

City of Lauderhill

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 24, 2023

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Ken Thurston

Vice Mayor Sarai Martin

Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn

Commissioner Denise D. Grant

Commissioner Lawrence 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 6:00 PM.

II ROLL CALL

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

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, to **ACCEPT** the Final-Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for April 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

III CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Abstain: 0

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES**V PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS**

- A. A PROCLAMATION FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).
- B. A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING REAL WORLD MODELS, INC. (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

VI SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. ITEM REMOVED
- B. A PRESENTATION ON YOUTH EMPOWERMENT VILLAGE & TALLAHASSEE EDUCATIONAL TRIP (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).
- C. A PRESENTATION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EXPLORERS (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

VII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. A PRESENTATION TO THE WINNER OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF MAYORS "IF I WERE A MAYOR" ESSAY CONTEST (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).
- B. A PRESENTATION FROM NICOLE CARTER, DIRECTOR OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BROWARD COUNTY - LAUDERHILL UNIT (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

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

A. ITEM REMOVED

B. ITEM REMOVED

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

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 23O-04-106: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, CHAPTER 12, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II, CERTIFICATE OF USE AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT, SECTION 12-7, CONTROL BY CITY OF ISSUANCE, REISSUANCE, AND TRANSFER, OF CERTIFICATE OF USE AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT; RIGHT OF APPEAL; SECTION 12-33, DUE DATES; PENALTIES; 12-45, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OF USE AND/OR LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT; HEARING AND APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-23O-04-106-Code Chapter 12- COU revocation and business closures.pdf](#)
[AR 23O-04-106](#)
[Code Chapter 12- COU revocation and business closures](#)
[Code COU-Work-Flow.pdf](#)

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

X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

2. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-97: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF POLICE CADET FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; CHANGING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO ALIGN WITH RECENT CHANGES IN THE LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES 23R-04-97-Job Modification-Police Cadet.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-97](#)
[Police Cadet 2023](#)

Commissioner L. Martin stated he pulled the item for informational purposes, as items two through 12 spoke about changes to job descriptions, and after speaking with the City Attorney and City Manager, there would be more of such changes to come. He wished the public to understand the reason behind the subject changes to numerous City job descriptions.

Director of Human Resources (HR) CiCi Krempler remarked the HR Department was working toward the goal of revising every City job description, even those created recently; most job descriptions were written in the 1990s, so it was time to update their language, and make the minimum qualifications clearer. She said the format of job descriptions was being completely changed, hence their being brought to the Commission for consideration, noting the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) recently changed their requirements for the report cities had to submit every two years, so to facilitate the EEOC changes, HR staff placed at the top right of job descriptions the designations the EEOC requested for every position. As well as helping HR staff in their reporting to the EEOC, the changes would help the City attract and retain employees; though most City positions illustrated were not currently vacant, their descriptions were all being revised for clarity when it was time to recruit new employees. In the existing style, it was just a paragraph, while the new format simplified requirements and qualifications by bullet points. Ms. Krempler said disclaimers were also updated, as they changed over the years, and the proposed changes would bring more consistency to positions and their job descriptions. She affirmed more revisions would be brought forward to the Commission for approval, as HR went through all positions.

A motion was made by Commissioner D. Grant, seconded by Commissioner L.

Martin, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

3. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-98: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-98-Job Modification-Certified Police Officer.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-98](#)
[Police Officer 2023.pdf](#)

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-99: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF POLICE SERGEANT FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-99-Job Modification-Police Sergeant.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-99](#)
[Police Sergeant 2023.pdf](#)

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-100: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES 23R-04-100-Job Modification-Police Lieutenant.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-100](#)
[Police Lieutenant 2023](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-101: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF POLICE MAJOR FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-101-Job Modification-Police Major.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-101](#)
[Police Major 2023](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-102: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER/EMT FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-102-Job Modification-Firefighter-EMT.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-102](#)
[Firefighter EMT 2023.pdf](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-103: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES 23R-04-103-Job Modification-Firefighter-Paramedic.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-103](#)
[Firefighter Paramedic 2023.pdf](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-104: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER-DRIVER/ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-104-Job Modification-Firefighter-Driver-Engineer.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-104](#)
[Firefighter Driver Engineer 2023.pdf](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-105: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF FIRE LIEUTENANT FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-105-Job Modification-Fire Lieutenant.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-105](#)
[Fire Lieutenant 2023.pdf](#)

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-106: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF MANAGER, PARK RANGER OPERATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL INCLUDING A CHANGE IN THE TITLE TO "CITY RANGER SUPERVISOR"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-106-Job Modification-Park Ranger Supervisor.pdf](#)
[AR Res. NO. 23R-04-106](#)
[City Ranger Supervisor 2023.pdf](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-107: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB POSITION OF ASSISTANT M.I.S. DIRECTOR; APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF ASSISTANT M.I.S. DIRECTOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-107-JOB-creation-Asst. MIS Director.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-107](#)
[Assistant M.I.S. Director 2023.pdf](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-108: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DIRECTOR, AN ALTERNATE AND A SECOND ALTERNATE AS MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-108-BLC- Board of Director 2023-24](#)
[AR 23R-04-108](#)
[23-24 Board Request Appointment](#)
[Attendance 22-23](#)

Commissioner Grant believed Vice Mayor S. Martin was the current director, asking who were the alternates.

