

# City of Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**City Commission Chambers**

## **City Commission Meeting**

***LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION***

***Mayor Ken Thurston***

***Vice Mayor Lawrence Martin***

***Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn***

***Commissioner Denise D. Grant***

***Commissioner Sarai Martin***

***Desorae Giles-Smith, City Manager***

***Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk***

***Angel Petti Rosenberg, City Attorney***

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thurston called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:01 PM.

**II ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, Commissioner Denise D. Grant, Vice Mayor Lawrence Martin, Commissioner Sarai Martin, and Mayor Ken Thurston

Commissioner D. Grant left the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Desorae Giles-Smith, City Manager  
Angel Petti Rosenberg, City Attorney  
Constance Stanley, Police Chief  
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk

**III COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AND CITY MANAGER RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE TIME PERMITS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION)**

**IV ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 6:30 PM)**

**I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

**II HOUSEKEEPING**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for April 8, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner D. Grant, Vice Mayor L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

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

**IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, that this Consent Agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner D. Grant, Vice Mayor L. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

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## V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## VI PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

- A. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).
- B. A PROCLAMATION HONORING JAMAICAN MEN OF FLORIDA (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).
- C. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2024 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

## VII PRESENTATIONS

- A. A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND WRAP UP PRESENTATION (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).
- B. A PRESENTATION FROM FAIRSTEAD ON LAUDERHILL POINT UPDATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).
- C. A PRESENTATION OF THE FABULOUS WOMEN OF LAUDERHILL (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).
- D. A PRESENTATION FROM LAUDERHILL YOUTH EXCEL FIELD TRIP ATTENDEES (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).
- E. A PRESENTATION OF HOME OF THE MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).
- F. A PRESENTATION FROM FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).
- G. UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY: A CELEBRATION OF CULTURES (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

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

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

### ORDINANCE NO. 240-02-110 WAS TABLED ON MARCH 25, 2024

1. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-110: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) AMENDING ARTICLE III., ZONING DISTRICTS, PART 5.0., SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, SECTION 5.3, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USES, TO CLARIFY THE METHODOLOGY TO MEASURE DISTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 5.49, TOBACCO STORE, TO ESTABLISH A NEW METHODOLOGY TO MEASURE THE DISTANCES BETWEEN TOBACCO STORES AND OTHER USES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-24O-02-110-LDR-Art. III-Tobacco & Alcoholic Beverage Use Distances.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-02-110](#)  
[Attachment A - DRR - Distances](#)

Commissioner Dunn sought clarification on what changing the boundaries meant in terms of the potential number of tobacco stores could open in Lauderhill.

City Planner Molly Howson explained the current distance separation was 1,000 feet between a tobacco store and another tobacco store, a park, a school, and this was distance was measured from the nearest property line to another. The proposed text amendment sought to change the distance separation between these uses to match the distance methodology used for alcoholic beverage establishments that allowed the 1,000 feet to be measured from the front door of one establishment to the front door of the other, as a pedestrian would safely walk. She said, therefore, with Commission approval, the distance separation would be less restrictive on tobacco store uses, and allow additional tobacco store uses into the City in terms of the numbers allowable under the current City code. Under the current, staff could find six additional locations, marked as blue dots in the backup; in addition to the blue dots, the pink dots showed the additional seven that would be allowed in if the proposed methodology were approved to be less restrictive.

Commissioner Dunn expressed concern that the City already had a significant challenge with chronic disease, and research showed tobacco was a contributing factor connected with stroke, heart disease, etc. The map provided in the backup showed the two census tracts along State Road 7, and in looking at where chronic disease, and higher incidents of smoking took place in Lauderhill, these areas were already in the red, if red was an indicator of high incidents, and green an indicator of low. She referred to maps that were illustrated in the meeting from the community needs assessment, stating, at present, the smoking rate in Lauderhill was 40 times higher than the rest of Broward County, and the area in red where, potentially, more tobacco-related stores could be located already had a problem with the high use of tobacco products. There was also an issue with asthma, with Lauderhill having a rate

30 percent higher than the rest of the County, and the communities with higher incidents would be in closer proximity to these stores, as shown in the backup; the same applied to high rates of heart disease, and stroke. Commissioner Dunn remarked on an area of Lauderhill where the rate of cancer was 72 percent higher than the rest of the County, and they had yet to do deep-dive research to discover why, referring to an area in red from Rock Island Road to N. University Drive through Inverrary. Thus, her concern was the City reducing the distance requirements for allowing tobacco stores in the City serving to exacerbate already existing high incidents of health challenges linked to smoking.

