit riders.

Commissioner Campbell stated the issue regarding traffic was new to him, as he always assumed that it was the norm that those who were not able to drive or be driven to school had no other option but to take public transportation to and from school. He did not realize that in looking at a project such as the applicant's, it would be such a concern. In his commuting along Sunrise Boulevard, which he assumed was similar in traffic composition to Commercial Boulevard, he observed students of a charter school, a high school, and a middle school, constituting hundreds of students walking and crossing the roadway in a very orderly fashion. Thus, it was a reality that individuals who did not commute by car, did so by bus and, therefore, it was understandable that the City needed to make sure that the safety of students was facilitated as much as possible. He asked if it was ASA's experience that a significant number of their student body commuted via walking and public transportation than driving or being driven to school.

Mr. Kinlock replied, affirming it was correct to state that most of the school's students used the public bus transit system, and at their current location, at least five teachers, including him, were out there at arrival and dismissal times monitoring the students. It was the norm for theirs and most other schools.

Commissioner Campbell clarified that the present location was still Commercial Boulevard, though east of the proposed location in Lauderhill, and the school had been successful in monitoring the safe movement of their students taking public transportation to and from school.

Mr. Kinlock answered yes, with no problems.

Ms. Orshefsky continued her presentation, highlighting the following:

- The applicant found staff's concerns and conditions for approval acceptable with the exception of two points that were related to financeability
- Condition one dealt with restrictions on property owner as they related to the sale or transfer of the subject property for ASA, requiring them to come back to City staff and the Commission to redo their special exception; the applicant desired one revision to the condition related to the underlying language that in the event of a foreclosure where there would be a conveyance and transfer of ownership, and the lender need an assurance that the building could be used for the intended purpose if they ended up owning it. Lenders rarely came before a city commission seeking a special exception to allow the continued use of a building upon which they foreclosed, and unless this staff condition was modified, the applicant was unlikely to secure a loan to build the proposed building. The applicant was asking staff to consider enforcing other protections in the City's code that would allow the applicant other avenues of addressing issues the City might have with the future operations of ASA
- Condition eight posed a problem for the applicant, as it related to the special exception being for five years, as their financing term was for a 15-year minimum, and securing financing for 15 years would be difficult to procure if the applicant only secured a five-year special exception permit. The applicant would be happy to return repeatedly before the Commission to provide updates on their operations, as they wished to be an active part of the Lauderhill community, and serve as an asset to the City. The only way to get there

was to have conditions of approval that allowed them to go to their lenders and successfully secure a loan to build the school, which condition eight prevented them from doing

- The applicant asked the City Commission to direct staff amend condition one and delete condition eight; all other conditions for approval were acceptable to the applicant and would be willingly executed.

Mr. Davis-Walker sought to address two points made by Commissioner Campbell, specifically, the bus stops students would use along Commercial Boulevard when accessing the proposed school. One bus stop was situated directly across from the school, so staff was concerned with how students would be stopped from using the shorter route of running across the street, as opposed to walking to the designated crosswalk. The area elementary schools, Challenger and Millennium schools were not fronted on Commercial Boulevard, so their drop off and pickup student traffic were not involved with public transit. Regarding the conditions mentioned by Ms. Orshefsky, they were based on City ordinances, so regarding the revision and removal the applicant sought, City staff needed additional time to review possible solutions as to possible changes and liabilities to which the City could be exposed before such changes could be made.

Vice Mayor Bates questioned if the subject application had gone before the City's Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board as yet.

Mr. Davis-Walker answered no, explaining that if the special exception was approved by the Commission, the site plan moved to the P&Z Board for review and recommendation.

Vice Mayor Bates asked if ASA's status as a private, not-for-profit charter school, would mean the property would be removed from the City's tax roll.

City Attorney Hall replied, as indicated in the staff report, approving the location of the ASA school would remove the property from the City's tax roll.

Mr. Davis-Walker asked for a delay of six months to consider the proposed project, as City staff needed to speak with the City of Sunrise, and have the City's Police Department compile data. The distance to the nearest bus stop was 870 feet.

Commissioner Campbell expressed continued concern that there were two issues staff bringing to the Commission's attention, one being the issue of safety for the students, and the second was the financial effect of a non-profit use on the City's tax roll.

Mr. Davis-Walker concurred, stating the effect of a non-profit use on the City's tax roll was one of the factors considered in the City's code, factor D specifically, which referred to economic benefits and liabilities related to proposed use. While the subject use could benefit the City through the creation of jobs, staff's analysis showed that the loss of revenue due to the removal of the subject property from the City's tax roll outweighed the benefits, constituting nonconformance with the City's code requirements.

