

City of Lauderhill

*City Commission Chambers at City Hall
5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, March 31, 2025

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

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

***Kennie Hobbs, Interim City Manager
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk
Hans Ottinot, Interim 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 - Commissioner Richard Campbell, Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, Commissioner John T. Hodgson, Vice Mayor Sarai Martin, and Mayor Denise D. Grant

ALSO PRESENT:

Kennie Hobbs, Jr., Interim City Manager
Hans Ottinot, Interim 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 S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for March 31, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

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

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

B. ITEM REMOVED

VI PRESENTATIONS (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. A FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP PRESENTATION (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).
- B. A PRESENTATION ON CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY FROM BROWARD COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL).
- C. A PRESENTATION FROM THE EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS).

VII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

Interim City Attorney Ottinot collectively swore in all persons wishing to speak on agenda items one through four.

QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-54: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT TO THE LE PARC AT LAUDERHILL PROJECT AND RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE THE PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT TO THE LE PARC AT LAUDERHILL PROJECT TO INCLUDE 182 GARDEN APARTMENTS, 215 MID-RISE APARTMENTS AND A 2,870 SQUARE FEET DAY CARE FACILITY ON A ±9.93 ACRE SITE IN THE RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY (RM-40) ZONING DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 49 SOUTH, RANGE 42 EAST OF TRACT 1, AT & T No. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 127, PAGE 18 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3831 N.W. 13TH STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-54 Resolution approving Le Parc Plat Amendment](#)

[AR 25R-03-54](#)

[Attachment A - Application](#)

[Attachment B - Narrative](#)

[Attachment C - Copy of Recorded Plat & Current Plat Note](#)

[Attachment D - Plat Note Amendment Request](#)

[Attachment E - Development Review Report \(DRR\) - Le Parc \(PNA\)](#)

Development Services Department Director Daniel Keester-O'Mills reviewed the subject item, stating the plat amendment was just a note on the plat to

increase the number of units to be consistent, pending the approval of the site plan.

Mayor Grant acknowledged that the applicant, Vivian Dimond, appeared before the Commission and staff numerous times. She asked how many units were being added.

Vivian Dimond, the applicant, replied 28 more, bringing the planned total to 358 units; the code, based on the size of the lot, entitled them to a total of 399 units, which they were not seeking to build. Even though they were entitled to build more units, her development team felt 358 was the right fit for the site.

City Planner Howson added that planning staff's recommendation was for approval.

Interim City Manager Kennie Hobbs indicated agenda item 34 was related to the proposed development, asking if that item could be moved forward to be heard right after the present item.

Mayor Grant received a Commission consensus to hear item 34 next.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

Item heard out of order:

- 34.** ORDINANCE NO. 25O-03-109: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COMMISSION OF THE CITY LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND LE PARC AT LAUDERHILL, LLC, TO CHANGE THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION START DATE FROM DECEMBER 31, 2024 TO JULY 1, 2025 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3831 NW 13TH STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE WITH THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTHS EXTENSION OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR GOOD CAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [ORD 25O-03-109 Le Parc Extension Ordinance-City Commission \(002\)](#)
[AR 25O-01-109](#)
[SECOND AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT](#)
[Development Review Report \(DRR\)](#)

Mayor Grant asked the reason behind the request for a six-month extension.

Ms. Dimond responded that they still needed to get the permit, as they were trying to tweak a few elements with the City.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills affirmed, along with the amendment approved under agenda item one, the additional floor being added had to go through the site plan approval process. Thus, with the approval of the proposed development order, along with the just approved plat amendment, Ms. Dimond would work with staff to put in place the amendment adding the floor, and, subsequently, submitting permits; staff hoped the six-month window would be sufficient to complete the process in time.

A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 4/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

2. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-74: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING TO T-WILL ISLAND RESTAURANT, LLC D/B/A T-WILL ISLAND RESTAURANT A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT AN INDOOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR A PERMITTED RESTAURANT BAR WITHIN A 3,000 SQUARE FOOT ± SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF BAYTREE OF INVERRARY PARCEL B AS DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 146 PAGE 44 THEREOF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5943-5947 W OAKLAND PARK BLVD., LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-74 Resolution Special Exception T Will Island Restaurant](#)
[AR 25R-03-74](#)
[24-SE-021 - DRR 5943-5947 W Oakland Park Blvd - T Will Island Restaurant \(Live Entertainment\)](#)
[Floor Plan](#)

Ms. Howson gave a short overview, introducing the applicant/owner Tanis Wilner of T-Will Island Restaurant located at 5943 W Oakland Boulevard in the Publix plaza; it had been in Lauderhill since September 2023. They sought to add ambient entertainment, and music as an accessory to the restaurant bar. She said, to date, they were exemplary business operators, and very responsive to any questions or concerns city staff had. Ambient entertainment typically involved a DJ, not for nightclub use, but for use as an accessory to the restaurant/bar, inside entertainment only. She noted an approval would allow for any small live entertainment act, such as a live band, steel drum band, a quartet, or a live singer; the difference to that of a nightclub, as Mr. Wilner would not be allowed to clear the floor for a dancing area, nor could he have a security

guard, or institute a cover charge, and the restaurant had to stay open as such during all hours of operation. As a restaurant, they were not allowed to close for a private party; they had to stay open to the public, and close for business at 11:00 p.m., though with the live music, they could remain open until 2:00 a.m.

Mayor Grant asked if restaurant customers were requesting ambient entertainment.

Mr. Wilner affirmed they were.

Commissioner Dunn remarked on being familiar with the subject restaurant when they hosted the City's Dine in Lauderhill, commending them for serving delicious food. She knew there was a little stage situated in the restaurant's layout, so she understood the desire to have small live entertainment, and music; she supported the requested extension.

Commissioner Campbell expressed confusion regarding allowing the applicant to provide music, but not allowing patrons to dance, noting he spoke with staff in the past about creating rules that made absolutely no sense that eventually created opportunities for violations.

Ms. Howson said the City was not telling anyone they could not dance, but there were strong reasons why nightclubs and standalone bars were prohibited in general commercial zoning districts, the main reason being they would be next to or close to other business, including churches, synagogues, mosques, daycares, and in the case of Lauderhill's layout, single family homes were often nearby the City's commercial corridors.

Commissioner Campbell asked if the subject situation was unique to Lauderhill.

Ms. Howson responded that the concept of accessory entertainment was not unique to Lauderhill; the City was not seeking to regulate someone standing up to dance by their table, rather, the regulation prohibited clearing an area for a dance floor.

Commissioner Hodgson wished to know the capacity of the subject venue.

Ms. Howson replied the restaurant was 3,500 square feet, and the capacity was set by the fire department; she did not have the site's floor plan in front of her.

Commissioner Hodgson understood Commissioner Campbell's concern, noting that people did not dance to all types of music. He questioned why city code did not allow a guard at the restaurant.

Ms. Howson explained the presence of a security guard indicated that the establishment was operating as more than just a restaurant; for example, the average restaurant, such as Applebee's, had no guard. Having a guard indicated to city staff that the establishment had a different level of alcoholic beverage consumption than you would typically find in a restaurant/bar; the latter were limited by the State's alcohol license, requiring that 51 percent of their sales come from food and nonalcoholic beverages. She said this was

another way the City distinguished a restaurant/bar from a bar; there was no need to have armed security at restaurants. Ms. Howson clarified that the City would not prohibit a restaurant from having a guard, but it would prohibit a security guard who only allowed access to people who paid a cover charge. She saw in the applicant's signed affidavit of conditions, in condition six, they were limited to a closing time of 11:00 p.m., but based on Mr. Tanis' request, they were requesting that be extended to 2:00 a.m., so they could operate the same hours as every other restaurant in that zoning district. She asked that the language of the proposed application be amended by the city's legal staff accordingly.

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public.

Madeline Noel, Lauderhill resident, said she, too, patronized the subject restaurant, where music was being played, which her party and she enjoyed while sitting and eating. The restaurant had a nice ambiance, and she encouraged everyone to visit the establishment, as it was the type of restaurant setting Lauderhill residents desired in their city.

A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

3. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-75: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FL GRANTING 441 CLINICAL TRIALS, LLC, A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, WITH CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW AN OFFICE, MEDICAL, WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROVIDER USE WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT ON AN APPROXIMATELY 2.3± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 2451 N. STATE ROAD 7, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-75 Resolution special exception 441 Clinical Trials LLC](#)

[AR 25R-03-75](#)

[25-SE-002 DRR 2451 N. State Road 7 - 441 Clinical Trials](#)

[Executed affidavit \(25-SE-002\) 441 Clinical Trials](#)

[Item 1 - 441 Presentation \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

Ms. Howson reviewed the subject item, as detailed in the backup, stating the applicant sought to open a clinical trials business on the west side of 441, south of NW 26th Street; the plan was to occupy a space of 880 square feet. They would have a combination office, providing both primary medical care as well as clinical trials; the layout would include an office, a number of treatment rooms, and a laboratory. She said their patients with the ability to sign up for clinical trials as a part of their treatment plan would be allowed to do so.

Mayor Grant asked if planning staff encountered such a combination of uses before.

Ms. Howson mentioned there was one business called Segal Trials, a fairly large clinical trials business on Oakland Park Boulevard; they existed for a long time, and predated the requirements established by the City for locating in Lauderhill.

Mayor Grant asked the applicant why they chose to locate in Lauderhill.

Dr. Jean F. Rodney stated the choice to come to Lauderhill was due to the City having a very diverse population, and for clinical trials in the area of hypertension, diabetes, etc., Lauderhill had a very suitable population to research related new treatments.

Mayor Grant asked if the applicant had another practice elsewhere, or would this be their first.

Dr. Rodney responded that he practiced in the clinical trial field in Orlando, and he would locate permanently in Lauderhill, depending on the subject location's success. He had been a physician for the past 30 years, mostly practicing in-patient medicine, working mostly at night in a hospital setting, and doing some outpatient work during the day.

Commissioner Dunn knew that certain populations were underserved when it came to clinical trials, and the ability to be on the cutting edge of new medical research discoveries, etc. She asked if the speaker was one of the owners, or the director of record.

Dr. Rodney stated he was the principal investigator. Again, he was a medical doctor of internal medicine. The types of clinical trials he anticipated for his business included any medicines to address adult diseases, such as for pain, heart issues, hypertension, diabetes, infectious disease, etc.

Commissioner Dunn wished to know if the applicant already had any protocols in place of how to decide on which clinical trials they would offer and what were the thoughts around population outreach for the trials.

Dr. Rodney explained that the protocols for the clinical trials were set by the pharmaceutical companies wishing to test medications; they set the criteria on how to conduct the trials, which included specifying the type of patients to be chosen, the administration of the medication, and the testing of the results. He did not set the rules for the protocols.

Commissioner Dunn questioned the type of clinical trials Dr. Rodney's company were involved with in the past; that is, did he have a track record of doing such research.

Dr. Rodney indicated his experience was with trials for medication for diabetes, hypertension, etc.

Commissioner Dunn asked if Dr. Rodney would be onsite overseeing the trials.

Dr. Rodney answered yes.

Vice Mayor Martin inquired if Dr. Rodney would do specific types of clinical trials, or would the trials be whatever the large pharmaceutical assigned him.