Ms. Howson understood, stating the proposed ordinance arose as a response to requests from business owners, and the trend in the community for tobacco, particularly the popularity of hookah uses. The reasoning behind the proposed amendment was to establish consistency between the alcoholic beverage uses distance methodology, and those used for tobacco uses, as staff view them both as having similar, adverse impacts.

Commissioner Dunn found it acceptable to establish consistency among city policies, but it was a challenge when the proposed goal of consistency invited more uses that harmed the Lauderhill population, particularly in areas noted for higher incidents.

Vice Mayor L. Martin asked what were the city recommendations.

Ms. Howson replied the city recommendations were for approval via the Development Review Committee (DRC). The matter was passed by the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board, though not unanimously, before being brought to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Dunn wondered if the P&Z Board had access to the health data she provided.

Ms. Howson responded staff presenting the proposed ordinance at the P&Z Board meeting did not speak specifically to the subject health data; she recalled the questions being more related to the City taking steps to be more business friendly.

Commissioner Dunn said she was all about being more business friendly, but when it opened the door to invite more tobacco-related uses into Lauderhill neighborhoods that already had high incidents of poor health outcomes, this seemed counterproductive.

Mayor Thurston questioned how Lauderhill's regulations compared to surrounding cities.

Ms. Howson replied, currently, the City of Lauderhill's regulations were more restrictive than other cities; she looked at the Cities of Sunrise, and Plantation, and even with approval of the proposed ordinance, Lauderhill's would still be more restrictive than these other cities.

City Manager Giles-Smith commented the subject item was a decision the Commission had to make, as at present, based on code regulations, some of the variables Commission Dunn brought forward were not part of the discussion when the DRC and P&Z Board review applications, and proposed code amendments. They looked at what the existing code allowed, and what the applicants sought to achieve.

Commissioner Dunn felt this was one of the moments in which the Commission made a decision on whether it wished to foster a healthy Lauderhill community; public policy was a driver for health and wellbeing, and if the latter two states were a priority, then the City needed to be mindful of the impact policies had on them. Creating the possibility of allowing additional tobacco-related uses into Lauderhill, to her, was out of alignment with what the Commission discussed the City's strategic plan should strive for, which was to have a healthier and happier city.

Commissioner S. Martin thanked Commissioner Dunn for the health information provided, stating, previously, he was an advocate for allowing more hookah business uses into the City; it was something he did himself, and he saw it was trending. In reviewing the health data, he was ready to reconsider his position, and thought the City should maintain a stricter guidance for the present, understanding the City was doing well with the promotion of development and business growth, but sometimes it was necessary to decide against certain actions.

Commissioner L. Martin supported moving forward with the proposed ordinance, as the City, even with the amendment, would be more restrictive than surrounding cities, and the reality of allowing them in opening up increasing already high health risks was comparable to other unproven health connections between variables. If city staff recommended approval, he preferred to go with the experts on such matters.

Commissioner Dunn understood that when city staff recommended approval that any health outcome data was not considered. She agreed there was a need for deeper research, and she hoped the needs assessment in the next fiscal year study would get into that further. Typically, when city staff looked at public policy, it was not the usual practice for staff to think about health impacts, rather they looked at current regulations versus applicants' requests.

Mayor Thurston Opened the discussion to the public.

Willie Mae Cooper, Lauderhill resident, and with West Ken Lark Homeowners' Association (HOA), expressed concern about allowing in businesses that did not enhance the health of the community. They already had numerous alcoholic beverage establishments, and there were tobacco-related businesses in that mix, and residents had no wish for their community to become a dumping ground of where such uses were allowed to locate, businesses that did not contribute to residents health and wellbeing. She said they did not need to add to existing problems in their area.