Commissioner Campbell remarked what he did not hear from staff was any possible proposal to address the issue of concern regarding students crossing Commercial Boulevard getting to and from school. He knew the location of bus stops could be shifted, and he hoped to hear some guidance from staff in terms of proposals of how best to deal with this issue regarding student safety on the roadway, considering it was not a new issue, but one that existed with other like uses elsewhere. Staff could research to see how such matters were dealt with in an effort to accommodate the

applicant's situation. He asked if the nearby Children Services was a non-profit facility.

Mr. Davis-Walker was not sure.

Vice Mayor Bates commented the Children Services facility was a non-profit.

Commissioner Campbell mentioned he was a school teacher for many years, and if the applicant came before the Commission for a special exception to set up a detention center, he would be disinclined to grant approval. However, as this was a school, he thought the City should be doing everything in its power to accommodate the young students who would be served by ASA to ensure the facility would have to move to an area so remote that students crossing the road to get to and from school was not an issue. If students used public transport, then the bus stops should be better placed to allow them to access public transport safely. He could not accept that such facilities should only be allowed where they could more conveniently access existing bus stops for public transport, as if the subject facility was built in an area where there was no public transport, and therefore, no issue with students crossing the road, then this raised a real concern for him.

Mr. Davis-Walker stated, per City code, the onus was on the applicant to provide a safety plan for the persons they would serve; though he appreciated Commissioner Campbell's soft spot for schools, as City staff, their focus had to also be on the area residents and businesses adjacent to the proposed use.

City Manager Faranda elaborated on the matters of discussion. Normally, when a special exception was done, staff had a signed affidavit with the materials they needed to make a recommendation to the City Commission on the project for consideration. He said staff had yet to receive a signed affidavit from the applicant with regard to the safety of the students, and due to the City's prior experiences with other Lauderhill charter schools that had similar transit challenges, it was a top priority that needed to be satisfactorily addressed before staff could recommend approval to the Commission. He reiterated Mr. Davis-Walker's request for additional time for City staff to research the matters based upon the comments made by the applicant as to their commitment to certain actions. He wished his staff to further explore how the applicant proposed to enforce commitments, and at the present time, staff had more questions than answers, and he recommended his staff be given sufficient time to vet some of the solutions proposed by the applicant to ensure they were accurate and doable. For example, the applicant stated there were no issues in Sunrise, and whilst he believed that was likely the case, the City's police chief and staff needed more time to confirm this was a true statement. Mr. Faranda preferred to err on the side of caution and have his staff fully vet all aspects of the proposed development. On the issue of the subject property being removed from the City's tax rolls if the proposed use were approved, Lauderhill did not have very much commercial property in the City to support a growing number of residential uses and residents in the City, so any such revenue loss affected the City, as business would go elsewhere. He acknowledged the City approved the Children Services use that was a nonprofit, and the City needed to look at such matters very comprehensively and determine how much nonprofit uses should be allowed in an area of the City designed for commercial uses. From his staff's rough estimates, the City was looking at \$500,000.00 to \$1 million of loss in tax revenue if the subject use were approved, and he acknowledged there were other ways for non-profits to share the cost for residents in that loss of revenue, but his staff and he needed more time to explore these matters.

Commissioner Grant asked if Chief Stanley would add to the subject presentation; to which she was told no.

Ms. Orshefsky indicated there were additional bus stops on the north side of Commercial Boulevard, which the applicant understood, and their staff would be monitoring the students' activities, so there would be no jaywalking. This would be included in their management plan, and until that management was completed and approved by City staff, the applicant could not secure site plan approval. She noted if the City Commission desired the applicant to bring the management plan before them for review, the applicant would need about a month or more to work with staff to complete the plan. The applicant was familiar with the special exception process, but if they lost six months while staff did their review and vetting, the subject project would fail to materialize, as the seller of the subject property would not hold the land out that long for the purchase, and they needed a full seven-month period in order to build the school and have it ready for operation in August 2019. She opined the management plan appeared to be the main issue of concern, and the applicant was willing to work to get it completed in a month or a little more, and the Commission could grant approval with the condition that the applicant present a completed management plan in that timeframe to the City Commission. On the financial aspect, Ms. Orshefsky commented that part of the reason Amazon went to New York and northern Virginia was that those areas had an incredibly educated workforce, and the ability to educate one's workforce began with getting a high school diploma. ASA had 98 graduates the previous school year that would not have gone on to get jobs or college in order to lead productive careers if they were not afforded the opportunities the ASA program provided to them. The economic benefits she asked the Commission to consider was that of creating of an educated workforce and what that meant to a vibrant economy.

