

City of Lauderdale

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

Monday, June 9, 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

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

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR DECEMBER 16, 2024.

Attachments: [December 16, 2024 - Special City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that Minutes item A and B both 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

B. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR JANUARY 13, 2025.

Attachments: [January 13, 2025 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

These Minutes were approved on vote with Minutes Item A. (See Minutes Item A

for vote tally.)

V PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2025 AS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH, PRESENTED TO CHAIM ROSENSTEIN, LAUDERHILL FIRE DEPARTMENT, LAUDERHILL POLICE DEPARTMENT, BARBARA STEWART, AND LATRISHA GREAVES (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).
- B. A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).
- C. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2025 AS PTSD AWARENESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).
- D. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2025 AS CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL).
- E. ITEM REMOVED

VI PRESENTATIONS (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. A PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AGAINST CRIME (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).
- B. A TAKE YOUR LOVED ONE TO THE DOCTOR PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF BLACK MEN'S HEALTH MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).
- C. A "TAGS FOR LIFE" PRESENTATION FROM BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

VII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 250-06-118: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING A DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO THE LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, TO AMEND THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP IDENTIFIED IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) ARTICLE III, ZONING DISTRICTS, PART 2.0., DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 2.2.1., ADOPTION OF ZONING DISTRICT MAP; CHANGING FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) TO RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (RS-5) AND INCLUDING THE ALLOCATION OF NINE (9) RESIDENTIAL FLEX UNITS FOR THE ZONING DISTRICT OF A ±2.1 ACRE PARCEL WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS PROVIDED HEREIN; MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5440 - 5456 NW 19 STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [ORD 25O-06-118 rezoning parcel and allocation of flex units](#)

[AR 25O-06-118](#)

[Attachment A - Rezoning Application](#)

[Attachment B - Flexibility Application](#)

[Attachment C - Development Review Report \(DRR\) - 25-RZ-001](#)

[Attachment D - Narrative](#)

[Attachment E - Survey](#)

[Attachment F - Conceptual Plans](#)

[Attachment G - Public Notice Affidavit](#)

[Attachment H - CC Presentation - Renaissance Plaza Rezoning](#)

[Item A \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

[Ordinance A - Renaissance Plaza Rezoning \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

Development Services Director Daniel Keester-O'Mills presented the request from the Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency to rezone property at 5440-5456 NW 19th Street from Commercial General to Single Family Residential, along with an allocation of nine residential flex units. He explained that the CRA acquired the property in 2007, and a commercial building on the site was demolished in 2022. The Planning and Zoning Board had recommended approval of the rezoning.

A motion was made by Mayor D. Grant, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 6/30/2025. 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

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

1. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-05-115: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING TO AMBASSADOR INVESTMENT & REALTY LLC, A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITY (CATEGORY 2) IN THE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RM-18) ZONING DISTRICT RELIEF FROM THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ARTICLE III, SECTION 5.36. SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, REQUIRING A MINIMUM 1,200 FEET DISTANCE FROM ANOTHER SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, ANY FAMILY DAY CARE HOME, OR ANY LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE HOME, SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON AN APPROXIMATELY 0.17 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 5940 NW 19 CT., LAUDERHILL, FL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25O-05-115 Variance - Ambassador ALF - 5940 NW 19 Ct](#)
[AR 25O-05-115](#)
[Attachment A - Application](#)
[Attachment B - Development Review Report \(DRR\)](#)
[Attachment C - Narrative](#)
[Attachment D - Survey](#)
[Attachment E - Public Notice Affidavit](#)
[Exhibit A - Legal Description](#)
[Item 1 - Ambassador ALF - Presentation 5.12.25 v2](#)

Mr. Keester-O'Mills noted that the only change since first reading was that the applicant submitted a declaration of restrictive covenants agreeing that the facility would only house individuals under 18 years old.

Hope Calhoun, representing the applicant, confirmed these details.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner R. 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

RESOLUTIONS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-105: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING THE WILLIAM K. LANGFAN REVOCABLE TRUST A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, TO ALLOW A MANUFACTURING, COMPOUNDING, PROCESSING, OR STORAGE USE FOR SIMPLY DELICIOUS BAKERS, INC. TO OPERATE WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT ON AN APPROXIMATELY 4.99 ± NET ACRE SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE OAKLAND SHOPPES PLAT, A PORTION OF TRACT "A" AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 82 PAGE 37, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5700 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD., LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-105 special exception William K Langfan Revocable Trust](#)
[AR 25R-06-105](#)
[Attachment A - Application](#)
[Attachment B - Development Review Report \(DRR\) 25-SE-004](#)
[Attachment C - Narrative](#)
[Attachment D - Floor Plan](#)
[Attachment E - Public Notice Affidavit](#)
[Simply Delicious Bakers Signed Affidavit](#)
[Item 2 - Simply Delicious \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

City Planner Molly Howson explained that this bakery was already operating in Lauderhill and was relocating to a different location in the city. The manufacturing use requires special exception approval at the new location. The move was prompted by the business's growth.