Jerry, Lauderhill commercial property and business owner, stated statistics on

Google showed vape business uses were cutting into the profits of tobacco-related uses; a large majority of people were now vaping, what, he said, was considered a healthier alternative, being less cancerous as consuming tobacco products. He sought to open a vape shop, and vaping and using tobacco were two different practices. At present, there were no vaping shops in the Inverrary area of Lauderhill, and residents complained to him having to travel to other cities to make their vape purchases.

Latoya London, Lauderhill resident, asked if there were specific programs that could be funded or expanded with additional revenue generated from relaxing the distance regulations for tobacco-related uses. That is, the City doing something to address the health concerns expressed by Commissioner Dunn.

Commissioner S. Martin asked if the City Code distinguished between vaping, and tobacco-related uses.

Ms. Howson answered no; the State of Florida made no such distinction, and both uses required a retail tobacco license, so the City could not prevent, for example, a vape store from selling other tobacco products. Every convenience store in the City held a tobacco license.

Mayor Thurston received no further comments from the public. He remarked the subject item was difficult for him, as his father died of lung cancer, and he was concerned that his approval would increase access to tobacco products.

Commissioner Grant wondered if it were possible to table the item to allow for a more in-depth discussion that would include health data, and it would allow her to fact check the data provided. It was a proven fact that consumption of tobacco adversely affected health, and Lauderhill sought to move towards being a healthier community. She mentioned her brother who suffered from mental illness for years smoked cigarettes to calm his nerves; though she was not an advocate for smoking, his doctor did agree it was something that calmed him. She was inclined to explore more options before making a final decision, as she was a strong advocate for improving all areas of health for the Lauderhill citizenry.

City Attorney Rosenberg stated the Commission could table the item for the present to allow for more thought and dialog, and consider the matter at a later time.

**A motion was made by Commissioner D. Grant, seconded by Mayor K. Thurston, that this Ordinance be tabled to the City Commission Workshop, due back on 4/15/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner D. Grant, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**No:** 2 - Commissioner M. Dunn, and Vice Mayor L. Martin

**Abstain:** 0

Vice Mayor L. Martin asked if the item was being tabled to another meeting to have a similar discussion, or was the Commission requesting additional information; if the latter, from whom should that information come.

Commissioner Grant said the additional information should come from city staff, as well as what the goal of the proposed amendment; it might be possible to modify the ask.

City Manager Giles-Smith sought clarification that she direct staff to gather health-related data, or was the requesting business owner being asked to do this.

Commissioner Grant thought the health data Commission Dunn provided was a starting point, and she wished to review the backup documents further, as well as have some guided conversations related to the business owners to determine if they were open to modifying the amendment.

Commissioner S. Martin sought confirmation that the subject amendment arose from a special exception use application.

Ms. Howson affirmed it was, as special exception uses were not currently allowed for tobacco uses. The use was permitted by right if the distance separation standards were met; the subject applicant did not meet the standard under the current code.

Mr. Hobbs stated an applicant questioned the method by which the City calculated the existing distance separation of 1,000 feet; there was an inconsistency between how the distance was calculated for business uses for tobacco, and alcoholic beverage.

Vice Mayor L. Martin said he 100 percent understood the health concerns, but the existing regulations did not stop tobacco stores coming into Lauderhill, though it may limit their location. He asked if it were possible to workshop the matter to prevent its being dragged out over multiple months, asking staff to provide data at that time on tobacco vs. vape usage, and whether the City had to ability at the local level to separate the two uses.

Ms. Howson affirmed the matter could be workshopped, and staff would gather the data requested accordingly; staff would look into whether the City could separate vape from tobacco at the local level, though in her experience, most of Lauderhill's tobacco store uses desired the ability to sell vape products, as well as hookah products, etc.

Commissioner Dunn concurred with finding out more about the effects of using vape vs. tobacco products. The Commission should approach the proposed amendment with a very clear understanding of the health implications.

City Attorney Rosenberg reminded the Commission that, having tabled the previous item, the discussion on the item was going too in depth, as per proper procedure.

City Manager Giles-Smith informed the Commission the matter would be placed on the Monday, April 15, 2024, Commission workshop.



2. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-03-112: AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE V, FLOODPLAIN, RESOURCE, AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, SECTION 5.1, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 5.1.2, APPLICABILITY, TO UPDATE THE DATE OF THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY AND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS; AMENDING SUBSECTION 5.1.9, DEFINITIONS, GENERALLY, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MARKET VALUE"; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [Ord-24O-03-112-Ordinance to Adopt FIS.pdf](#)

[AR 24O-03-112](#)

[FEMA Final Letter of Determination.pdf](#)

[Map Number 12011C0345J](#)

[Map Number 12011C0361J](#)

[Map Number 12011C0363J](#)

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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-03-113: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, RETIREMENT, PART 2, GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND, SECTION 2-63, RETIREMENT DATES AND BENEFITS TO CREATE A NEW PARAGRAPH (2) TRANSFERS BETWEEN COVERED AND NON-COVERED EMPLOYMENT; AMENDING PART 4, SENIOR MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN AND TRUST FUND, SECTION 2-88.8, TRANSFERS BETWEEN COVERED AND NON-COVERED EMPLOYMENT RELATING TO COORDINATION OF BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS BASED ON DATE OF HIRE; AMENDING PART 5, COORDINATION OF BENEFITS, SECTION 2-88.30, COORDINATION OF BENEFITS AMONG ALL CITY OF LAUDERHILL PENSION PLANS TO CLARIFY THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION OF THESE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-24O-03-113-COB Ordinance FINAL Amended 3-14-24 \(WSH\).pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-03-113](#)  
[AIS LUG No Impact - COB Clarification \(00255489xBC171\)](#)  
[LM AIS Coordination of Benefits \(00255487xBC171\)](#)

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-03-114: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 AND A CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$355,210.00 AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$889,540.00; REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS AS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED IN THE BREAKDOWN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,284,750.00; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-24O-03-114-Budget-Supplemental & Capital Appropriation 2024.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-03-114](#)  
[REPLACEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL.pdf](#)

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

## **X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

5. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-59: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE NINTH AMENDED ANNUAL CALENDAR OF CITY HOSTED SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-59-Calendar-City Hosted Events 9th Amended 2024.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-04-59](#)  
[Updated Commissioner Events \(Ninth\)](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-60: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AWARDDING THE BID TO JET VAC TO PURCHASE A SEWER VACUUM TRUCK IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP 2024-017; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$558,868.34 FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 401-917-06426; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-60-BID-Jet Vac.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-60](#)

[Jet Vac Sewer Truck 20240327 EQUIPMENT ESTIMATE -NOT AN INVOICE](#)

[Model-900-Brochure-Print](#)

[Attachment A - signed](#)

[Attachment C - Cost Schedule](#)

[Attachment D - signed](#)

[Attachment F](#)

[Attachment G - Performance Reference](#)

[Attachment H - signed](#)

[City of Lauderhill - Personnel & Management](#)

[Florida - JET-VAC EQUIPMENT COMPANY LLC - FL - GS](#)

[Orange County FL - Business Tax Receipt](#)

[Q00068 - City of Lauderhill \(900-ECO 12 Yard\) \(Bid\) \(R2\)](#)

[References](#)

[Sewer Equipment Company sole source letter](#)

[Warranty Policies & Procedures - SE](#)

[2024 General History Letter](#)

[Reference Check Form](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-61: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MONICA SPAULDING AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 AS SETTLEMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-61-SETT-AGT-Monica Spaulding.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-61](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-62: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING RESOLUTION 24R-03-52 TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANT GRANTS MANAGER TO CORRECT THE PAY GRADE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-62-Job Modification-Asst Grants Mgr Correction.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-04-62](#)  
[Assistant Grants Manager 2024 - with revisions.pdf](#)  
[Assistant Grants Manager 2024 - clean copy.pdf](#)

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

**9. ITEM REMOVED - RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-63**

**10.** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-03-51: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE EXISTING SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR POSITION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH)

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-51-JOB-modification-Special Projects Coordinator.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-04-51](#)  
[Special Projects Coordinator 2024](#)

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

**XI QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

**XII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING**

**XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING**

**XIV UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XV OLD BUSINESS**

**XVI NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner D. Grant left the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

**XVII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT**

City Attorney Rosenberg informed the Commission the City closed on the Tobolski property at 1451 SW 31st Avenue; it was purchased from Darryl Allen; it was now City property.