Dr. Rodney replied the type of trials would depend on what was available when the business became operational to conduct the trials; they were paid by the pharmaceutical companies for whom they conducted the trials, not the patients doing the trials. Patients usually came to them by referrals; that is, the patient's primary care physician, knowing they had a condition, told them about the clinical trial.

Vice Mayor Martin asked if Dr. Rodney had a relationship with other physicians.

Dr. Rodney answered definitely.

Monica Menendez added that medications were not the only thing tested in clinical trials, as they did trials on devices as well, such as for blood pressure, etc.

Commissioner Campbell wished to know what the applicant knew about Lauderhill.

Ms. Menendez responded that they worked closely with Moody Dubreuze, the owner of G CLEF MRI that was located next to their proposed site.

Commissioner Campbell asked if it was a coincidence that the applicant found a location in Lauderhill.

Ms. Menendez indicated that the applicant and his team heard very good things about locating a business in Lauderhill.

Commissioner Campbell recommended the applicant meet with a representative from the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce, as they could help the applicant navigate the Lauderhill community.

Mayor Grant stated her concerns were related to the applicant appearing not to have a very clear business model and plan; it appeared the trials were generally for medications for such conditions as blood pressure; persons on such medications needed to be monitored closely. There definitely needed to be doctors who were vested in the interest of the care of their patients.

Ms. Menendez said they would work closely with doctors, coordinating patient care with the protocol requirements of the large pharmaceutical companies.

Mayor Grant wished to know the background of two of the applicant's team members.

Lilliana Pestana stated she worked for 15 years in clinical trials, including at a hospital in west Pembroke Pines for five years, and 30 years in Pembroke Pines in family clinical trials. She was not a registered nurse, but she worked in psychology in Colombia, and as a physician's assistant in the U.S.

Ms. Menendez said she worked for the last two years part time in Miami and a little research. She worked with a phlebotomist, and doing coordination too.

Commissioner Campbell said he would caution the Commission, based on what he was seeing, that some folks might have difficulty in articulating their intent; this did not mean that they did not know what they would be doing. He detected a sense of difficulty in expressing what they really wished to say, so he would not allow that deter his vote. One that either did well in business or not, and the fact that the subject business was regulated, some of the concerns being expressed by members of the Commission would be regulated and monitored by the entities responsible for regulating this industry. He said if the applicant and his team became licensed by the State to conduct clinical trials, this meant their activities would be conducted per state regulations. While the explanations from the applicant's team was a bit confusing, this did not mean it was not a useful business, particularly if the business would have no negative impacts on the Lauderhill community. He understood the difficulty of finding the right words to explain the proposed business.

Commissioner Dunn wished to know who was the actual owner of the proposed business.

Ms. Howson replied Dr. Rodney was the owner, and he would be the onsite physician. City staff looked at the Florida medical records for the last ten years, looking primarily for pain medication-related disciplinary actions, or discrepancies; none were found.

Commissioner Dunn said she fully supported medical trials, as she knew they were an important part of new medical discoveries, but she had some concerns with the proposed business, one being that Dr. Rodney lived in Orlando. Another concern was the businessowner was not present, but there were two staff-level individuals present to speak about the business. She knew from her experience in the healthcare arena that in some of these practices, they were run more as a business with a medical director who was just a person of record, rather than someone involved in the day-to-day operations. Nothing said thus far addressed her concerns and, though she came prepared to vote to approve the item, she now felt uneasy.

Ms. Howson explained there was no other owner of the business; Dr. Rodney was the owner.

Ms. Menendez said she, too, was one of the owners, along with Moody Dubreuzé; his absence was due to his being in Puerto Rico where his father-in-law recently died.

Dr. Rodney pointed out that in clinical trials, not only one clinic conducted trials for the same product, device, etc.; they testing required multiple trials by a

number of clinics; this practice yielded better results. All clinics had to follow proper protocols, or risk not being allowed to conduct further clinical trials.

Mayor Grant received a motion from Commissioner Campbell that was seconded by Vice Mayor Martin. She opened the discussion to the public. She asked Mr. Ottinot if she was permitted to request to have Dr. McPherson of the Chamber to speak.

Dr. Winnifred McPherson, Vice President of the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce, explained that her doctorate was in education, so she had no medical degree; she ran a medical staffing agency with her daughter who was a nurse.

Varion Harris, Lauderhill resident, said his concern lay with the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) that was currently in flux, and this led to uncertainties regarding the drugs being tested, and the protocols for doing so. He believed history always repeated itself, as in the past when clinical trials were conducted in minority communities, which Lauderhill was, the outcome was not good when it came to long-term side effects. Staffing was another concern, as when it came to how patients might react to a medication, what were the assurances that there would be adequate staff to satisfy their medical needs.

Dr. Rodney pointed out that before medications went to the human clinical trials stage, they were first tested rigorously on animals; the purpose of the clinical trial was to test the result of making the patient better or not, along with possible side effects.

Mayor Grant questioned the procedure if a trial participant had an adverse reaction to the medication being tested; that is, who would administer care.

Dr. Rodney explained the criteria of what to do in such instances were already set forth in the protocols the clinic must adhere to, and this was explained to participants beforehand.

Madeline Noel, Lauderhill resident, expressed a variety of concerns, including: not knowing which medications would end up being legitimate ones; whether community members who participated would be paid based on the number of trials conducted; would trial participants be incentivized to bring in more potential participants to participate in trials; who would be readily available to treat participants who had an adverse reaction to the medication(s) administered. Lauderhill had a high population of vulnerable adults, such as seniors, who might not have a proper understanding of what they were signing on to do, the possible effects, etc. The community had no wish for Lauderhill being seen as a prime location to adversely affect its residents, and the applicants' responses appeared very cloudy to her on this aspect.

Lawrence Martin, Lauderhill resident, commented that not all businesses were good businesses, and his main concern was the applicant's understanding of the City of Lauderhill. There had to be some statistical data available regarding clinical trials taking place in the area that could be identified and reviewed to give a better understanding of what population was affected. He wondered if the

applicant did any due diligence to determine the suitability of the location for their business, such as discovering there was a high incidence of diabetes, high blood pressure, etc., and, based on these findings, they felt the subject location was ideal for their business.

Melvina King, Lauderhill resident, said she worked in the medical field as a physical therapist; she expressed concern, based on history, over why they were coming to the Lauderhill community. She needed a presentation on the applicant's full business plan for clarification. She asked if participants would be paid to participate in the trials, and would others receive payment for referring participants. Having such information would help the community felt more trusting of the proposed use, as no one wished to see anyone exposed to harmful practices. At present, she was skeptical.

Mayor Grant heard no other comments from the public.

Commissioner Campbell asked if it were possible to table the item, as it seemed to him the explanation from the applicant was not going well, and the Commission had to respect the community's and the Commission's expressed concerns.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot affirmed the Commission was at liberty to table the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Mayor D. Grant, that this Resolution be tabled to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 4/28/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

Commissioner Dunn asked that the Commission be sent a copy of the information the applicant planned to present at the April 28 Commission meeting prior to that date. That is, the Commission should be sent any information that clearly outlined any solid strategy, protocol, etc. that took into consideration some of the concerns expressed by the residents. She said having this information would help the Commission be more prepared for the April 28 discussion.

Commissioner Campbell urged the applicant to have a representative at the April 28 Commission meeting who could clearly convey the applicant's business plan, and address some of the concerns raised by the Commission and the residents, such as who would run the facility, the size of the staff, etc. He asked Ms. Howson to guide the applicant accordingly.

QUASI JUDICIAL ORDINANCES, SECOND READING

4. ORDINANCE 250-02-105: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING TO AIRPORT COMMERCE, LLC, A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A NEW FAST FOOD

RESTAURANT WITH A DRIVE-THROUGH WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT WHICH IS RELIEF FROM THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ARTICLE III, SECTION 5.32.2.E, REQUIRING A MINIMUM 1000 FEET DISTANCE FROM ANOTHER FREESTANDING FAST FOOD DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT; SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON AN APPROXIMATELY 4.8 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 5517-5577 WEST OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [ORD. NO. 25O-02-105](#)
[AR ORD. NO. 25O-02-105](#)
[Attachment A - Application](#)
[Attachment B - Development Review Report \(DRR\)](#)
[Attachment C - Narrative](#)
[Attachment D - Conceptual Site Plan](#)
[Attachment E - Survey](#)
[Attachment F - Public Notice Affidavit](#)
[Legal Description airport commerce- EXHIBIT A](#)
[Item 12 - Shoppes at Inverrary Wendys \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

Mr. Keester-O'Mills indicated there were no changes to the proposed ordinance since its first reading; the item had been tabled due to noticing issues that were corrected. He gave a brief overview of the item, as detailed in the backup.

Hope Calhoun, the applicant's representative, said the applicant concurred with staff's presentation.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Abstain: 0

5. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-50: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFEWARE, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO DRONES BASED ON A PIGGYBACK FROM THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR).

Attachments: [25R-03-50 Piggyback Drone Purchase](#)

[AR 25R-03-50](#)

[SAFEWARE AGREEMENT](#)

[AWARD NOTICE](#)

[AMENDMENT](#)

[Safeware Proposal](#)

[Agenda Request Memo Safeware](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-51: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF BEST PRACTICE FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) AND APPROVING THE REVISED CAPITALIZATION POLICY TO INCREASE THE CITY'S CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLD FOR CAPITAL ASSETS FROM \$1,000 TO \$5,000; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR).

Attachments: [25R-03-51 Resolution GFOA revised capitalization policy](#)

[AR 25R-03-51](#)

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[City Survey](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-53: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING TO CROWN CASTLE SOUTH, L.L.C., AS AGENT FOR BELLSOUTH MOBILITY, L.L.C. ON BEHALF OF VERIZON, CONSENT TO MODIFY THE EXISTING EQUIPMENT AT THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY WITHIN ITS EXISTING LEASED AREA LOCATED AT 5455 N.W. 19th STREET/2000 CITY HALL DRIVE (BU 812072), WITHIN THE PARAMETERS AND SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE CITY AND SUBJECT TO ALL PERMITTING AND

REVIEWS REQUIRED BY THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF CONSENT SUBJECT TO BEING REQUIRED TO MEET THE PARAMETERS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-53 Resoultion approving Crown Castle](#)

[AR 25R-03-53](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-55: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMIT TO INSTALL PUBLIC ART ON TRAFFIC CONTROL BOXES ALONG STATE ROAD 7 AND IF APPROVED, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE COMMUNITY AESTHETIC FEATURE AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-55 Resolution FDOT public art on traffic control boxes \(002\)](#)

[AR 25R-03-55](#)

[LocationMap.pdf](#)

[Estimate.pdf](#)

[Utility Box Artwork Approval Form for Student Artwork_02 04 2025.pdf](#)

[CAFA2025.doc](#)

