



# City of Lauderhill

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**Title: RESOLUTION NO. 21R-04-91: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD; DESCRIBING ITS COMPOSITION, AND STATING ITS GOALS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).**

**Notes:**

**Sponsors:**

**Enactment Date:**

**Attachments:** RES-21R-04-91-City of Lauderhill Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Board Resolution.pdf

**Enactment Number:**

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**Hearing Date:**

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### History of Legislative File

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1	City Commission Meeting	04/26/2021	tabled	City Commission Workshop	05/17/2021		Pass

**Notes:** *This item was heard first during the meeting.*

*Vice Mayor Grant remarked the City's overall, attainable goal was to build a more resilient environmental and equitable community. According to a Boston consulting group analysis, the pandemic heightened environmental awareness, with people more concerned about addressing environmental changes, and becoming more committed to changing their own behavior to advance sustainability. The subject advisory board, ideally, would play an intricate role in providing good counsel with the intention of transforming the City of Lauderhill into a successful environmental model, providing advice and recommendations on environmental issues and work to identify community environmental needs, assess the development of goals and policies, and act as a resource for the public. Prior to assuming the responsibility of a commissioner, as an involved and*

proactive resident, she interfaced with the City Manager and City Engineer on environmental matters, such as flooding and aging infrastructure; she familiarized herself with scientific verbiage, and sought to understand the associated logistic and operational needs. Vice Mayor Grant stated, as a member of the Lauderhill City Commission, having multiple meetings with the City's Engineering staff, and applying due diligence in research, she was better able to educate and inform her constituents on the subject matter, and she wished to lead the charge in facilitating conversations concerning a new drainage system, and other underground utility upgrades. Subsequently, she requested the cleaning the City's catch basin three to four times a year, asking to be informed about lowering the level of Lauderhill's canals in anticipation of a storm event. A board of such magnitude was of great importance and would add value to the City's discussions, promoting engagement and establishing clarification on environmental issues. She said sustainability was about the ability to meet the needs of the people and their communities, and organizations, not just in the near future, but on a long-term basis. It was not just about technology, the environment, or being green; with an environmental lens, sustainability was about managing and protecting the Earth's resources, ecosystems, climate, and atmosphere, so current and future generations would have what they needed to lead a decent life. She indicated the subject resolution sought to create the City of Lauderhill Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Board for the purpose of providing technical assistance, and to advise the Lauderhill City Commission, and make recommendations to the latter in response to climate change and environmental protection. Vice Mayor Grant mentioned the primary responsibility of the subject advisory board was to advise the Commission on strategies and policies with respect to measures to be taken in response to the challenge of global warming, climate change, and other environmental concerns. In support of the subject board, she was pleased to present City of Coral Springs City Commissioner and environmentalist Nancy Mateyer, Dr. Gregory Mount, Water Resource Manager, Barbara Herman, Environ Homeowners' Association (HOA) president, Sam Chagani, Lauderhill business owner, Lauderhill resident Mae Smith, Jasmin Martin, coordinator in Operations of JePa Organization, Lauderhill, and well informed Lauderhill resident Petagaye Foster.

Mayor Thurston thought the members of the City Commission should first have an opportunity to discuss the proposed legislation, as the norm was for a matter of such magnitude to first be presented to the Commission in a workshop forum, rather than at a regular City Commission meeting.

Vice Mayor Grant replied, to be fair, the Sierra Club came before the Commission a few months prior and did a detailed presentation, which it seemed members of the Commission supported. At that time, she indicated to the Commission she would bring forth a resolution at a later date for consideration to establish the subject board.

Mayor Thurston observed all the named persons attending the present meeting via Zoom were supposed to make a presentation to the Commission without the latter having had a chance to discuss the resolution as a group.

Vice Mayor Grant commented if this was the normal protocol, as described by Mayor Thurston, to which the Commission and staff were subject, the Commission could discuss the resolution first. She believed, however, the Commission had ample time to view the present meeting's agenda and reach out to City staff, that is, the City Attorney, City Manager, or the City Clerk to voice any concerns.

Mayor Thurston clarified, the first time the Commission was able to review the subject resolution as a group was at the present meeting; as it was not presented to the Commission before, there was no opportunity to discuss the resolution as a group.

Vice Mayor Grant restated the item was on the Commission's meeting agenda that was distributed to the Commission since the previous Thursday, ample time until the present meeting for members of the Commission to voice concerns to staff.

Mayor Thurston acknowledged the resolution was included in the present meeting's agenda distributed to the Commission the previous week, and he looked forward to the discussion among his fellow Commissioners. There was no way for any member of the Commission to communicate with each other without violating the Sunshine Law to discuss the matter before the present meeting.

Vice Mayor Grant remarked on fully understanding the Sunshine Law and having no desire to violate it, and she respected Mayor Thurston's position, but any member of the above named City staff could have reached out to her to facilitate a better understanding if any member of the Commission needed additional information. Her position was if the rest of the Commission felt the matter should go to a workshop, she would acquiesce, as she was here for unity for the community, not to create division.

Commissioner Dunn supported moving the subject item to a workshop, so the Commission could have a full discussion. She recalled when the Sierra Club made its presentation, and there was a recommendation for the City to create an advisory board, she mentioned the Lauderhill Health & Prosperity Partnership had a built-in environment sub-council tasked with actions similar to those proposed under the subject resolution. There were nine items on the current agenda, and she preferred to have ample time for ample such a discussion.

Vice Mayor Grant recalled prior Commission agendas with a greater number of agenda items, and there was never an issue of discussing them at the meeting.

Commissioner S. Martin supported the creation of the subject board, but he was unclear if the members were to be chosen by the Commission, asking if the persons Vice Mayor Grant introduced were not meant to be board members.

Vice Mayor Grant affirmed the persons whose name she said earlier would not be members of the proposed board, rather they were persons with a vested interest in the Lauderhill community, attending the meeting to speak on the subject item.

Commissioner L. Martin supported tabling the item to a workshop to allow more discussion among the members of the Commission.

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## Text of Legislative File 21R-4065

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#### **Request Action:**

Pass legislation to create a Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Board.

#### **Need:**

To create a Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Board

#### **Summary Explanation/ Background:**

Vice Mayor Denise D. Grant has requested legislation to establish a Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Board, describe its composition, state its goals, duties, and functions.

#### **Attachments:**

Number all attachments consecutively.

**Cost Summary/ Fiscal Impact:**

Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements

**Estimated Time for Presentation:**

**Master Plan:**

**Goal 1: Clean, Green Sustainable Environment**

- Increase mass transit ridership
- Reduce City energy consumption
- Reduce water consumption

**Goal 2: Safe and Secure City of Lauderhill**

- Crime in lower 50% in Broward
- Residents feel safe in neighborhood
- Reduce emergency fatalities

**Goal 3: Open Spaces and Active Lifestyle for all ages**

- Increase participation in youth sports
- Add new park land and amenities
- Increase attendance at cultural programs and classes

**Goal 4: Growing Local Economy, Employment and Quality of Commercial Areas**

- Increase commercial tax base
- Increase employment in Lauderhill businesses
- Decrease noxious and blighted uses in commercial areas

**Goal 5: Quality Housing at all Price Ranges and Attractive Communities**

- Neighborhood signs and active HOAs
- Housing & streets improved, litter reduced
- Increase proportion of single family homes and owner occupied housing

**Goal 6: Efficient and Effective City Government, Customer Focused & Values Diversity**

- Improves City efficiency
- Increase use of Information Technology
- Increases residents perception of Lauderhill as an excellent place to live