Vice Mayor Bates suggested making a motion to table the subject item to allow City staff to do additional research and bring the matter back to the Commission.

Ms. Orshefsky wished to know when City staff would commence their research, as the applicant was concerned the project would be held in limbo indefinitely.

City Manager Faranda stated his staff and he would start vetting some of the questions they had, and working through the process beginning the morning of November 27, 2018. They would go through the process as quickly as possible, and work with the applicant to do that.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Mayor Thurston, that this Resolution be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Thurston

No: 1 - Commissioner Berger

Abstain: 0

17. RESOLUTION NO. 18R-11-274: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING TO LAUDERHILL MEDICAL CENTER, LLC., A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT AN OFFICE, MEDICAL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROVIDER-DOCTOR ON A 5.53± ACRE SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL A OF INVERRARY PLAZA SOUTH, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 99, PAGE

20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5514 W. OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-18R-11-274-Special X - Lauderdale Med Ctr Doctor.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-274](#)
[DRR Lauderhill Medical Center 10 2918 \(18 SE 017\).pdf](#)
[\(18 SEU 017\) Lauderhill Medical Center SEU Conditions Affidavit](#)

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

XIV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

XV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING

XVI UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XVII OLD BUSINESS

XVIII NEW BUSINESS

XIX 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.

City Attorney Hall congratulated Commissioners Campbell and Grant for their hard-fought victory in their election campaign, welcoming them to Lauderhill's City Commission. He again congratulated Mayor Thurston on his ascension to Lauderhill's Mayor.

Commissioner Campbell stated it would take some for him to adjust to the workings of the City Commission, but he looked forward to working with City staff and his fellow Commissioners, and doing good things for the City and its residents.

Vice Mayor Bates welcomed Commissioners Campbell and Grant to the City Commission. She reminded everyone that on the coming Wednesday night, the City would hold its holiday lighting ceremony starting at 5:00 p.m. Residents and their families were urged to come out to the event where there would be snow, along with food trucks selling food and drinks. On Sunday, December 2, 2018, there was a Jazz in the Park event at St. George Park, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She said these events were planned for the residents' enjoyment, so they should come out and support them.

Commissioner Grant congratulated Mayor Thurston and Commissioner Campbell, echoing encouragements for residents to bring their families to the City's tree lighting ceremony. She said it was an honor to serve on the City Commission, and she was excited and looked forward to working with City staff.

Commissioner Berger mentioned having an article in the City's newsletter, *Spotlight*, regarding the annoyance of unwanted robocalls, as this was something everyone was getting, and preferred not to get. He saw an article in the newspaper he wished to state some facts contained in that article:

- Area code 954 ranked near the top in the nation as receiving the most robocalls
- In September 4.4 billion robocalls were made, about 147 million per day, and more than 13 per person, but in Broward County, that number translated to 31 per person, more than twice the national average
- Atlanta's 404 area code ranked number one, followed by Dallas's 214
- Many of the robocalls were related to sales and were illegal if they were not given written permission to call

Commissioner Berger, too, urged residents to attend the City's tree lighting event, noting it was great in 2017, and he thought this year it would be better.

City Manager Faranda welcomed the new Commissioners, and he looked forward to working with them to move the City forward. He echoed encouragement to residents to bring their families to the City's holiday tree lighting ceremony, as it would be a nice party, and the City never got enough people to go through all the snow.

Mayor Thurston mentioned that in October, the City had a gardening seminar, and a former member of staff did a fantastic presentation, Mr. Stephen Tawes; he spoke about gardening and the City's code requirements. Bob Shankweiler, a previous City employer did the presentation with Mr. Tawes, and they did a tremendous job, for which he was truly thankful. He said the next Jazz Picnic in the Park, started by former Mayor Kaplan, was scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and performing would be Nightlife. He congratulated the two newly elected City Commissioners, and he was excited at the prospect of working with them, and he congratulated Vice Mayor Bates on her appointment to Vice Mayor. He had the opportunity to ride a bicycle with the City's police officers, noting they rode for a long time, in comparison to previous opportunities, and he began to think his tire had a puncture due to the excessive heat of the day. He challenged the other City Commissioners and the Police Chief to join him at the next such event on January 19, 2019, and if they did not ride well, they had sufficient time to prepare and enhance their riding skills.

XX ADJOURNMENT - 8:38 PM