[MemoToKennie.doc](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-55A: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING STRONG OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 1242 AND HOUSE BILL 991 THAT SEEK TO ELIMINATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES; URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 1242 AND HOUSE BILL 991 THAT WOULD RESTRICT OR ELIMINATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES; THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: [25R-03-55A Reso Expressing Strong Opposition to Senate Bill 1242 and House Bill 991](#)
[AR 25R-03-55A](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-57: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHYFT GROUP UPFIT SERVICES, INC., D/B/A STROBES-R-US FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR SIX POLICE VEHICLES BASED ON A PIGGYBACK FROM THE SHERIFF OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$91,175.60; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-57 Resolution Piggyback Police Vehicle Equipment](#)
[AR 25R-03-57](#)
[Broward Sheriffs Contract 031025](#)
[Quotes from Strobes R Us](#)

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

11. ITEM REMOVED - RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-58

13. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-60: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND SERAMAND OXILIEN TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5871 N.W. 19TH STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTUAL WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE UTILIZED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-60 Remetering agreement for 5871 NW 19 St.](#)
[AR 25R-03-60](#)
[REMETERING AGREEMENT APPLICATION 5871-5875 NW 19 St.pdf](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of

Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

14. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-61: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND G-PRIME PROPERTIES LLC, TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2020-2028 N.W. 59TH AVENUE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTUAL WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE CHARGED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-61 Resolution Remetering Agreement for 2020-2028 NW 59th Avenue](#)
[AR 25R-03-61](#)
[REMETERING AGREEMENT APPLICATION 2020-2028 NW 59 AVE.pdf](#)

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

15. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-62: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND WENDY BERNARD AND KETTLEY JOSEPH, TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2020-2028 N.W. 59TH TERRACE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTUAL WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE CHARGED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-62 Resolution remetering agreement for 2020-2028 NW 59th Terrace](#)
[AR 25R-03-62](#)
[Remetering Application 2020-2028 NW 59 Ter.pdf](#)

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

16. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-63: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND WENDY BERNARD AND KETTLEY JOSEPH, TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2010-2018 N.W. 59TH TERRACE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTUAL WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE CHARGED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM

CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-63 Resolution remetering agreement for 2010-2018 NW 59th Terrace](#)
[AR 25R-03-63](#)
[Remetering Application 2010-2018 NW 59 Ter.pdf](#)

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

17. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-64: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND EDMUND BLAKE, TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5621-5625 N.W. 14TH COURT, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTUAL WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE CHARGED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-64 Resolution remetering agreement for 5621-5625 NW 14th Court](#)
[AR 25R-03-64](#)
[REMETERING AGREEMENT APPLICATION 5621-5625 NW 14 Ct.pdf](#)

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

18. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-66: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPOINTING DR. TAJ-MARIE HUNTER BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2026 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER SHALL OCCUR FIRST; APPOINTING VERONICA BOYD BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2028 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER SHALL OCCUR FIRST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-66 Resolution Appointing Members EAB Board 3.31.25](#)
[AR 25R-03-66](#)
[Agenda Request Memo \(Educational Advisory Board \(EAB\) Appointments\)](#)
[EAB List](#)
[Hunter, Taj-Marie - EAB Application](#)
[Boyd, Veronica - EAB Application](#)

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

19. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-68: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA APPOINTING JESSICA COUTAIN BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ART, CULTURAL TOURISM BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2028 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER SHALL OCCUR FIRST; APPOINTING RICHARD BLACKFORD BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2026 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER SHALL OCCUR FIRST; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-68 Resolution Appointing Member ACT Board 3.31.25](#)

[AR 25R-03-68](#)

[Agenda Request Memo \(Art, Cultural, Tourism \(ACT\) Board Appointments\)](#)

[ACT Board List](#)

[Coutain, Jessica - ACT Board Application](#)

[Blackford, Richard - ACT Board Application](#)

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

20. ITEM REMOVED - RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-69

21. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-72: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING ANTHONY JOSEPH BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2026 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE RESPECTIVE MAYORAL AND COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-72 Resolution Appointing Board Members RAB 3.31.25](#)

[AR 25R-03-72](#)

[Agenda Request Memo \(Recreation Advisory Board Appointments\)](#)

[Recreation Advisory Board List](#)

[Joseph, Anthony - Recreation Advisory Board Application](#)

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

24. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-77: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE

RELEASE AND USAGE OF STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH PURCHASING SEVERAL COMPUTERS FOR USE IN INVESTIGATIONS AND PATROL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,500.00; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-77 Resolution approving use of State Law Enforcement Trust Funds 3.31.25](#)
[AR 25R-03-77](#)
[Release Memo OMB 031025](#)
[State Law Enforcmt TF 031025](#)
[Agenda Request Memo 031025](#)
[Quotes for equipment 031025](#)

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

27 A.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-81: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1361 AND SENATE BILL 1464 WHICH SEEK TO EXPAND PROGRAMS CONNECTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO CERTAIN SERVICES, BENEFITS AND SUPPORT AND URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THOSE BILLS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

Attachments: [Res. 25R-03-81.pdf](#)
[AR Res. 25R-03-81](#)

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

27 B.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-82: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 696 AND HOUSE BILL 675 WHICH WILL ASSIST LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO OWN A HOMESTEADED CONDOMINIUM UNIT BY PROVIDING A GRANT UP TO \$2,500 TO HELP PAY CONDOMINIUM ASSESSMENTS AND URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THOSE BILLS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE

MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

Attachments: [Res. 25R-03-82.pdf](#)

[AR Res. 25R-03-82](#)

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

IX RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

12. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-59: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE BID RESULTS FOR INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 2025-020 "DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT-EAST OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE" AND AWARDING THE CONTACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER, ENCO LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,423,378.00; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ENCO LLC; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-59 Resolution BID Turnpike East Drainage Improvements](#)

[AR 25R-03-59](#)

[Project Location Map.pdf](#)

[BID RESULTS 2025-020 TURNPIKE EAST DRAINAGE.pdf](#)

[Lauderhill East Turnpike 100% Plans.pdf](#)

[MemoForTurnpikeDrainageBidResults.doc](#)

Commissioner Dunn understood the subject matter had been a resident concern for some time.

City Engineering Director Martin Cala thought this was one of the projects in a short-term to-do list on the storm water and flood mitigation citywide plan. The project was caused when the Florida's Turnpike (FT) constructed the sound barrier wall on the east side of the Turnpike on the northbound lanes; the FT eliminated the canal in that swale, piping it; that canal used to receive the waters flowing from NW 51st Avenue. He said that with the piping of the canal, and the installation of the barrier wall, staff sent in devices to detect obstructions, and they believed the pipe has been obstructed. Staff wished to reestablish that and put a check valve, so water from the Turnpike did not come back onto NW 51st Avenue. Additionally, the plan was to add more French drains, as well as retention ponds or dry swales to hold all the water that might be discharged into the canals; the City needed to get the permit from Broward County to comply with the new quality and quantity requirements for runoff. Mr. Cala affirmed this was a very needed project, as it would reduce, minimize, and control the flooding in that area.

Commissioner Dunn wished to know how long it was anticipated the project

would take to complete.

Mr. Cala responded the project would take about nine months to a year, and it would span into the next year; staff was still trying to get the County to reduce some of the requirements, so the City could grandfather because of the original conditions.

Commissioner Dunn remarked that in speaking to residents, and in walking the subject area, this was one of the major concerns, so Mr. Harris could inform his resident association that the subject agenda item would address the flooding along the wall and the Turnpike. She wished the community to be informed about the subject step being taken to adjust and implement the storm mitigation plan, and the changes would help with the flooding in the affected community.

Mayor Grant agreed the subject work was a long time coming, as the flooding in the area was overwhelming for the residents at times; this was a good investment for the City. She asked if staff anticipated any challenges to complete the subject project.

Mr. Cala replied they did not, as the Commission already allowed staff to obtain some easements and the district also transferred some of the land to the City, so the legal part pertaining to land uses, etc. were all addressed. The project involved a lot of earth moving work.

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public

Mr. Harris, Lauderhill resident, asked if the project would begin at NW 22nd Street south.

Mr. Cala answered up to 12th.

Mr. Harris wished to know on which side of wall the digging would take place.

Mr. Cala replied on the north side, the City's side; the digging would be under the transmission lines, so the water could flow under the wall.

A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

22.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-73: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "1" IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2001 NW 49TH AVENUE LOCATED IN LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF

ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,800,000.00) TO EXPAND THE WATER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-73 Resolution Approving Contract to Purchase Real Property between City of Lauderhill and Florida Public Utilities Comp-3-31-25 AR 25R-03-73](#)

[Purchase and Sale Agreement-City of Lauderhill and Florida Public Utilities Company](#)
[land purchase memo 2001 NW 49th Avenue](#)

Commissioner Campbell remarked the subject item was a very welcome move, however he had a few concerns. He asked Mr. Hobbs how far along was the City in the subject negotiation.

Interim City Manager Hobbs replied the City agreed in principle, thus putting forward a contract for consideration to move forward; they actually completed phase one, the environmental review that came back clean. Staff was speaking with them about how the transition would look if the Commission approved and the process moved toward closing.

Commissioner Campbell sought confirmation they would be relocated in Lauderhill.

Interim City Manager Hobbs answered yes, they were being located to a parcel on NW 16th Street just east of 441 in the industrial park; this was a better location than their current one; due to the proximity of the latter to the water treatment plant, and this could create issues for them if there was an incident at their current location.

Commissioner Campbell questioned what the City would be doing with the structures of their current location if the relocation went as planned.

Interim City Manager Hobbs stated the existing structures would be removed; city staff was in the process of working with Public Works, Utilities, and the Purchasing Departments staff to fortify the entire compound, which the City shared with them. The existing structures related to the gas tanks were being relocated to the new site.

Commissioner Campbell recalled it was previously mentioned a ten-foot wall would be installed.

Interim City Manager Hobbs affirmed it would.

Commissioner Campbell said this was important, as the residents on the other side of the canal were having challenges with the subject use, so they would be relieved that it was finally going away, and they would no longer have to view the existing stands, etc.

Interim City Manager Hobbs agreed the residents would benefit from the ten-foot wall, but the primary reason for it's being installed had to do with the safety of the City's water plant.

A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

23.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-76: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF \$25,000.00 TO THE LAUDERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC., FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS RETENTION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-76 Resolution approving funding to the LRCC](#)
[AR 25R-03-76](#)
[Chamber funding recommendation March 2025](#)
[Proposal to the City](#)

Commissioner Dunn remembered the City had a process by which nonprofits could come to the Commission to request funding; she recalled that the Chamber had not submitted a request for funding.

President of the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), Sharon McLennon, responded that this was correct, as the Chamber did not submit the paperwork for their request on time due to a breakdown in their process.

Commissioner Dunn wished to know what had changed from then to now.

Ms. McLennon said they rebuilt their board, and some new talent came onboard that lent their time, and talent, and their treasure to the Chamber; she felt the organization was much stronger for it. Over the last three months, the Chamber consistently held regular board meetings, and they built out the five pillars of programming that they were bringing to the different businesses in Lauderhill. She felt the Chamber was now in a place where they could make effective use of the funding, and they were currently working to ensure that they did not miss the deadline for the upcoming 2025/2026 fiscal year. She knew there were a number of initiatives the Commission was interested in partnering on with the Chamber, but at the time the Chamber did not have the bandwidth. They were now in a better position to take advantage of the funding they hoped

the City would approve for them, so they could be in a position to do projects with the City in the future to benefit the local business community.