Mayor Thurston said he was one of the alternates.

Commissioner L. Martin indicated he was the second alternate.

Commissioner Grant wished to, again, nominate Vice Mayor S. Martin as the City's director, stating she researched the representations in other cities, and she knew there was a consistency in the individuals serving, their regular attendance to meetings, and remaining engaged. Vice Mayor S. Martin was diplomatic and doing a good job.

Vice Mayor S. Martin thanked Commissioner Grant for the nomination, stating he had no objection to any other member of the Commission being director; if none of his colleagues wished to serve as director, he would continue doing so.

Commissioner Dunn nominated Commissioner L. Martin to serve as the City's director.

Commissioner L. Martin accepted the nomination.

Vice Mayor S. Martin seconded Commissioner L. Martin's nomination as director, nominating Commissioner Grant as the first alternate.

Commissioner Grant declined the nomination.

Commissioner Dunn volunteered to serve as the first alternate.

Vice Mayor S. Martin stated his willingness to serve as the second alternate.

Mayor Thurston commented that the only problem he had with the current system was the notice for upcoming League meetings being sent only to the delegate/director, leaving alternates unaware of upcoming meetings. He thought a solution was to have Commission aides place upcoming meeting dates on their calendars, as the meetings were held consistently. He opened the discussion to the public and received no input.

A motion was made by Commissioner D. Grant, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 14.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-109: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE AWARD OF BID TO ALL-BRAND SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTORS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD SERVICE DURING STATE OF EMERGENCIES BASED UPON THE SOLICITATION BY THE TOWN OF DAVIE (RM-20-75) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER(S); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-109-PIGGY-All-Brand-Emergency Food.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-04-109](#)

[EMERGENCY FOOD](#)

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

- 15.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-110: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE ELECTION OF WINNIEFORD NISBETH AND ALICIA ALEXANDER TO SERVE AS THE EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-110-Brd-GE Pension-Employee Election.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-04-110](#)

[General Employees Pension Board List](#)

[General Employee Pension Board Nominations](#)

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

- 16.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-111: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE LIST OF VENDORS TO USE FOR MAIL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT BASED UPON THE SOLICITATION BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA (44102100-17-1) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET

CODE NUMBERS 001-111-4430 AND 401-935-4430; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES 23R-04-111-PIGGY-Mail Processing Equipment.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-04-111](#)

[FLORIDA CONTRACT](#)

[AMMENDMENT 1 & 2](#)

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

17. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-112: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM PALMETTO FORD OF MIAMI, OR ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVELY APPROVED NAMED VENDOR IN THE CONTRACT IF NEEDED DUE TO AVAILABILITY, BASED UPON THE SOLICITATION BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFF ASSOCIATION BID (15-23-0904) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$148,479.00; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 450-927-64120; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-112-PIGGY-Heavy Equipment & Vehicles - Public](#)

[Works.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-04-112](#)

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

18. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-113: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL RESTATING ITS OPPOSITION TO VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWISH COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-113-oppose violence against jews.pdf](#)

[AR Res. 23R-04-113](#)

Commissioner Grant mentioned the City had a culturally diverse community, and the City supported everyone's nationality, race, or creed, noting there was a recent incident near the Synagogue of Inverrary Chabad during their holiday, and some members of the Jewish community reached out to her in relation to that incident. She knew the City already had a resolution in place stating the City's standing against violence in any community or culture, but the subject resolution was in response to the recent incident against the City's Jewish brothers and sisters. Deputy Police Chief Allen Siegel and his officers were on the case, working well with both synagogues to ensure measures were put in place to minimize chances

of a recurrence. She asked City Attorney Rosenberg to read the entire resolution into the record, as provided in the backup. She asked Chief Siegel to present the approved resolution to leaders of both Jewish synagogues.

Commissioner L. Martin supported the subject resolution, referring to a recent Sun Sentinel article that indicated the thinking of some Florida legislators in Tallahassee; specifically, lawmakers backed off the immigration penalties that worried religious leaders, in which they were considering legislation that made it a crime if they took illegal aliens or undocumented persons into their church or Sunday school. He urged everyone in the public to pay attention to what was happening in their state, so they understood who and what they were supporting in their choice of elected official; it was unfortunate the type of actions being advocated by some State elected officials.

