

City of Lauderhill

*City Commission Chambers at City Hall
5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
Lauderhill, FL, 33313
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

***Mayor Denise D. Grant
Vice Mayor Richard Campbell
Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn
Commissioner John T. Hodgson
Commissioner Sarai "Ray" Martin***

***Kennie Hobbs, Jr., City Manager
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk
Hans Ottinot, City Attorney***

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grant called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM.

II ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Richard Campbell, Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, Commissioner John T. Hodgson, Commissioner Sarai Martin, and Mayor Denise D. Grant

ALSO PRESENT:

Kennie Hobbs, Jr., City Manager
Hans Ottinot, 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

Vice Mayor Campbell read the changes to the revised agenda for the February 9, 2026 City Commission meeting. This included removing item #1 (25R-10-205) from the table, moving presentation C to the first item on the agenda, and moving item #9 (26R-02-42) to be heard first before the quasi-judicial item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, to **ACCEPT** the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for February 9, 2026, as stated. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

No: 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

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

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Martin, seconded by Vice Mayor R. Campbell, that the following minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

Abstain: 0

A. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR JUNE 9, 2025.

Attachments: [June 9, 2025 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

B. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR AUGUST 25, 2025.

Attachments: [August 25, 2025 - City Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

C. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR JANUARY 12, 2026.

Attachments: [January 12, 2026 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

PRESENTATIONS TO BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER

C. A PRESENTATION IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH - HEROES OF CHANGE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

V PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. A PROCLAMATION FOR 5000 ROLE MODELS OF BROWARD COUNTY (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

VI PRESENTATIONS (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. ITEM REMOVED

B. A PRESENTATION OF THE BCPS COLLEGE TOUR AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRIP TO TALLAHASSEE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

D. A PRESENTATION ON THE LEGAL IMPACTS OF THE EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) FOR HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS IN SOUTH FLORIDA (REQUESTED BY CITY ATTORNEY HANS OTTINOT).

E. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF MAYORS AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: APPROPRIATION REQUESTS, PROPERTY TAXES, AND FIVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIONS THAT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON LAUDERHILL AND OTHER LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

F. A PRESENTATION ON CASA 2026 YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT AND OPENING CEREMONY FOR 2026 CASA MASTERS & SUPER

LEAGUE SOCCER SEASON (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR RICHARD CAMPBELL).

RESOLUTIONS TO BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER

9. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-42: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1501 AND SENATE BILL 1674 (2026), WHICH REQUIRE K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-42 in Support of HB 1501 and SB 1674-2-9-26](#)

[AR 26R-02-42](#)

[SB 1674 school breakfast and lunch](#)

Mayor Grant explained this resolution supports House Bill 1501 and Senate Bill 1674 requiring K-12 public schools to participate in the national school lunch and breakfast programs. The bills ensure lunches are available regardless of ability to pay while allowing districts to collect payments, prohibiting third-party debt collectors, and stipulating breakfast be provided at no cost. She noted many students only eat school meals daily due to extreme financial hardship.

Teacher Renee Barnett from Lauderhill 6-12 presented with students David Holgate, Daniel Vega, and Faith Lafrance. She emphasized their school motto "all children have a need to learn and grow every day" requires proper nutrition, noting it's physically impossible for students to learn without food.

David Holgate presented evidence showing universal free lunch programs increase consumption of fruits, vegetables, and milk, acting as primary defense against childhood obesity and food insecurity. Students with free meal access achieve higher test scores and face fewer disciplinary suspensions. Removing lunch costs eliminates social stigma and administrative burden of applications and meal debt.

Daniel Vega shared his personal experience when universal free lunch ended, describing his family's anxiety navigating the meal benefits application while juggling rising prices and bills. Though eventually approved, he reflected on families who might not be as fortunate, calling food insecurity a silent struggle where a simple meal can determine whether students focus on education or worry about their next meal.

Faith Lafrance noted that while Broward students receive free breakfast, late buses and early classes often prevent access. With 95% of Lauderhill 6-12 students qualifying for free/reduced lunch, she emphasized this statistic

represents a community feeling pressure from rising prices. Though universal free lunch was temporarily available through pandemic funding, those waivers expired. She urged the commission to advocate ensuring no child chooses between a meal and education.