Commissioner Dunn questioned if the Chamber's board members would be doing the programming, or was there Chamber staff and/or volunteers to do this.

Ms. McLennon responded that, at present, they had no staff; they built out a full committee structure, the goal being to actively build the Chamber's membership, and they were successful in identifying and bringing on a number of key corporate partners. Thus, the intent was that by the end of the year they would have a staffed Chamber; currently, the work was being done by a committee of very dedicated volunteers; the Chamber currently had 60 members.

Commissioner Dunn sought clarification on the Chamber's proposed plans with the funds from the City.

Ms. McLennon replied that the Chamber sought to build out the five pillar model, which included: business education and development, networking and community engagement, digital marketing and visibility, some business resources and tools, and community engagement and advocacy. They modified their approach, in the sense that they were not only dedicating time and energy to the business side of the Chamber, but they were looking at how businesses intersected with the community and consumers. She said the last session held the previous week focused on wills and trusts, for which they did outreach in the community to get consumers, but they also spoke with businessowners about wills and trusts. They invited two attorneys to speak specifically to small businesses about the importance of making estate planning for their business, as well as for their personal lives; about 25 people attended. Ms. McLennon said it was a tough night, as they had about three events, including Mayor Grant's Listening Tour for nonprofits, so the Chamber was trying to be in two places at the same time. It did not work as well as the Consul General, and there was another trade organization meeting at that same time.

Commissioner Dunn added that they were hosting a prosperity project to for small businesses to be able to access available capital.

Ms. McLennon understood, stating, typically, they had between 40 to 50 attendees, so they believed they were in a good position to move forward.

Commissioner Dunn asked if the Chamber's request for \$25,000.00 would be the same as the request by the City's Education Advisory Board (EAB), in that staff needed to find the funds somewhere in the existing budget.

Interim City Manager Hobbs answered yes; both situations were fairly similar, including the failure to submit a budget request by the deadline. If the subject resolution were approved, like the EAB's request, staff would go back through the budget to identify funding, after which he would have to bring the request back to the Commission, depending on the source of the funds, for approval;

that is, whether via a budget amendment versus just a transfer.

Commissioner Dunn wondered if a precedent was being set, as the City had a request process in place for nonprofits, yet by awarding the Chamber at the current time, it communicated that if they failed to submit their request on time, they could still come to the Commission at a later time to request funding.

Interim City Manager Hobbs commented that for the last five or to seven years, the City approved funding for both the EAB and the Chamber, so from a policy standpoint, he thought such consideration would be limited to an organization/entity with which the City had a longstanding relationship that missed the request deadline. He said that though in the previous fiscal year neither made the request deadline at the City's budget workshops, the Commission requested that staff extend their funding, which he recalled was done twice. Thus, the ability to request funds after the request deadline passed was not something that would be available to any nonprofit organization. He noted that despite the Chamber not submitting their funding request by the deadline, staff did have communications with them in relation to that request submission, and after they explained to city staff the situation, they asked if things were to change at the Chamber, what the process would be to secure some funding. Staff explained to the process that included them having to come before the City Commission to formally request the funds, hence the subject resolution.

Commissioner Dunn remarked that in the agenda backup, the goals stated seemed very vague, so she assumed that if the Commission were to approve the subject resolution, there would be some final agreement between the Chamber and the City that included concrete, measurable smart goals.

Interim City Manager Hobbs answered yes.

Commissioner Campbell recalled that in past years the Chamber once received \$100,000.00 from the City, but they were now requesting \$25,000.00, so he hoped they could manage with such a reduced amount.

Ms. McLennon explained that the Chamber recognized where they dropped the ball, so they took ownership for that.

Commissioner Campbell said the City used to have a process for the Chamber's use, and documentation of that use of city funds, asking if this process was still in effect.

Interim City Manager Hobbs stated it still existed.

Commissioner Campbell knew the roll the Chamber played in the City over the years, and he hoped to see the organization do better.

Ms. McLennon assured the Commission it would; if approved, the City's support was greatly appreciated, and the \$25,000.00 would help them to move forward, restating that they were already poised to meet the request deadline for the next fiscal year.

Mayor Grant echoed congratulations for Ms. McLennon's appointment as the Chamber's president again, noting she observed doing an excellent job for the Chamber whether as a president, or just a member, and the Chamber flourished; thus, these were the Commission's expectations going forward. She hoped the Chamber had a plan to work with the City's economic development staff, as well as the City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) staff, where they supported each other, and their efforts were not being duplicated.

Ms. McLennon affirmed they would, and the Chamber welcomed the involvement of the members of the City Commission; they would ensure that invitation to Chamber events were always sent to the Commission.

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

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

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Mayor Grant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, that agenda item 28 be heard next. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 28.** RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-52: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2025-013 "SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERA SYSTEM," AFTER ORAL PRESENTATIONS, TO _____; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SELECTED VENDOR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR).

Attachments: [25R-03-52 Resolution School Speed Zone RFP award](#)

[AR 25R-03-52](#)

[2025-013 School Zone Speed Enforcement Camera system Final-11-4-24](#)

[Altumint, Inc. - Qualifications Package](#)

[RedSpeed - Lauderhill School Zones Final](#)

[RFP Lauderhill](#)

[RFP 2025-013 Blue Line Solutions Proposal](#)

[Agenda Request Memo School Zone Speed Camera](#)

[Item 28 - Jenoptik Smart Mobility - School Zone Speed Program \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

Interim Finance Director/CRA Director Sean Henderson reviewed the subject item, as detailed in the backup, stating staff evaluated the proposals, and per city code, he wished to make sure the information was presented to the Commission. To this end, he invited the four bidders Altumint, Inc.; Blue Line Solutions, LLC; Jenoptik Smart Mobility Solutions, LLC; and RedSpeed Florida to make presentations to assist the City Commission in its decision-making process. The companies were informed of the time limit for each presentation.

Commissioner Dunn sought clarification on what the Commission was being asked to do.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot explained the bidders would make presentations, and the Commission would make a final decision, taking into account both staff's recommended rankings of the four companies, and the presentations made before the Commission.

A representative for Altumint, Inc. said he would give the Commission three things to think about with regard to their company: experience, technology, and community support. Altumint had been in business for a couple of decades, and they operated in ten states; they were first in Florida to sign a contract with the County's program, including the first to issue warnings and citations, to launch a free license plate readers (LPR) as part of the school zone system, first use solar, first to use trailer, and first to launch a program in South Florida. For technology, Altumint was one of the few owned, and operated companies, which meant they designed, and assembled their equipment in the U.S., and this gave them great flexibility. He said their services included Lidar speed detection that could be mounted on a pole, trailer, etc., along with other transportable programs, and they could use solar, electric, or battery powered devices. Regarding community support, to do this right, it was necessary to engage the community in an important education campaign. They worked with communities on such activities as designing postcards to distribute to the parents, and others in line dropping off/picking up students to inform them of what was coming. He urged the City not to count on the money, as if the subject program was put in place, violations would decrease, compliance would increase, safety would improve, so the revenue would drop. If there was remaining program funds at the end of the school year, they could be utilized for EAB and/or Chamber programs.

Commissioner Dunn asked what the maximum amount of points were, looking at the rubric provided in the backup; in this way, she would have a better understanding of how they weighed certain elements.

Mark Hutchinson, founder and owner of Blue Line Solutions located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, stated his company was selected as the most qualified vendor by the City's evaluation committee. He said a letter was released on February 19, 2025, by the Procurement Department, listing Blue Line Solutions as such, then a few days later the letter was amended for them to come to the present Commission meeting. He too agreed that communication with the public was a key component, adding that his background was in law enforcement, and in the various positions over many years, his job was to implement programs that reduced crashes, injuries, and

fatalities on their roadways. For example, "Click it or ticket" was a program that was instituted by the National Highway Safety Administration in every state in the U.S., and a key component in that program was public information education, not just enforcement. Mr. Hutchinson stated his company followed that model, as it was 24 years since that program was launched, and it remained successful, noting with that program there was a 90 percent reduction in the number of speeding vehicles versus before the programs. He said data was a very important component of their program, which they did that first through capturing data, sharing it with the community through the school system, through the City, through the parent portal email system. They were already contracted with the City of Hollywood for a while now and they had no problems initiating the program, which was running flawlessly; they currently had an 80 percent reduction among speeders in Hollywood versus before instituting the program. He noted they had no issues installing the cameras, as other companies in the industry had. Their company liked to be very engaged in the community, so they wanted to put an office in Broward County, as they understood the demographic differences of the community where numerous languages were spoken. He said they would hire Lauderhill residents who spoke the different languages to staff the office to ensure they provided the best customer service and public education possible.

Mr. Henderson responded to Commissioner Dunn's question, stating the ranking categories were: project understanding, 15 percent; project approach, 20 percent; ability to install and integrate preferred equipment, 20 percent; experience, 25 percent; best value, ten percent; local business preference, ten percent. In the subject situation, as none of the bidders were Lauderhill businesses, the maximum percentage they could get was 90.

Hassan Dabaja, Business Development Manager for Jenoptik Smart Mobility Solutions, LLC, stated their U.S. headquarters was based in Jupiter, Florida, with a staff of 212 employees ready to serve the City. He said they had been in traffic enforcement dating back to 1953, when they installed the first camera in a police vehicle, and in 1955, they installed the first radar in a police vehicle. Today, they were known as the global leader in smart mobility and public safety equipment. He said their company made the ideal partner for the City primarily because their experience in the industry was longest, with their heritage dating back to 1890, being in traffic enforcement since the 1950s, and over the years they continuously enhanced their services. Secondly, they were the manufacturer of their own hardware, and the developer of the software, so there was no reliance on third-party vendors with everything being built in house, designed in Jupiter, Florida. Mr. Dabaja noted they had over 4,000 systems installed in the U.S. and Canada, and all their product development, field engineers, customer services, processing of violations, etc. were all based in Jupiter Florida, so at a moment's notice they could be present at any site in Lauderhill. He said their hardware had an average life of seven to ten years; though the cameras lasted longer, with technology there were always issues. Regarding the timeline, normally they could deploy their system within 60 to 90 days, but given the fact that they were located in Florida, they could cut that time in half, should the City select their company. Mr. Dabaja said they had a marketing team that would be at the City's disposal and they would provide the best community outreach program, not just at the beginning, but throughout the

whole life of the program, working to educate the community, with the help of the City before, during, and after. The hardware was very sleek, needing no large housings, or complex wiring, and at every location they offered a free LPR that alerted the police department (PD) under five seconds of any sex offenders, stolen vehicles, or missing persons. He stated that besides the speed program, they offered distracted driving program, a crucial issue for road safety, particularly in school zones; they would offer this program for all city schools free of charge as part of the scope of services for the City.

Commissioner Dunn asked if Jenoptik was contracting with any other local cities.

Mr. Dabaja replied they currently contracted with Quincy, Florida, in north Florida, adding that many cities waited first to see what neighboring cities would do, so he asked their company not be judged by the number of local clients they had to date.

Commissioner Dunn questioned if they provided their services to any other U.S. city.