Mayor Thurston stated, for the record, Commissioner Grant left the dais; there were questions as to the appropriateness of this action, asking the City Attorney

to weigh in.

City Attorney Rosenberg asked if Commissioner Grant marked her absence from the dais, as this was not the first time this happened. She would speak with her accordingly. She asked the City Clerk to note for the record that Commissioner Grant left the Commission meeting at 9:38 p.m. without previously stating her plan to do so.

Vice Mayor L. Martin provided the following update:

- The Easter Egg Hunt at Sadkin Center on a previous Saturday was very successful; he was very impressed with the number of vendors at the event
- Easter Egg Hunt at St. George/Broward Estates
- West Ken Lark held a wonderful evening event for seniors
- The 55+ walking program was still going strong at West Wind Park; he commended Recreation Leader Courtney Washington for a job well done, as many residents mentioned how pleased they were with her
- The last Pink Up warrior who was a recipient of the funds raised came by City Hall to pick up her check
- Unmute Yourself, the City's domestic violence program, held a successful event at West Ken Lark Park; they had a very good turnout, where good information was distributed, and a lot of storytelling took place; the program would be held at various city venues, inviting members of the community to attend when they heard the event was coming to their area of the City
- South Promo food giveaway was held in St. George/Broward Estates, at which the HOA was present; each family recipient was given bags of groceries
- Broward League of Cities scholarships: the previous Saturday the City of Lauderhill hosted Broward League of Cities; five seniors were interviewed for scholarships, awarding funds raised from cities throughout the county; the interviews went very well, as they were very impressive young people.

Commissioner Dunn provided the following update:

- World Cup Cricket: vendor meetings were being held for local small businesses wishing to apply to become a vendor, and so take advantage of all the business opportunities created by the event's presence; vendor meetings would take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and Thursday, April 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; a communications campaign would be put out by the City, highlighting all the opportunities available to Lauderhill business owners to leverage the thousands persons at the event; interested parties should stay tuned to the City's website, and social media platforms for additional details
- The next Dine in Lauderhill event would take place on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., thanking Vice Mayor L. Martin for standing in for her as the host of the event, as she had to travel on business; they would discuss exploring doing business in Broward County; the event would be held at Peppa Seed Jamaican Restaurant, and for the May 2024 Dine in event they would discuss exploring doing business in Fort Lauderdale; interested persons could sign up to meet on the City's website at [lauderhill-fl.gov/lunchmeetup](http://lauderhill-fl.gov/lunchmeetup)
- Unmute Yourself would host another workshop on Thursday, April 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at St. George Park; the workshop was for persons impacted by

domestic violence, specifically focusing on finances.

City Manager Giles-Smith announced the upcoming Jammin' in the Park event on April 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Broward Central Regional Park; Midnight Star was part of the lineup with Howard Hewett and Adina Howard, and the Old Skool Gang; everyone was invited to bring their chairs, tents, and blankets, and enjoy this free event. Earlier in the present day, Commissioner Dunn and she held a meeting with Lauderhill school principals; it was a great meeting. The principals reminded parents it was time to enroll their children for the next school year, from pre-K up, and there was no cost to enroll; they stressed the importance of enrolling children at pre-K level, as data showed it was vitally important to the success of children. She stated it was testing time at Broward schools, so parents should make sure children went to bed at an early hour, so they were well rested and prepared, and parents should make an effort to get the children to school early, so they had the full day to learn as much as possible.

Mayor Thurston mentioned earlier in the present day the City of Lauderhill hosted the Northwest Council of Elected Officials (NWCEO) at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC), thanking the facility staff, Amanda and her team, as well as City Clerk Anderson and her staff. They selected good food, and it was a well-organized meeting, at which Lauderhill looked good. He said Joe Scott, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections spoke well; he did not realize he was a graduate of West Point; he went on to serve in Iraq, where he led a troop on the ground, and received a bronze star for his service.

## **XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 9:50 PM**