A motion was made by Commissioner L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 19.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-114: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE FIFTH AMENDED ANNUAL CALENDAR OF CITY HOSTED SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-114-Calendar-City Hosted Events 5th Amended 2023.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-04-114](#)

[Updated Commissioner Events \(Fifth\)](#)

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

- 20.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-115: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 833 (HB 833) AND RELATED SENATE BILL 714 (SB 714) WHICH WOULD FURTHER EXPAND THE PREEMPTION ON A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABILITY TO ADOPT ORDINANCES SPECIFIC TO SHORT TERM RENTALS BY LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF FEES ASSESSED FOR SHORT TERM-RENTAL REGISTRATION, AND REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO EITHER ACCEPT OR DENY A REGISTRATION APPLICATION WITHIN 15 DAYS OF RECEIPT; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABOW" MARTIN AND COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-115-Opposition to HB 833 SB 714 Short-Term Rental Registration -L Martin.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-04-115](#)

Commissioner L. Martin said, again, he pulled the item to ensure the Lauderhill public understood the position the State was advocating; this was another effort by the State to impede local government's right to home rule; specifically, regulations municipalities sought to put in place to monitor the activities of Airbnbs, etc. to ensure they obeyed local laws, and protect residents. Though it was a very short window in which to try to push through the unacceptable legislation, it was imperative that local governments and the people they represented let State elected officials continuously know they wished to control who came into their neighborhoods, how they conducted business, and ensure high standards were maintained as much as possible. Cities accepted it was not possible to get rid of such uses completely, but their activities needed to be regulated to ensure quality of life for local citizens. He acknowledged not all of them were bad actors, but it only took one to throw a community into disarray.

Commissioner Grant concurred.

A motion was made by Commissioner L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 21.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-04-116: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AUTHORITY OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-04-116-Solid Waste ILA.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 23R-04-116](#)
[Solid Waste ILA 3-30-23 \[updated from delegate meeting\].pdf](#)
[Solid Waste Estimated Municipal Contributions Prior to Special Assessment 3-22-23.pdf](#)
[ILA Key Points 4-5-23.pdf](#)

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

Commissioner L. Martin mentioned attending the Lauderhill Cheetahs Track & Field Award Ceremony, commending volunteers, coaches, athletes, and their parents for representing the City well, urging them to continue doing wonderful things. He enjoyed seeing the smiles on the children's faces, as they enjoyed participating in such activities. The Jammin' in the Park event was very successful and awesome; it was one of the best events he attended in the City, believing some attendance estimates were up to five thousand at the Central Regional Park venue. He noted all vendors sold out of food, there were no issues or problems, and the weather cooperated; the only problem was the County's bathrooms ran out of toilet paper. He mentioned on April 23, 2023 he closed out his Second Annual Battle on the Hill 7 on 7 football games, at which 32 teams of 16 -18 children, ranging from ages seven to 13 years, with three coaches each, participated; he estimated there were about 1,000 people at the Lauderhill Sports Park from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Again, there were no issues or problems, and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves tremendously; trophies, medallions, and T-shirts were awarded to the winning teams. The City received rave reviews from teams from other areas of Broward and Dade. Commissioner L. Martin mentioned looking forward to the upcoming event, Jazzin' at West Ken Lark Park, where he expected another great turnout; activities would include the grand opening of the community center. He urged the community to come out, and enjoy the event, as the show would be a good one.

Commissioner Dunn noted last week Lauderhill Shines graduated its sixth cohort. They had an upcoming Lauderhill Health and Prosperity Partnership (LHPP) Symposium & Community Resource Fair, for which information would soon be disseminated; the symposium was scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023; the resource fair would take place on Saturday, June 3, 2023, along with the peace rally. She informed the Commission the Lauderhill 6-12 graduation would take place on Monday, June 5, 2023, adding that the chairperson of their prom committee reached out to her, as they were having some challenges with the prom, so she shared the contact information for the aide of each member of the Commission for her to contact them directly.

Vice Mayor S. Martin indicated he was out of town the past weekend, but he received a lot of positive feedback from residents telling him they enjoyed the great City events.

Commissioner Grant congratulated City staff for a great Jammin' in the Park event; it was the second one she attended, and it was done very well; it had a great ambiance, and attendees had a great time. She thanked the event organizers for such culturally diverse music performances, as this was very important to the community. The City Manager and staff did an excellent job, as did the sponsors.