Mr. Dabaja responded that for the city of Syracuse, New York, they were deploying a total of 375 systems, between bus stop, speed and redlight, and school zone. Another was Prince George County, Maryland, where they deployed 66 systems between August and December 2024; of which 52 were in school zones. He urged the City Commission to check the references listed in their proposal, and visit the locations exhibiting their work in South Florida, as he felt they would be an eyeopener for the Commission members. The Commission and staff should expect the best from them, that their system would work 24 hours, seven days a week without any issues or breakdowns. Their company genuinely cared about making a public difference, and safety.

Greg Parks, RedSpeed Florida, reviewed their proposal; he introduced team members present, including CEO Robert Lieberman, who he said resided in Broward County, and VP of Operations David De La Espriella, retired Assistant Chief of Police of Miami Beach. Thus, they had significant law enforcement expertise with which to partner with Lauderhill PD. As a bidder for the subject RFP, experience and technology were very important, and this was a very high profile, policy decision in which Lauderhill citizens would want to know what was going on and why. He thought having the most experienced vendor brought a lot to the table; their company operated more school zone safety programs nationally than the other RFP candidates combined, and they operated more in Florida than their excellent competitors, being active in over 100 schools at present, including in Broward County, and a few dozen in Miami-Dade County. They did public education awareness, and he agreed with other presenters that it was not about the revenue. The operated under an identical law in Georgia for about seven years with 70 customers, and they saw, consistently, 90 percent reduction in violations, and less than a ten-percent repeat violator rate; the best metric was the improvement of safety. Mr. Parks mentioned a requirement in the RFP was for bidders to provide a solar solution, which his company believed in very much, as it allowed for a much faster implementation than relying on FPL and other local power companies to get their systems

operational. Regarding LPRs, they could partner with Rekor, currently used by the Lauderhill PD, rather than their own to supply this service, as the Commission already approved the Rekor system, and Lauderhill police personnel were already familiar with it. He said their company would engage with the Lauderhill Chamber to find out which local contractors were available, as well as to promote public education awareness as needed.

Mayor Grant asked if the 100 locations were in Broward County.

Mr. Parks replied the majority were located in Miami-Dade County and Broward County. They were selected as the recommended vendor by all Broward Agencies but one, Hollywood.

Mayor Grant wished to know more about the community engagement.

Mr. Parks concurred with what other bidders, that it was important to own the message, hence their desire to partner with the Lauderhill Chamber and City staff on the methods of local education, including flyers for students to take home, placing banners at schools with professionally produced public services announcements (PSAs) in multiple languages, specifically Creole, English, and Spanish.

Mayor Grant observed all bidders did an excellent job of communicating in their presentations, asking Mr. Parks what made his company unique.

Mr. Parks reiterated RedSpeed was by far the most experienced nationally, and locally, their commitment to the Lauderhill Chamber, their ability to utilize the existing LPRs installed around Lauderhill, the provision of solar-powered devices; thus, experience, technology, local commitment.

Commissioner Campbell asked if Mr. Lieberman had done any business in Lauderhill.

RedSpeed Florida CEO Robert Lieberman answered no, but he had been to Lauderhill numerous times.

Commissioner Campbell noticed RedSpeed was not only a Chamber member, but they were committed to local churches and community organizations. He asked what was the company's position on helping youths.

Mr. Parks responded, along with their commitment to providing proven safety equipment in school zones, this was a local project, so they joined the Chamber to discover what was best for the City, and working with local churches to get messaging out to the community was one step. The approach to their commitment to working with the community needed to be tailored, not be a one size fits all approach.

Commissioner Campbell said he was not opposed to companies coming from a distance, but he was excited to see local companies that, hopefully, understood the City's needs and were willing to work with the City and organizations the City already worked with. All the presentations given to the

Commission at the present meeting were excellent, but he tended to advocate for localness. RedSpeed addressed a number of concerns he had.

Commissioner Dunn supported local business commitment and hiring locally, mentioning a text she received from someone she did not know at 5:53 p.m. just prior to the present meeting that she shared with Mr. Ottinot and Mr. Hobbs. She read the text into the record as follows: My name is Janelle Irwin Taylor; I'm with Florida Politics. I was calling to ask about RedSpeed Florida, which I know you all have a vote on tonight. We have discovered that the company's senior VP Greg Parks has had -- has a serious criminal and traffic violation history, including a DUI a few years ago, a past felony drug arrest, and three criminal traffic offenses, one as recent as 2018. I'm just wondering if the Commission is aware of this information, as you consider them for your school camera RFP. Commissioner Dunn remarked that when she got the text, she spoke to Mr. Ottinot and to Mr. Hobbs, and her question to them was if there was anything in the RFP that required a disclosure of any criminal history; she was told that there was a piece, so she needed Mr. Parks to respond accordingly.

Mr. Parks replied that he was very disappointed to hear of the mudslinging in the industry, stating there was nothing to disclose that was relevant to this project. Anything that happened in his past took place years prior, and it had nothing to do with the subject RFP, as their company had the highest integrity. He said he would need more specificity in the inquiry in order to respond.

Mr. Lieberman commented that their company's leadership had full confidence in their entire staff, and it was incredibly unfortunate that their competitors were so afraid of RedSpeed that they would resort such incredible dirty tricks to try to mess with RedSpeed's reputation. He claimed it was all nonsense, as Mr. Parks was an amazing, longtime employee.

Commissioner Dunn noted when she spoke to Mr. Ottinot about the message, he communicated to her that its contents had no bearing, but as this was a service that dealt with children, she thought it was important to read the message into the record. She knew that one of the questions asked on the subject RFP spoke about criminal proceedings, asking for clarity on how RedSpeed in particular responded.

Interim City Manager Hobbs stated for the record that in the RFP, responders were asked to: List and describe all criminal proceedings or hearings concerning business-related offenses in which the proposer, its principals, officers, or predecessor organizations were defendants. He said RedSpeed stated: None. The RFP also asked: Has a proposer, its principals, officers, or predecessor organizations been convicted of a public entity crime, debarred, or suspended from bidding by any government during the past five years. To this question RedSpeed answered: No.

Commissioner Dunn questioned if city staff did due diligence in checking the responses for all the applicants as it related to these questions.

Interim City Manager Hobbs answered no; all bidders responded no, so city staff did not do any additional due diligence investigation.

Commissioner Dunn commented, for her, despite RedSpeed giving a good presentation, being ranked by city staff as the second highest, she preferred to see city staff do more research, as she could not ignore the abovementioned text in a situation that involved the protection of the City's children.

Commissioner Campbell remarked seeing at the very highest level that it was becoming the norm to utilize social media, and any communication method and device, to fight those one was opposed to. He, too, received numerous text messages daily, and the Commission's decision could not be based solely on one text message from someone unwilling to appear before the City Commission to voice their concern, and present physical evidence to this end. He could not comment as to the accuracy of the information in the text, so he could not make a decision based a message from someone hiding behind a text message; he, too, suffered from people casting aspersions on him. It was sad and disturbing when one was involved in a legally run business and a dirty trick by someone was utilized to prevent one from engaging in honest business. He resented and denounced people at the highest level in the U.S. who thought it was cool to destroy people.

Commissioner Dunn recognized, as a businessowner, not everybody practiced business the same way, but she suggested tabling the subject item to give city staff time to do due diligence on the matter of discussion. To an extent, Commissioner Campbell had a valid point, in that it was important for the Commission to know whether or not what was being said could be substantiated. If found to be true, she was not comfortable putting the future of the City's children in the hands of a company that, a) answered falsely to specific questions asked; and, b) had such a history.

Nick Matthews, legal representative for RedSpeed, said the Becker Firm represented RedSpeed for at least two years, and the company operated in nothing but honest, and upfront transparent fashion. They repeatedly won public procurement bids, as there was no question as to whether they could handle the subject program ethically or that any children would be in any sort of danger. He said the RFP language asked specifically about public entity crimes, or business-related offenses, none of which were read into the record at the present meeting through the curious text message. The City clearly had a speeding problem, and to slow the progress of putting the subject program in place because of a text message that supposedly brought certain things into question. With all due respect, he disagreed with the implied characterization.

Mayor Grant asked members of the Commission if they were ready to select a company for the subject RFP.

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public.

Varion Harris asked what operating system would be used; if there was a need for software upgrades, would the City be charged additionally for those upgrades; if there was a charge, how much would that be. He recalled at two or three Commission meetings ago, an individual presented data on speeding in the City's school zones, and he wished to know which company that individual

worked for.

Mr. Hutchinson indicated the data was presented by a representative of Blue Line Solutions.

Mr. Harris expressed satisfaction with the data presented, adding that as their software was web based, there were no software updates, and their company provided everything to their clients, as they were turnkey.

Shawn Lattibeaudere, President of Turn Two Electric, stated he had been in business for 22 years, indicated he currently worked for Blue Line Solutions, doing all their camera installs; their system had a great success rate. He was a part of their bid package as their installer. Commissioner Campbell indicated he wanted to hire local, and his office had been in the City of Plantation, and he did a lot of work in Lauderhill.

Lawrence Martin thought all presentations were good, and there was definitely a need for the subject program in Lauderhill. He cautioned the Commission in their asking of vendors if they were willing to engage in community support initiatives.

Madeline Noel thought the presentations from the bidding companies were interesting, and the area that peaked her attention was if the companies understood the community demographics, such as language, as well as them having an office in the community, and hiring local residents. She urged the City Commission to take those elements into consideration in reaching a decision.

Jason Friedberg, Blue Line Solutions, indicated the ranked firms had yet to see the tabulated results from the RFP selection committee, asking if city staff could provide the rankings.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot remarked there was no ranking from the selection committee; they only tabulated the scores awarded for the criteria in the RFP.

Mr. Henderson restated the scores as follows: Altumint - 247; Blue Line - 256; Jenoptik Traffic Solutions (TRAFFIPAX) - 224; RedSpeed - 249.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot asked staff to identify the categories in which the scores were awarded.

Mr. Henderson indicated the categories were: project understanding; project approach; ability to install and integrate preferred equipment; experience; best value; and local Lauderhill business.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot pointed out for each category, a maximum amount of points could be awarded, as explained earlier in the agenda item dialog.

A motion was made by Commissioner R. Campbell, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Resolution be approved, selecting RedSpeed Florida as the chosen vendor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

Commissioner Campbell said one policy he practiced was when companies wished to locate in Lauderhill, he insisted that the local community benefited from the City allowing such businesses be located in Lauderhill. He will not stop asking businesses coming into Lauderhill to hire locally, and engage in other initiatives to benefit the local community.

25.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-78: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACCEPTING A GRANT WITH A ONE -TIME ADVANCE PAYMENT OF \$149,000.00 AND A SUBSEQUENT GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$176,667.00 FOR THE CONTRACT TERM OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT AIMED AT PROVIDING POST-OVERDOSE SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-78 Resolution Accepting Fire Grant for Opioid program](#)
[AR 25R-03-78](#)
[Lauderhill 3.3.25 Ops Budget Narrative](#)
[Lauderhill Final Start Up Budget](#)
[Post-Overdose Co-Responder Model for Lauderhill Fire Rescue](#)
[DOH Grant Memo - Updated.pdf](#)
[Revised DOH Contract.pdf](#)

Fire Chief Robert Torres indicated the subject resolution provided the City an opportunity to collaborate with the Florida Department of Health, and with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), selecting Lauderhill as one of the pioneers for the subject program.

Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Gonzalez stated this was a co-respondent program developed by the Florida Department of Health and the CDC to respond to post-overdose calls in the City. A team was selected and went to visit such individuals 72 hours after they were released from hospital; along with the CDC, assigned city staff provided education, continued healthcare, and recommended different areas for continued support.

Community Paramedic Sheniqua Johnson explained the subject program would enhance the City's Community Paramedic Program for people who used drugs. Once they were discharged from the hospital and they went to a local facility, they would be assisted with peer supporters/specialists to help them through the support process. They would do a post-discharge within 72 hours to meet

with them in their home, connect them to resources, recovery assistance, as well as other assistance, such as transportation, food, and other insecurities they had that kept them in that vulnerable state; the City would provide data information to the CDC.

Commissioner Dunn congratulated staff, as she knew how difficult it was to get grant funding; she saw the leaps and bounds the Community Paramedic Program team made, and how they took the initial appropriation and built on it, building their own capacity.

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

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

Abstain: 0

Off Dais: 1 - Commissioner J. Hodgson

26.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-79: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED FEDERAL CUTS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("SNAP"); DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FLORIDA UNITED STATES SENATORS, BROWARD COUNTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES; BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND GROUPS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: [25R-03-79 Reso Opposing Proposed Federal Cuts to SNAP-3-31-25](#)
[AR 25R-03-79](#)

Commissioner Dunn said the City currently faced food insecurity challenges. SNAP was in danger of losing its funding; of the Florida cities with the most SNAP recipients, Lauderhill was number nine, with 28 percent of the City's population being eligible for SNAP. She noted if SNAP was cut, the City would see increased challenges around food insecurity, particularly affecting seniors and low-income population, those already finding it difficult to make ends meet. Cutting SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, and cutting social security presented real challenges for the City's residents. She commented, as the City considered the impacts, it was necessary to figure out ways to meet the residents needs if they either no longer received or received reduced aid from the federal government, including figuring out how to ensure they had adequate food. The City needed to mobilize the aid of local organizations and neighbors to fill the gaps. Commissioner Dunn stated that on May 1, 2025, there would be a town hall meeting to explore what this meant, and to devise a strategy to minimize the impact to residents.

Mayor Grant stated the subject resolution was a good one, and Commissioner Dunn included the relevant statistics to communicate the need for action; she said the rest of the Commission and City Administration supported her on the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

27. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-80: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (APHA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 TO IMPLEMENT THE CARDIFF VIOLENCE PREVENTION MODEL; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APHA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-80 Resolution Accepting Grant from APHA](#)

[AR 25R-03-80](#)

[American Public Health Association - Contractor Agreement](#)

[Memo - APHA Grant](#)

[Item 27 - Commissioner Dunn Cardiff Overview \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

Commissioner Campbell sought clarification on the statement in the backup indicating the Lauderhill Health and Prosperity Partnership (LHPP) initiative would manage the subject fund.

Interim City Manager Hobbs replied that in the backup letter accompanying the resolution, there was a request from the current city staff that worked specifically on the LHPP program; that is, they were city employees paid by the City, but the funding for their full-time positions came through a grant secured by the LHPP. He explained that the individual who wrote the grant was one such individual and, in the staff memo submitted, they requested that the reporting and the management of the grant be handled as part of the administration of the LHPP.

Commissioner Campbell wished to know the basis of the request.

Interim City Manager Hobbs assumed the basis was that the individual who wrote the grant was part of the LHPP administration team. He thought Commission Dunn could provide more clarity on the current management model of the LHPP, as this was something she brought forward as a grant.

Mayor Grant pointed out the resolution was under Mr. Hobbs's name.

Commissioner Campbell remarked that he was unaware that members of the Commission could be engaged in managing and/or distributing funds from the City.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot said the authority to distribute city funds came from the City Commission; generally, grant administration was under the City Manager and his staff.

Commissioner Campbell asked about the justification for a member of the Commission managing the distribution of funds from the City, asking if city staff was not capable of doing so.

Interim City Manager Hobbs affirmed city staff was capable of administering grant funding. He believed there was a grant or a model that was approved previously in relation to the LHPP, and he assumed this was the basis of the LHPP grant staff's request. The previous City Commission approved by resolution the LHPP program, and the question that arose was how it would be funded, as a request for city funds was denied by the previous Commission. Two city employees were tasked with managing the grant dollars that funded the LHPP.

Commissioner Campbell pointed out that individual city employees did not decide how city funds should be distributed, so he was unsure what the present situation was.

Interim City Manager Hobbs restated that the positions of the two city employees tasked with administering the LHPP and its funding were funded by a grant awarded to the LHPP program. He was not recommending or agreeing with the request of the LHPP staff to administer the grant funding; specifically, there was a request by the individual who wrote the grant that was a part of the LHPP, and in that letter to the City Manager, they requested to manage those funds.

Commissioner Campbell, again, asked on what basis were they making the request, rather than Finance managing the disbursement of the LHPP grant funds.

Interim City Manager Hobbs affirmed Finance staff were capable of managing the disbursement of grant funds; no decision had been made as to who was charged with doing the reporting on the use of the grant funds; they would be done by city staff. To Commissioner Campbell's question as to why LHPP staff requested that the administration of the LHPP grant funds be handled by the LHPP staff was likely based on the fact that the grant funding impacted the programs administered under the LHPP. Again, he was not stating this was what had to happen going forward as to the management of those funds, as the City had more than capable staff who were not a part of LHPP to do the same work. However, previously, the programs and services associated with LHPP were managed by the two abovementioned city employees.

Mayor Grant wished to know when, in the past, the City received grant funding in general, which city department managed those dollars.

Interim City Manager Hobbs replied the Finance Department handled the financial reporting aspect of grants.

Mayor Grant assumed the two subject individuals were now a part of Finance staff.

Interim City Manager Hobbs answered yes, they were now as of a about a month ago; they were previously a part of City Administration; their positions were still funded by the LHPP Grant, and their tasks of administering the programs and services under the LHPP remained the same.

Mayor Grant sought clarification that if the Commission were to approve their continuing to administer the LHPP grant funding, Mr. Hobbs was saying that as they were now Finance staff members, it was good for them to continue as before.

Interim City Manager Hobbs answered no; clarifying that he was saying that outside of administering the LHPP activities, and before they were transferred to Finance, grants were under City Administration, so grant funding was managed by City Administration, including that for LHPP programming and services. When grant administration moved back under the Finance Department, there was some restructuring, with assigned Finance staff, not specific to LHPP, tasked with the management of all city grants, including the reporting aspect.

Mayor Grant wished to know what Mr. Hobbs considered the ideal model for the City to receive and manage grants.

Interim City Manager Hobbs supported the model currently in place; that is, both being under the Finance Department, including the management of the grant writers, and with grants written by other departments working with Finance staff overseen by Interim Deputy Finance Director Karen Pottinger. This would ensure compliance and proper reporting for the grants; from an efficiency standpoint, the application, receipt, and management of all grant funding should fall under the Finance Department. His position was that the LHPP grant funds should be managed in the same manner as all other city grant funding.

Commissioner Campbell clarified that his concern with the subject resolution stemmed from his inquiry to Finance staff about \$3.8 million dealt with somewhat the same, and he still awaited information on what transpired with those funds. It appeared to him the City lacked an adequate method of tracking grant funds, yet the Commission was being asked to vote to continue the same errors made previously; that is, the City's auctioning out its responsibility to manage grant funds out to any entity, which were public funds. He said there was no real justification for the City taking this route, which he saw as reckless, and festers a situation where people could manipulate the system, and it was not a good look for the City. Technical reasons as to why there was a need to seek outside management of some grant funds rather than having City staff manage them as they did other grant dollars had yet to be presented to him, or the rest of the Commission. In the subject instance, it appeared a decision was made to have two select city employees manage the LHPP grant dollars.

Interim City Manager Hobbs commented that every penny of the \$3.8 million had been identified, even though Finance was not intimately involved in the management of grants when it was moved from Finance to City Administration. He had no firsthand knowledge of how the grant funds were managed when their administration was outside the Finance Department other than the areas in which Finance staff was involved, specifically: procurement, the issuance of contracts, and cutting of checks. With regard to the subject matter, the memo submitted did not dictate how to move forward, and his reply to the memo was that Ms. Pottinger and her staff would manage the LHPP grant funds, as she too worked for the City, and LHPP was a program that the City operated, not a separate entity. He said there were programs that were LHPP related that emerged as a result of research and items that were done from the initial \$3.8 million, and at least two additional grants were received that provided funding for various items and programs. Again, the LHPP was not an outside entity; it was a program that individuals who worked for the City who, until a month or two ago, worked under City Administration to manage the operational side of those programs who were now transferred to working under the Finance Department. He noted, with regard to the management of LHPP grant dollars, the answer to the Commission's questions was that the program would be managed by the appropriate staff set forth by the Finance Director and his staff as to how grants were managed by the City. The two aforementioned individuals did have the most intimate knowledge of how the LHPP program worked, because they worked on the LHPP for the last several years with regard to carrying out the work of the LHPP program, which included the dollars allocated to vendors that performed various tasks outside of the City.

Commissioner Campbell asked if the Finance Department was equipped to disburse and manage funds.

Interim City Manager Hobbs answered absolutely.

Commissioner Campbell wished to know why the Commission should approve going in the direction advocated by the proposed resolution.

Interim City Manager Hobbs clarified the Commission was being asked to vote on the agreement attached to the resolution that stated that the funds would be received and managed by the City of Lauderhill. The memo was written by Shardy Sobers, the program manager for LHPP; she was a city employee, but her position was funded with the LHPP grant dollars. The Commission's vote was for the City to receive the \$30,000.00 in grant funding, and that the City would adhere to what the grant requirements were; he believed some members of the Commission were asking if they approved the subject resolution, would Ms. Sobers be managing the LHPP program, specifically all the reporting and compliance responsibilities of the subject grant, to which the answer at present was no. Ms. Pottinger would make a decision as to who on her staff would undertake those tasks. Mr. Hobbs said the agreement in the resolution made no reference to LHPP; the agreement represented only the City of Lauderhill, and what the reporting requirements were.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot remarked if Commissioner Campbell wished to

make it clear that the subject grant would be managed by Finance Department staff, this could be stated as an amendment in the language of the resolution.

