

ORDINANCE NO. 240-04-119

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, CITY COMMISSION, SECTION 2-159, ORDER OF BUSINESS TO REQUIRE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA SHALL COMMENCE NO LATER THAN 7:30 P.M; AMENDING SECTION 2-163, DEBATE AND DECORUM TO PROVIDE TIME LIMITS FOR PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS AND TO AMEND THE TIME LIMITS FOR PRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1: That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, City Commission, Section 2-159, Order of Business, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-159. Order of business.**

- (a) At the communications from the public portion of meetings of the city commission, the following order of business shall prevail:
  - (1) Call to order.
  - (2) Roll call.
  - (3) Communications from the public (and city manager responses to the public, if time permits during this portion of the meeting of the city commission).
  - (4) Adjournment (no later than 6:30 p.m.)
- (b) At all regular meetings of the city commission, the following order of business shall prevail:
  - (1) Call to order.
  - (2) Housekeeping.
  - (3) Pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by Good and Welfare.
  - (4) Consideration of consent agenda.
  - (5) Approval of minutes.
  - (6) Proclamations/commendations.\*
  - (7) Presentations.\*

\* If not yet completed, any remaining proclamations, commendations and/or presentations shall be stopped no later than 7:30 p.m. to commence with the legislative items on the agenda. Once the legislative items are concluded, any remaining proclamations, commendations and/or presentations can resume. Proclamations/commendations and presentations requested prior to the publication of the agenda shall be listed in the following order: items requested

by Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners in alphabetical order by last name, then City Manager. Once the agenda has already been published, any additional items shall be placed in the order as received by the city clerk`s office for placement on the revised agenda, if applicable.

- (8) First Reading of Ordinances, if not on consent agenda.
- (9) Second Reading of Ordinances, if not on consent agenda.
- (10) Resolutions, if not on consent agenda.
- (11) Quasi-judicial matters, if not on consent agenda.
- (12) Unfinished business.
- (13) Old business.
- (14) New business.
- (15) Communications from public officials shall begin immediately before adjournment.
- (16) Adjournment.

The city clerk may change the order of business when required to do so by law. Communications from the mayor and other public officials may be removed from the agenda by a vote of four (4) commissioners, or a unanimous vote if only three (3) commissioners are present. If any commissioner wants to request a change in the order of business for an item, they must make a motion which must be approved by the majority of the members present to approve the change.

**Section 2:** That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, City Commission, Section 2-159, Order of Business, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-163. Debate and decorum.**

- (a) \* \* \*
- (b) *Time limits on discussion.* Reports of the city manager or city attorney as provided for on the agenda will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless authorized to be increased by a consensus of the commission; otherwise, all other discussion is without any time limit. Notwithstanding same, the presiding officer can limit discussion in order to thwart any filibuster attempt. Notwithstanding the foregoing, proclamations and commendations shall not exceed ten (10) minutes and general presentations by the public shall not exceed five (5) fifteen (15) minutes. Special presentations shall be subject to the ten (10) minute time limitation. Time limits provided for herein may be increased upon consensus of the commission.

**Section 3:** Should this ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of any part of this ordinance shall not otherwise affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall be deemed to have been enacted without the invalid provision.

**Section 4:** It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Lauderdale that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Lauderdale, and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**Section 5:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6:** This provision of this ordinance shall become effective as of the date of passage.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PASSED on first reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
MOTION	_____	_____
SECOND	_____	_____
M. DUNN	_____	_____
D. GRANT	_____	_____
L. MARTIN	_____	_____
S. MARTIN	_____	_____
K. THURSTON	_____	_____