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

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner R. Campbell, 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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-98: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDED THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE HONORABLE MATTHEW J. "MATT" MEADOWS POSTHUMOUSLY FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-98 Honoring Mathew Meadows](#)
[AR 25R-06-98](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-101: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE FIRST

AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND LAUDERHILL MALL INVESTMENT, LLC, IN SUBSTANTIAL THE SAME FORM AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION INCLUDING FINALIZING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-101 First Amendment to Lease Agreement-Lauderhill Mall Investments LLC-6-9-25](#)
[AR 25R-06-101](#)
[Lauderhill Mall City of Lauderhill Police Dept Lease Fully Executed 06.10.24 052925](#)
[Lauderhill Mall 052825](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-102: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 TO CARIBBEAN AMERICAS SOCCER ASSOCIATION ("CASA") TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS ENHANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCCER AMONG THE YOUTH AND ADULTS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-102 approving the Donation to CASA-6-9-25](#)
[AR 25R-06-102](#)
[CASA Donation Letter](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-104: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING A REVISED CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY AND A LEASEBACK AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM TO EXPAND THE WATER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND INTERIM 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: [RES 25R-06-104 Approving Revised Contract to Purchase Real Property between City of Lauderhill and Florida Public Utilities Comp-6-9-25](#)
[AR 25R-06-104](#)
[Purchase and Sale Agreement-City of Lauderhill and Florida Public Utilities Company](#)
[Land Purchase Memo 2001 NW 49th Avenue](#)
[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-3-8-25](#)

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

- 9A.** RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-105: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE ELECTION OF DOREEN PETIT-COMPERE TO SERVE AS EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2027; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-105 General Pension Board Appt](#)
[AR 25R-06-105](#)
[Agenda Request Memo \(General Employee Pension Board Election\)](#)
[General Employees Pension Board List](#)

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

- 9B.** RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-106: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING RUTH LYNCH BY VICE MAYOR SARAI MARTIN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR THE UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2028 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-106 P&Z Board Appt](#)
[AR 25R-06-106](#)
[Agenda Request Memo \(Planning and Zoning \(P&Z\) Board Appointments\)](#)
[Planning and Zoning Board List](#)
[Lynch, Ruth - P&Z Board Application](#)

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

IX RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

4. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-99: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE "SENIOR UTILITY REBATE PROGRAM" ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO ASSIST SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-99 Approving Senior Utility Credit Program-6-9-25](#)

[AR 25R-06-99](#)

[PFAS - Senior Utility Rebate Program](#)

Mayor Grant explained that this resolution would establish a Senior Utility Rebate Program using funds from an \$840,000 settlement related to PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). Utilities Director Herb Johnson confirmed that Lauderhill's water quality is in compliance with federal, state, and local standards, and the city conducts quarterly testing for PFAS. City Manager Hobbs added that the city is evaluating its water plant to ensure future compliance with any adjusted standards.

Mayor Grant detailed that the program would provide \$150 credits to Lauderhill residents aged 55 and older on their utility bills. For those who live in condominiums or rental properties where water bills are included in HOA fees, the city would provide a cash rebate. To qualify, residents must provide a valid ID and a recent utility bill. City Manager Hobbs clarified that the benefit is per household and residents in annexed areas would receive the rebate through their stormwater bill.

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-100: 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 BEYNON SPORTS SURFACES, INC., IN CONJUNCTION WITH FIELDTURF USA, TO INSTALL AN UPGRADED TRACK SURFACE AT WEST KEN LARK PARK BASED ON A PIGGYBACK FROM FIELDTURF USA'S SOURCEWELL CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$704,320.00; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-100 Piggyback Sourcewell contract for track surface](#)

[AR 25R-06-100](#)

[Sourcewell](#)

[Beynon 200 Track Quote](#)

[BSS-200-2015](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Scott Newton explained that if the piggybacking was approved, the work would be completed within several months, before the start of track season in January 2026.