Commissioner Dunn wished to be clear and transparent about what she was talking about, noting everyone agreed that the City had an issue with violence, and for the last three and a half years the LHPP team, under her leadership, were in conversation with the CDC and the Florida Department of Health to find evidence-based solutions to help reduce violence in the City of Lauderhill. The Cardiff Model was an evidence-based practice which analyzed data taken from the ER, EMS, and the police to identify areas where incidents of violence occurred, and that analysis was used create solutions to reduce violence. She said the LHPP was a 250-partner organization that included residents, churches, and other nonprofits working together with no political agenda, just working together to make the City better, to make it safe and prosperous; that was the LHPP's mission from day one. Commissioner Dunn explained that the LHPP was based on the City conducting a community needs assessment, holding focus groups, doing surveys, and engaging residents to gather data. Once that data was collected, residents were engaged again to show the findings, asking them what they wished the City to focus on, and the members of the Lauderhill community decided they wanted to work on the issues of violence, mental health, and how connected they were with the City's neighbors. Based on the plan that residents came up with, she made a request to the City Commission to fund related programs to address these needs, and she was told no on two separate occasions, and that she should find the funding elsewhere. She then went knocking on doors, applied for grants, and appealed to private donors, telling them about the problems facing Lauderhill, including the fact that Lauderhill had more residents with diabetes than any other Broward city, and an area in the City where the cancer rate was 72 percent higher than in the rest of the County. They responded to her appeals, expressing their willingness to invest in the City of Lauderhill, and they did. Commissioner Dunn stated that the City used that investment to build the capacity to solve the problems that the City lacked the financial resources to solve, so she was unsure what the problem was, as the funding under the subject resolution that the Commission was being asked to vote on was a grant written by the LHPP team. Securing the funding would help the City get the data it needed to help make the City safer; again, it was not about politics, it was about saving lives. She explained that when the data was gathered, it was forwarded to the Florida Department of Health, and the latter would map the data to paint a picture for the City Commission as Lauderhill's policymakers, helping to facilitate the Commission's ability to establish better policies that would enable churches and other nonprofit organizations to work with the City as a team to help make Lauderhill safe. Commissioner Dunn indicated the subject grant would give the City the opportunity to create a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between key players, such as hospitals, emergency services, etc., as well as provide training for the City's partners, and purchase technology for data analysis. She urged her colleagues to put political things aside, and vote to approve the subject item, stating the department that was intimately involved with the LHPP program, and working on it for three years was the LHPP team who wrote the grants, attended meetings, etc.

Mayor Grant believed all members of the Commission truly cared about the City

of Lauderhill, some who were longtime residents, and who worked behind the scenes for many years prior to serving on the Commission. There were several city programs that were not under LHPP that were very effective and beneficial to the City, some of which worked toward a safer Lauderhill, such as Unity in the Community that was established in 2019 prior to Commissioner Dunn serving on the Commission. She thought the subject grant was very good, but her concern was that city staff wrote the grant, so there was some confusion as to the management of the grant. The rest of the Commission, like herself, were now understanding that the LHPP was not a separate 501(c)(3) entity, but it was an initiative under a City department that was managed by a member of the Commission, and the latter was where the concern and questions arose. She thought Commissioner Dunn did good work for the City, along with others. Mayor Grant noted that had she had a better understanding of the LHPP program and its administration prior to the present meeting, her conversation on the subject resolution would have been different. She understood that the persons managing the LHPP grant were city employees who were now moved from City Administration to the Finance Department, so the LHPP grant would continue to be managed by city employees. She recommended that the City accept the grant, but she wanted to see it clearly stated that it was the Finance Department that would oversee the management of the grant funds.

Commissioner Dunn reminded Mayor Grant that when the resolution to establish the LHPP was approved, and in a recent presentation she gave the current City Commission, the language was that the LHPP was a movement to establish the social determinants of health, for the purpose of which there would be five sub-councils. In the original piece, each member of the then Commission was assigned to each sub-council, and she recalled Mayor Grant agreed to be a liaison for the education sub-council, Vice Mayor Martin agreed to be the liaison for the economic mobility sub-council. She later invited each member of the current Commission to preside over one of the five sub-councils, with the understanding that the work was driven by the council that was resident led. For the record, she never excluded any member of the City Commission, past or present from being fully engaged in the LHPP initiative's process.

Mayor Grant recalled when Commissioner Dunn brought the idea of the LHPP to the then City Commission, which included the idea of collecting data to establish programs off the results, she did not understand the concept of the initiative, and she believed she asked for clarification. She was always eager to help the City, as it was her job and responsibility, and her life's desire, hence her serving on the Commission; she did say yes initially, but when she found out what it was she quickly said no; she had never attended one meeting, sat in on one phone call to participate in discussions related to LHPP, as she recognized it was a program. All members of the Commission had their individual programs and initiatives that they worked on, as they all had their own platform, methods, and ways to move the City forward. Her decision not to participate in liaising on any LHPP sub-council was not any shade to Commissioner Dunn or the LHPP program, but she had to stick to purpose, and the assignment she was given for the residents of the City of Lauderhill. Like her, the resumes of her colleagues on the Commission showed that they, too,

were doing very good work in the City, as evidenced by their election to serve on the Commission. She would lend her support to her colleagues' initiatives, she just needed to have full understanding of what she was being asked to do, so she could do it in good faith; she had her review with staff on the subject agenda item, and some aspects of the present dialog were not discussed with her, so she came to the present meeting a little clouded on the matter. However, now that she had clarification, she could support approving the grant, but the resolution's language had to state clearly that the management of the grant would be under the Finance Department as she knew it institutionally and historically.

Commissioner Dunn sought clarification as to why the rest of the Commission appeared not to want the LHPP program staff who previously managed the grant funding to do so, considering they wrote the grant and managed the program's activities.

Mayor Grant responded that she understood from her discussion with Mr. Hobbs that the LHPP grant was still a city grant, and the funds, like with other city grants, should be managed by Finance staff. As Commissioner Dunn was seen as the City's leader of LHPP, if she had questions and concerns about the program, she might violate the Florida Sunshine Law in her effort to seek clarification on LHPP grant matters from Commissioner Dunn if she did so outside a noticed, public meeting forum.

Commissioner Dunn said she was asking specifically about the Commission's seeming wish to change which city staff managed LHPP grant funding.

Mayor Grant preferred the LHPP grant funds to be managed by Finance staff, who she could call at any time for clarification on any related matter.

Commissioner Dunn clarified at no time would any member of the Commission call her on a grant question; as was always done, their call would be to the City Manager, or email city staff directly for an answer or discussion, as neither risked any violation of the Sunshine Law. Thus, continuing to have the LHPP program managed by the same staff as before should pose no issue, as communications always went through the City Manager, as they were his staff.

Commissioner Campbell remarked that in order to avoid the appearance of conflict it was important, as elected officials, for commissioners not to get involved in certain matters. Grant dollars secured for the City via efforts of Commission members applying through the City were city dollars, not commission dollars, and he said it was great to hear that the subject grant funding would benefit Lauderhill. However, he could not understand why the disbursement of the LHPP funds should not be done by Finance Department staff, as opposed to it being by staff in another city department over which Finance would have no control. He would not vote to approve the subject item unless the language was amended as Mayor Grant requested.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot believed Mr. Hobbs already stated that the management of all grants now fell under the Finance Department, and that included the LHPP grant. However, if the Commission desired a language

amendment to the subject resolution, this could be done to indicate clearly that the Finance Department would manage all LHPP grant funding.

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public.

Varion Harris stated he was appalled by the way in which the present conversation on the dais was being conducted, as the funds being discussed was money that Commissioner Dunn and the designated LHPP staff applied for, and Commissioner Dunn clearly detailed what the funding was to be used for. The use of any funds that came into the City had to go through established channels for spending that had in place checks and balances to ensure proper usage, so he found Commissioner Campbell's comments as to suspecting misappropriation or misallocation of funds odd, as this was the job of the City's Finance Department. When misappropriations were found, this was usually reported to the Mayor and the Commission, and the City Manager. He found the language amendment to the resolution as to the management of the subject grant funds was, to him, a personal attack on Commissioner Dunn to say that she was owed the money, which she had never claimed. The funds were to carry out the services of the LHPP program, and she should not be targeted in this manner, considering that when she initially brought the LHPP program to the Commission, requesting city funding, she was told no, so she went on to find dollars for the LHPP that did not cost Lauderhill's taxpayers anything. Mr. Harris said his time was valuable, and the Commission spent 30 to 40 minutes of his time engaged in this debate; he doubted if a similar conversation would be had if the LHPP was being overseen by any other member of the Commission.

Lawanna Jackson, Lauderhill resident, remarked on sitting in the audience for the past 40 minutes listening as Mr. Hobbs tried to explain to Commissioner Campbell about grant dollars brought into the City by the work of Commissioner Dunn and city staff. In her understanding of what was said, the two people it appeared Commissioner Campbell took issue with were city employees that were now transferred to Finance Department staff, and when the grant funding was paid to the City, it would be Ms. Pottinger's decision as to how those grant funds would be allocated, not Commissioner Dunn or the two city staff members currently managing the LHPP program activities. She said that to Commissioner Campbell's question as to why those staff members should manage the LHPP grant funding, the answer was that they applied for the grant for the LHPP program, they explained what the money was to be used for, and the Commission appeared to still doubt that the funds would be allocated appropriately. Ms. Jackson recommended the Commission pass the subject resolution, and allow the funds to be used to help the citizens of Lauderhill.

Madeline Noel, Lauderhill resident, felt saddened by the amount of time the Commission was taking to discuss and vote on the subject resolution, money that the City was not willing to allocate to things that were relevant and important, such as crime reduction, education, public safety, etc. She was first saddened when the City said no to initially funding the LHPP, of which she was a part, constantly hearing about the City budgeting dollars for music events, award events, when the LHPP sought to promote healthcare and safety for Lauderhill residents. As she said before, her house had been shot up, and she loved Lauderhill, having lived in the City for over 19 years, and now grant funds

were applied for and approved to come to the City for its LHPP initiatives. She wondered if the lengthy discussion was only because the success of getting those dollars was based on the efforts of Commissioner Dunn and LHPP staff, as she doubted it would be taking place had it been any other member of the Commission's initiative. She appreciated Mr. Hobbs taking time to explain how the funds would be used, mentioning two of the marches LHPP conducted in the community speaking out against crime, and the need to treat each other with respect and dignity. While she was grateful for Commissioner Dunn's leading the charge of the LHPP initiative, etc., the LHPP was a city program led by residents, and every stakeholder who participated in the LHPP. Lauderhill citizens were grateful for every program that worked to benefit them and their city. The subject \$30,000.00 was for LHPP activities only, not any other City program, so she urged the Commission members to show appreciation for the people working on behalf of the LHPP initiative for the City of Lauderhill.

Lawrence Martin, Lauderhill resident, found it odd that earlier in the meeting representatives from the City's Fire Department (FD) spoke to Commission about a grant they applied for and received to benefit them, funds that they would be responsible for allocating, and reporting how those dollars were spent. This was similar to grant funding received by the police department, public works, parks, etc., monies that were used to improve facilities and services for the Lauderhill public. He said the fact that members of the Commission were singling out the subject grant, even after Mr. Hobbs explained that the LHPP grant dollars and activities were managed two by designated city staff members for the last three years. Even with the moving of all grant management under the Finance Department, one wonders why anyone in Finance would designate the management of the LHPP program to anyone other than the two city staff members most experienced in managing the program's activities. To not do this, to him, made it sound as though a personal attack was being launched against Commissioner Dunn. He urged the Commission and Mr. Hobbs to let the best people do the job, giving the City the best bang for the buck, and this could be achieved without any amendment to the resolution's language.

Mayor Grant commented that she stood firmly with Commissioner Campbell. She received no further input from the public.