City Manager Giles-Smith agreed Jammin' in the Park was a great event, and she received very positive feedback from event patrons who said they loved the new venue. They especially enjoyed the Instagram area where they could take pictures at the event to post; they were eager to know which acts were planned for the 2024 event. She thanked her staff from the various departments involved in the planning and execution of the event, including: Marketing, Fire, Police, Public Works, etc. They all did a great job, and the event ran smoothly, so all their hard work keeping Lauderhill great was very much appreciated. She mentioned the City's ShotSpotter program was implemented on April 20, 2023; messages on shootings would be immediately transmitted to Lauderhill Police Department (PD), so the officers could respond quickly. The three persons involved in the homicide in Environ were all indicted earlier today, so, again, Lauderhill PD did a great job apprehending those criminals, who were, unfortunately, residents of Environ. Ms. Giles-Smith mentioned the passing of Beryl Veronica Hammond-Collins, who served as the president of the Lauderhill Central Homeowners Association (HOA) from 2002 to 2015; she had a life well lived, leading her community with her heart and head, and she was a staunch advocate for her HOA, which she knew Vice Mayor S. Martin was working to revive; his success in doing so would be a testament to her work and sacrifice. She was a very fun and happy person, and Mayor Thurston drafted a beautiful letter and proclamation to her, which Commissioner Dunn read at a very nice ceremony celebrating her life; her family was greatly appreciative of the City's efforts and time taken to thank her for her service. City staff did an excellent job dealing with the recent, extreme weather event, of which municipalities east of University Drive took the brunt; the City received 12 to 14 inches of rain in about five hours. Special thanks was given to Police, Fire, Public Works, Utilities, etc. for all their hard work responding to the results of such a deluge; they were out doing everything they could to get the water down, and helping residents to cope.

Fire Chief Robert Torres affirmed on April 12, 2023, Broward County was surprised by what was being called a "once in 1,000 years" rain event; by midnight over 12 inches of rain fell, leading to his department performing multiple water rescues, and evacuating residents from their homes to safer ground. He said at approximately 1:30 a.m. he called the City Manager to tell her he believed the City was having a problem, and a local state of emergency needed to be declared, to which she responded by contacting City Attorney Rosenberg to draft a declaration that was immediately sent out. The City was able to activate its emergency operations center (EOC) at Fire Station 57, and brought in crews to initiate a rapid impact assessment; at sunrise, the crew went out into the community, driving through streets, many of which were flooded, sometimes up to waist-high; he showed photographs of flooding around the City. Chief Torres stated during the recovery periods, his staff and he drove around Lauderhill, checking on residents, and listening to their concerns; some asked for sandbags, and the City Manager immediately activated three consecutive days of sandbag distribution at the LPAC site. Immediately after recovery, they reached out to the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA), and the Florida Division of Emergency Management to assist with surveying the immediate impact to the Lauderhill community, so the Governor could issue a disaster declaration, which the City was still waiting on for the federal government to proceed. Surveys were conducted with community forums, for which notices were pushed out by the Marketing staff to the community to ensure residents had an opportunity to provide feedback on the level of damage in their homes. He said the previous Thursday and Friday, he did a walk through with representatives from FEMA, and the Florida Division of Emergency Management; they visited all City facilities, and the City now awaited a similar assessment of Lauderhill's residential areas; he believed the assessment team was currently in the Cities Fort Lauderdale, Dania, and Hollywood, and Lauderhill should be next. Chief Torres commented on recently reading the Governor put out for a grant for assistance through the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program that was now allowing \$5 million to help businesses impacted by flooding; this information would be forward to Lauderhill's local business community through the City Manager's Office, so they could apply for assistance. His staff and he would continue to follow up with the local community to see how they could help them further.

City Manager Giles-Smith believed \$38 million was the amount being made available to areas affected by the recent flooding, so anyone having residential issues due to the flooding should apply; this included damage to their automobiles, as though car damage was not covered under FEMA reimbursements, the information should be included, in the event there was a change in the mindset of Congress. Some residents lacked sufficient insurance to cover flood damage to their cars.

Fire Chief Torres thanked Ms. Giles-Smith for her leadership and support; she did not hesitate to act, and she came through for his staff and the citizens.

Vice Mayor S. Martin thanked Chief Torres and Ms. Giles-Smith for the team that came out to his house, as he was flooded in; they picked him up, so he could go around the City with them to assess the damage.

Commissioner L. Martin thought the recent rain event was worse than the one in 2021, particularly in the St. George/Broward Estates, and West Ken Lark areas, and other areas in west Lauderhill, where they were used to seeing floodwater sitting for days, but in the recent rain event, the water drained away within 24 hours. This was testament to the excellent job City staff was doing maintaining Lauderhill's storm drain system, so he urged staff to stay vigilant and on track with those efforts. Again, he thanked the City Manager and her staff for their quick and constant response to assessing the situation, and working to help residents.

Mayor Thurston thanked everyone for all their quick responses.

XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 8:14 PM