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

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

Abstain: 0

VII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-10-205: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING 1701 NW 31 LLC, ON BEHALF OF COASTAL WASTE & RECYCLING INC., A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO ALLOW IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (IL) ZONING DISTRICT AN OUTDOOR STORAGE USE FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND A RESOURCE METAL ACCEPTANCE SITE ON AN APPROXIMATELY 1.99± ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 1701 NORTHWEST 31ST AVENUE AND AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 25R-10-205 Special Exception outdoor storage final](#)

[AR 25R-10-205](#)

[Attachment A - SEU Application](#)

[Attachment B - Applicant Narrative](#)

[Attachment C - Development Review Report \(DRR\)](#)

[Attachment D - Property Survey](#)

[Attachment E - Site Plan](#)

[Attachment F - Public Notice Affidavit](#)

[Attachment G - SEU Conditions Affidavit \(UNSIGNED\)](#)

[Attachment H - CommunityMeetingSummary 24-SE-018 01-22-2026](#)

[Item 2 - LGL - City Commission Presentation 10.27.25](#)

[Attachment I -Applicant Meeting Summary 1.22.26](#)

City Planner Molly Howson reminded the commission about the application for 1701 Northwest 31st Avenue, site of a scrap metal processing plant since annexation in 2005. The use was amortized and required to cease November 30, 2025. The property owner began discussions with staff in late 2024 to change from scrap metal processing to outdoor storage, discontinuing metal processing. After being tabled October 27, 2025, the applicant held a community meeting January 22, 2026 with 20 attendees. Main concerns were dust from the unpaved entrance road (which the applicant committed to paving)

and early/late noise (which the applicant committed to 7 AM - 7 PM operations).

Vice Mayor Campbell questioned what changed since the last meeting. Staff clarified no physical site plan changes occurred, only the community meeting. Vice Mayor Campbell expressed difficulty voting for something unclear, feeling they were just repackaging the same project. Development Services Director Daniel Keester-O'Mills clarified nothing was formally submitted but the applicant had suggestions for modifications to present.

Commissioner Martin asked about the original intent of the amortization and whether the current proposal met that vision. City Manager Hobbs explained the 2005 annexation included discussions about the 31st Avenue corridor, with automobile uses, scrap yards, and junkyards to be amortized as incompatible with the corridor vision. He noted previous suggestions for indoor storage in a building to eliminate appearance, noise, and dust issues, but current plans still involved outdoor storage of scrap metal, which wasn't the best use per their study.

Attorney Hope Calhoun presented for the property owner, emphasizing they had satisfied all seven special exception criteria per staff recommendation. She distinguished between the amortized processing use and the requested storage use, noting improvements including paving the access road, reducing hours to 4 PM closure, additional landscaping, fencing, dust screening, and painting structures. She clarified this wasn't a scrap metal facility but storage of metals, differing from the City Manager's suggestion only by lacking a roof.

Annie Wright of 3206 Northwest 18th Street, living directly behind the site since 1975, complained about inability to relax from noise and dust affecting her grandchildren's ability to play outside.

Tom Robertson, representing SA Recycling (which closed per amortization), argued the proposal was still a junkyard handling the same materials with heavy equipment, inconsistent with the comprehensive plan's vision of mixed-use development. He warned if approved, SA Recycling would seek to reopen.

Timothy Charlton of 5742 Blueberry Court spoke in favor, explaining as a 15-year trash hauler with five children, the yard allowed him quick service compared to three-hour waits elsewhere, helping him provide for his family without government assistance.

SA Recycling Regional Manager Danny Rynearson showed videos from the previous Thursday of heavy equipment smashing metal and loading trailers at the site, emphasizing this remained a scrap metal recycling facility. He expressed frustration that SA Recycling followed the ordinance closing November 30th while their competitor continued operating.

Willie Mae Cooper of West Ken Lark HOA reported residents near the recycling plant complained about property damage and questioned who would pay for repairs. She noted disappointment more residents didn't attend, stating the decision lay with commissioners seeking area beautification.

Nicholas Castellon, managing SA Recycling's Pompano facility, challenged commissioners to visit and see identical operations to the site in question, emphasizing noise and dust exist throughout the site, not just the entryway.