Vice Mayor Martin mentioned speaking with Mr. Hobbs earlier in the year about tracking the City's finances better, and one of the matters that came up was a \$3.8 million grant the City received, and when he asked what those funds were spent on, he was later given a list that showed \$2 million went to supplies. He asked Mr. Hobbs what constituted supplies, to which Mr. Hobbs replied that the procedure for managing those grant dollars differed from the manner in which grant dollars were usually managed. It was for that reason Mr. Hobbs decided an immediate change was needed as to the management of all the City's grant funding, brining all related grant matters under the Finance Department. He believed his fellow Commissioners were simply asking that all grant matters, including grant dollars coming to the City of Lauderhill, fall under the purview of the Finance Department, which was the correct way to manage anything related to City money regardless of its source. The subject discussion was not an attack against Commissioner Dunn.

Commissioner Dunn wished to clarify that her vote to approve was for the City to accept the subject grant, but she was opposed to amending the resolution's language as stated above.

A motion was made by Mayor D. Grant, seconded by Commissioner R. Campbell, that this Resolution be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

Commissioner Dunn wished the matter of the spending of the \$3.8 million to be put on a Commission workshop agenda for further discussion for clarification; she wished staff to include in the backup for that workshop documents indicating the votes for all those contracts, amendments, etc., so Commission members' memories were refreshed. She heard both Vice Mayor Martin and Commissioner Campbell allude to misappropriation of funds, to which she heard her name being linked, so she desired clarification for both the public and her benefit. For the record, the \$3.8 million HHS grant awarded to the City was secured by her for the City of Lauderhill; however, she was completely excluded from the administration of that grant in any way, so she had zero say in how those funds were disbursed. She said records would also show that when it came to voting on the two vendors who received contracts for those funds, she abstained from voting. Commissioner Dunn resented anyone of her colleagues implying or insinuating that she had anything to do with any misappropriation of funds, so any failure found in their proper disbursement had absolutely nothing to do with her.

Commissioner Campbell claimed not to have mentioned anyone's name, and no one claimed there was a misappropriation of any funds, he said only that some members of the Commission tried to get information; he did not disclose at any time the status of the information, only that it was difficult to get the information.

29.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-56: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA IMPLORING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE IN ITS 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO DECREASE PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK CONDOMINIUM OWNERS NEEDING TO COMPLY WITH THE FLORIDA CONDOMINIUM LAW AS PROPOSED BY SENATE BILL 554, HOUSE BILL 451, AND SENATE BILL 592; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [25R-03-56 Resolution Supporting Senate and House Bills for lower insurance premiums](#)
[AR 25R-03-56](#)

Mayor Grant explained the purpose of the subject item was for the City to request that State policymakers take action on property insurance issues that

affected homeowners and residents who lived in condominiums. The resolution implored the State policymakers to reduce the cost of property insurance premiums to relive a significant burden on residential property owners, as it made it difficult for them to maintain their properties, and their financial stability. She noted, in addition to reducing insurance costs, the resolution called for the establishment of grant programs aimed at helping condominium owners, many of whom were considered to be at risk, suggesting that such owners faced challenges in meeting State requirements under the Florida Condominium Law that could include: maintenance, safety, and funding for necessary repairs. Mayor Grant indicated the proposed resolution referenced Senate Bill 554, House Bill 451, and Senate Bill 592, indicating these bills might contain previous provisions related to property insurance, reform, or support for condominium owners. Time was of the essence, so she appealed to her colleagues to support her on the subject resolution.

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

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

Abstain: 0

- 30.** RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-65: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING _____ AND _____ BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD TO FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF AN EXPIRED TERM THAT LASTS THREE (3) YEARS EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2027; APPOINTING RICHARD GAYLE BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A ONE (1) YEAR TERM THAT EXPIRES NOVEMBER 2025; APPOINTING JOHN BECKFORD BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A ONE (1) YEAR TERM THAT EXPIRES NOVEMBER 2025, IF NOT CHOSEN AS A REGULAR BOARD MEMBER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-65 Resolution appointing code enforcement board members 3.31.25](#)
[AR 25R-03-65](#)
[Agenda Request Memo \(Code Enforcement Board Appointments\)](#)
[Code Enforcement Board List](#)
[Beckford, John - Code Enforcement Board Application](#)
[Blackburn, Charles - Code Enforcement Board Application](#)
[Gayle, Richard - Code Enforcement Board Application](#)
[Rich, Dorothy - Code Enforcement Board Application](#)

Mayor Grant mentioned selecting John Beckford to serve as an alternate not

knowing that there was a vacancy for a regular member, so she wished Mr. Beckford to be selected to serve as a regular board member, as he had been serving on the Code Enforcement Board for many years with honor and distinction.

Commissioner Campbell selected Richard Gayle to serve as a regular board member, as he, too, served as an alternate on the Code Enforcement Board for some 21 years. With such a wealth of experience, and the importance of the subject board, the Commission needed to maintain this high quality of service.

Mayor Grant made a motion to Extend the City Commission meeting past 11:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hodgson. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Campbell	Yes
Commissioner Dunn	Yes
Commissioner Hodgson	Yes
Vice Mayor Martin	Yes
Mayor Grant	Yes

Commissioner Dunn asked about the other regular board members currently serving, and how the appointment of Mr. Beckford and Mr. Gayle would affect them.

Deputy City Clerk Nadia Chin indicated past board chair, Dorothy Rich's term expired November 29, 2024.

Mayor Grant indicated the open seats for the two alternates could be filled by the other two candidates named in the resolution, Charles Blackburn and Dorothy Rich.

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

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

Abstain: 0

- 31. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-67: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL DESIGNATING A DIRECTOR, AN ALTERNATE AND A SECOND ALTERNATE AS MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25R-03-67 Resolution designating director alternative and second alternative to Broward League AR 25R-03-67](#)
[Agenda Request Memo \(Broward League of Cities Board of Directors Appointments\) 25-26 Board Request Appointment](#)

Mayor Grant mentioned not serving on many boards, as she was focusing on her role of mayor, but the subject board was an important one, so she wished to serve as the City’s representative, asking for the appointment of Commissioner Campbell as the first alternate, and Commissioner Hodgson to be the second alternate.

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

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

Abstain: 0

32. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-70: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING _____ AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY AND BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD FOR SEAT 8, WHICH SERVES AT LARGE, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JULY 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-70 Resolution Appointing Board Member CBAB AR 25R-03-70](#)
[Agenda Request Memo \(Community and Budget Advisory Board \(CBAB\) Appointments\) DePass, Claudette - CBAB Application](#)
[Community and Budget Advisory Board List](#)

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

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

Abstain: 0

33. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-71: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING _____ BY THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD FOR THE VACANT UNEXPIRED TWO (2) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE FEBRUARY 2027; AND PROVIDING FOR AN

EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25R-03-71 Resolution Appointing Board Member GEPB](#)

[AR 25R-03-71](#)

[Agenda Request Memo \(General Employee Pension Board](#)

[Appointments\)](#)

[General Employee Pension Board List](#)

Interim City Manager Hobbs stated remarked that Paul Shelton's term was expiring, and he did not apply for reappointment; Alica Alexander applied.

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

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

Abstain: 0

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

35. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-03-110: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW REQUIREMENTS" BY SPECIFICALLY ADDING A NEW SECTION 1.3.11 ENTITLED "TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT ORDERS OR APPROVALS"; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [25O-03-110 Ordinance Transferring Development Approvals-3-31-25](#)

[AR 25O-03-110](#)

Development Services Director Daniel Keester-O'Mills stated the proposed amendment to the City's Land Development Regulation (LDR) would allow for applicants receiving approval for a development order, variance, exception, or site plan to transfer that approval to a new owner without the latter reapplying; the existing process was that the approval was only granted to the applying businessowner or property owner, so a change in ownership required the new owner to reapply.

Commissioner Dunn wished to know the safeguards in place, if the proposed amendment were approved, to prevent undesirable uses, such as strip clubs.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot remarked the assumption was that the new business use was the same as the previous business use.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills explained that if a new owner purchased a business with the intent of continuing to operate the same use that the Commission previously

approved, the proposed amendment only allowed for the transfer of ownership from one owner to the next; the new owner was subject to all the conditions approved by the Commission. He reminded the Commission that the LDR listed certain uses that were not transferrable, such as a tobacco store, pawn shop, bar, etc. Any changes outside of what the Commission approved, such as hours of operation, type of use, expansions, etc. would trigger refiling an application for reconsideration of approval by the Commission.

Commissioner Dunn preferred to table the item to a workshop to allow for further discussion.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot added that city staff and he worked together to ensure that the City’s administrative policy was consistent with State law, and what the subject item proposed was consistent to ensure the sale of property and/or business was a fundamental right. There was no legal requirement that certain business uses needed Commission approval. He said if City staff determined that a businessowner was a bad actor, such as one failing to comply with the terms of a special exception they were granted or any city code, the Commission could revoke their special exception, their business license, their certificate of occupancy, etc. The City’s LDR put sufficient processes in place to deal with bad actors doing business in the Lauderhill.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to Table Ordinance #25O 03 110; seconded by Commissioner Hodgson. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Campbell	No
Commissioner Dunn	Yes
Commissioner Hodgson	Yes
Vice Mayor Martin	No
Mayor Grant	No

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public.

Lawrence Martin, Lauderhill resident questioned that if the City changed its position on a particular use, and an entity currently engaged in that business sold their business to a new business wishing to continue the same use, would the latter be grandfathered in with via proposed amendment.

Mr. Keester-O’Mills indicated LDR code provision under Article Four, section 4.10 stated there were certain uses that could not be conveyed from owner to another, and this would still be applicable to address certain uses. Thus, if the City were to change direction on a particular business use, the use could either be added to the list of nontransferable business uses, or institute an amortization for that use to eventually eliminate allowing the use in Lauderhill.

A motion was made by Mayor D. Grant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 4/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner R. Campbell, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Vice Mayor S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant
- No:** 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

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

36. ORDINANCE NO. 250-02-106: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,143,327 AND A CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$243,024 AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,760,919 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS AS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED IN THE BREAKDOWN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,147,269; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR).

Attachments: [250-02-106 budget adjustment for 2.24.25 mtg](#)
[AR 250-02-106](#)
[Supplemental 0130](#)
[BA Supplemental Sean](#)

Interim City Manager Hobbs said there were no changes since first reading.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

37. ORDINANCE NO. 250-02-108: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION 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; AMENDING SECTION 2-73, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [250-02-108 - Teamsters Local 769 deferred Retirement Option Plan](#)
[AR 250-02-108](#)
[Memorandum - Teamsters Local 769 Deferred Retirement Option Plan](#)
[Lauderhill GE AIS 10-1-23 - Tier 1 NR and DROP for Tier 2 and 3 - 4932-0211-6398.1](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

XII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII OLD BUSINESS

XIV NEW BUSINESS

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

Interim City Manager Hobbs read a communication from the Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, noting the federal government had been making cuts, reducing previously approved appropriations. The communication, dated March 25, 2025, was a notice from Congresswoman's office informing the City that the Republican majority in Congress voted to eliminate all community project funding requests during the recent vote to fund the federal government for fiscal year 2025. He explained that this affected the notice of approval the City previously received for two appropriations totaling \$3.5 million to provide housing assistance to Lauderhill residents; thus, the City would not be receiving that funding. Mr. Hobbs stated that through the City's Intergovernmental Relations Office, the City resubmitted information to the Congresswoman's office for consideration in the event an opportunity arose going forward to get the funding.

XV ADJOURNMENT - 11:28 PM