City Attorney Hans Ottinot reviewed the seven factors for special exception approval: effect on surrounding properties, suitability of location, traffic impacts, economic benefits/liability, utility demands, comprehensive plan compliance, and factors relating to safety, health, and public welfare. He emphasized the commission acts as quasi-judicial judges making decisions based on presented evidence, with no obligation to accept staff recommendations.

Attorney Calhoun's rebuttal distinguished between junkyards (permitted by special exception) and their storage request, dismissed threats from competitors, clarified videos showed metal movement not processing, and reiterated addressing community concerns about noise and dust.

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

No: 5 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

Abstain: 0

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Consent Agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

Abstain: 0

2. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-34: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026; APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AGREEMENT WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE TERMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-34 Approving Municipal Election Agmt 2026](#)
[AR 26R-02-34](#)
[Lauderhill 2026 Municipal Election Agreement Rev112025](#)

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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-36: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 206 (2026) RELATING TO STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS THE BILL AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SENATOR SHEVRIN JONES, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-36 in Support of SB 206-1-29-26](#)

[AR 26R-2-36](#)

[Senate Bill 206 Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-37: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REJECT HOUSE BILL 103, RELATING TO LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES, AS IT WOULD ELIMINATE A CRITICAL SOURCE OF MUNICIPAL REVENUE, UNDERMINE HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE CITY'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-37 in Opposition of HB 103-1-29-26](#)

[AR 26R-02-37](#)

[House Bill 103 local business tax receipts](#)

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 26-02-38: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEARS TO THE AMORTIZATION PERIOD FOR AKRON INDUSTRIES, LLC, WHICH WILL END ON AUGUST 30, 2029, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 901 NORTHWEST 31ST AVENUE, AS IT PERTAINS TO AUTOMOTIVE USES OPERATING ALONG BROWARD BOULEVARD AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-38 Amoritization Akron-2-9-26](#)

[AR 26R-02-38](#)

[Attachment A - Certificate of Use \(Akron Industrial, LLC\)](#)

[Attachment B - Letter to Public - November 14, 2019](#)

[Attachment C - ORD 210-03-107 Amortization Period for Auto Uses
Along MLK Blvd](#)

[Attachment D - Zoning Confirmation Letter Confirming Applicability of
Amortization](#)

[Attachment E - Amortization Letter to Property Owner - August 2024](#)

[Attachment F - Memo regarding Akron Extension](#)

[Resolution Amoritization Akron-2-9-26](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 26-02-39: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEARS TO THE AMORTIZATION PERIOD FOR AQUA WONDERLAND, LLC, DBA BUBBLES CARWASH, WHICH WILL END ON AUGUST 30, 2029, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1431 NORTHWEST 31ST AVENUE, AS IT PERTAINS TO AUTOMOTIVE USES OPERATING ALONG BROWARD BOULEVARD AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-39 Amortization Bubbles-2-9-26](#)

[AR 26R-02-39](#)

[Attachment A - Zoning Verification Request noting the Amortized Use](#)

[Attachment B - Letter to Public - November 14, 2019](#)

[Attachment C - ORD 210-03-107 Amortization Period for Auto Uses
Along MLK Blvd](#)

[Attachment D - Amortization Letter to Property Owner RE: Automotive
Uses - August 2024](#)

[Attachment E - Memo regarding Bubbles Extension](#)

[Resolution Amortization Bubbles-2-9-26](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-43: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO PIGGYBACK THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION (FSA) LIGHT VEHICLE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND OUTFITTING OF POLICE VEHICLES, AND TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,250,000.00, FROM VARIOUS

VENDORS SUBJECT TO BUDGET AVAILABILITY AND CITY PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO THE APPROPRIATE PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-43 approving piggyback sheriffs contract](#)
[AR 26R-02-43](#)
[Agenda Request Memo- Piggybacking the Florida Sheriffs Association Contract](#)
[Resolution- Piggyback the Florida Sheriffs Association Contract](#)
[FSA AGREEMENT](#)

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-44: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TERMINATE THE STATE HIGHWAY LIGHTING, MAINTENANCE, AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CONTRACT NO. ASM27) SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING THAT SUCH TERMINATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2026, WITH MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES RETURNING TO FDOT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE NOTICE AND TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAID TERMINATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-44 authorizing termination FDOT](#)
[AR 26R-02-44](#)
[ASM27 CITY OF LAUDERHILL FY25-26 Local Agencies Work Orders.pdf](#)
[FDOT State Highway Lighting and Maint Agreement](#)

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

IX RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

7. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-40: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 321 AND SENATE BILL 406 (2026) WHICH PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITED LOCATIONS FOR CARRYING A

WEAPON OR FIREARM; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-40 in Support of HB 321 and SB 406-2-9-26](#)

[AR 26R-02-40](#)

[Senate Bill 406 eliminating loopholes for open carry](#)

Vice Mayor Campbell called it a joke that lawmakers protected themselves from their decisions while the public can shoot each other. He criticized them for shielding themselves from consequences of "stupid laws" while being scared of open carry in government buildings when citizens walk around with guns.

Mayor Grant countered that the resolution doesn't support open carry but acknowledges the existing law while seeking protection for specific areas like schools. She referenced Vice Mayor Campbell's campaign experience with shots fired and emphasized protecting workplaces like city hall chambers.

Vice Mayor Campbell argued specific areas should include supermarkets and streets, stating this helps his personal interest but he represents more than that. He suggested letting bad laws play out to prove they make no sense.

Mayor Grant urged reconsideration given the moment in time, with Vice Mayor Campbell stating he would vote in protest.

Commissioner Dunn clarified the bill prohibits carrying firearms into certain areas, voting yes on that basis.

City Attorney Ottinot clarified open carry became legal through a First District Court of Appeal decision that the Attorney General declared legal, not legislative action. Senator Hutchinson's bill confirms prohibited areas remain protected despite open carry, preventing absurd situations like bringing shotguns to commission meetings while concealed carry remains prohibited.

A motion was made by Commissioner J. Hodgson, seconded by Commissioner S. Martin, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

Abstain: 0

8. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-41: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 393 AND SENATE BILL 450 (2026), WHICH REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE VALUE OF A TAX EXEMPTION THAT A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DISABLED VETERAN MAY TRANSFER TO A NEW HOMESTEAD RESIDENCE AND

REVISING THE DATES FROM WHICH THE EXEMPTION IS GRANTED; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT AND COMMISSIONER SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

Attachments: [RES 26R-02-41 in Support of HB 393 and SB 450-2-9-26.2](#)

[AR 26R-02-41](#)

[SB 393 homestead exemption](#)

Commissioner Martin pulled this item supporting House Bill 393 and Senate Bill 450 removing value caps on property tax exemption portability for surviving spouses of disabled veterans and first responders killed in line of duty.

Commissioner Martin thanked Senator Tina Polsky (District 30) and Representative Marie Woodson (District 105) for their leadership, emphasizing standing with families who sacrificed the most. He stressed these bills ensure surviving spouses aren't penalized with higher taxes for moving to new homes, protecting financial stability of those who lost partners in service.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

Abstain: 0

X ORDINANCES & PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST READING (AS ADVERTISED IN THE SUN-SENTINEL)

XI ORDINANCES & PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING (AS ADVERTISED IN THE SUN-SENTINEL)

XII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII OLD BUSINESS

XIV NEW BUSINESS

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

City Attorney Ottinot had no comments.

Commissioner Hodgson congratulated all honorees, especially Police Chief Stanley.

Commissioner Dunn thanked the team for organizing an amazing farmer's market where she learned to make African food, working with Eat Well Exchange and FSU Alumni Association for quarterly events. She announced free 5K training at Island Sips on Oakland Park Boulevard: Tuesday mornings at 6 AM, Tuesday evenings at 6 PM, Thursday mornings at 6 AM, and Saturday mornings at 6 AM.

Commissioner Martin had nothing to add.

Vice Mayor Campbell had no comments.

City Manager Hobbs showed a brief video celebrating the January 17, 2026 Comic Con with statistics: 66 vendors (8 from Lauderhill), 1,500-2,000 attendees, all Lauderhill businesses reporting great additional revenue and advertising. Surveys from 170 participants were positive with 96% saying they'd return for future events.

Mayor Grant congratulated all honorees and acknowledged the brave students who spoke. She gave congratulations on promotions for Nadia Chin to Director of Community Standards (overseeing code enforcement) and Jessica Wilson to Acting Deputy City Clerk. She emphasized Lauderhill is about growth, empowerment, and encouraging young people that hard work leads to achievement.

XV ADJOURNMENT - 9:51 PM