Commissioner Dunn expressed concern about piggybacking on a \$704,000 contract and asked whether it included Small Business Enterprise (SBE) requirements. City Manager Hobbs confirmed that the city would ensure SBE requirements were included in the contract and would hold a matchmaking event to connect local vendors with the contractor.

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-103: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDED THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF JEFFREY LEVY FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF LAUDERHILL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-103 Honoring Deputy Fire Chief Jeffrey Levy](#)

[AR 25R-06-103](#)

Fire Chief Robert Torres spoke about Deputy Chief Levy's service to the city for 26 years, describing their partnership and expressing pride in Deputy Chief Levy's recent appointment as Fire Chief for Hollywood Fire Rescue.

Mayor Grant praised Deputy Chief Levy's dedication to the city, his professionalism, and his work with the Jewish community in Lauderhill. Each commissioner offered personal remarks about Deputy Chief Levy's service, integrity, and leadership qualities.

Deputy Chief Levy expressed gratitude for the recognition, noting his long history with Lauderhill (including having his bar mitzvah at Inverrary Country Club) and thanking the commission, city staff, and his family for their support.

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-96: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING KENNIE HOBBS, JR., AS THE PERMANENT CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR KENNIE HOBBS, JR., SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-96 appointing Kennie Hobbs as City Manager](#)

[AR 25R-06-96](#)

[Revised City Manager's Contract-Lauderhill-6-8-25](#)

[RES 20R-02-51 Employment Agreement - Kennie Hobbs Interim Deputy City Manager](#)

[RES 20R-07-119 Appoint Kennie Hobbs to Deputy City Manager - First Amendment to Employment Agreement](#)

[RES 24R-12-293 Second Amendment to Employment Agreement - Kennie Hobbs](#)

Mayor Grant presented this resolution, highlighting Kennie Hobbs' extensive service to the city since 1989. She praised his institutional knowledge, professionalism, execution of duties, and willingness to engage with community members. The Mayor noted that Mr. Hobbs had initiated quarterly city manager reports for transparency and conducted meetings with all homeowner associations to discuss budget priorities.

Commissioner Dunn raised concerns about the compensation package, stating that Mr. Hobbs would receive \$353,961.23 plus a 10% lump sum payment of approximately \$32,000. She noted that the employment agreement lacked performance benchmarks and suggested they should be tied to execution of the city's strategic plan. Commissioner Dunn also stated that the \$1.6 million missing from the HHS grant occurred while Mr. Hobbs was Finance Director and Deputy City Manager.

Mayor Grant responded that she found Commissioner Dunn's comments inappropriate for the occasion, suggesting that it was an attempt to link Mr. Hobbs to a grant affiliated with Commissioner Dunn's organization.

Commissioner Campbell defended the proposed salary structure, explaining that he had campaigned on reducing city salaries but inherited a situation where it was difficult to cut existing salaries. He noted that the agreement capped salaries and included provisions for merit-based raises rather than automatic increases. He also defended Mr. Hobbs regarding the grant issue, stating that the grants department had been removed from the finance department's oversight.

Commissioner Hodgson expressed support for Mr. Hobbs, praising his accessibility and willingness to work with commissioners on community concerns.

Several members of the public spoke in support of Mr. Hobbs, including local business owners, community leaders, and long-time friends who attested to his character, commitment, and professionalism. Former elected officials, including Dr. Hayward Benson, Jr. and former County Mayor Dale Holness, praised Mr. Hobbs' contributions to the city.

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

No: 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

Following the vote, Mr. Hobbs thanked the Commission, his family, and mentors who had supported him throughout his career. He acknowledged the city staff and expressed appreciation to the residents and businesses of Lauderhill for their support.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-97: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND OTTINOT LAW, P.A., AND APPOINTING OTTINOT LAW, P.A., AS PERMANENT CITY ATTORNEY, SAID AMENDMENT IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING THE MAYOR WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-97 appointing Ottinot Law as City Attorney-6-9-25 meeting](#)
[AR 25R-06-97](#)

[First Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services final](#)

[RES 24R-12-302 Appoint Ottinot Law as Interim City Attorney](#)

Multiple community members spoke in support of Hans Ottinot, including representatives from the Haitian Lawyers Association, clergy, and former elected officials. They highlighted his expertise in municipal law, his integrity, and his connection to the community.

A motion was made by Commissioner J. Hodgson, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Resolution be approved. 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

After the vote, Mr. Ottinot expressed gratitude to his team, family, and friends, particularly acknowledging Ronald Surin who had recently lost his only son but still came to support him.

- 11A.** RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-107: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-107 Public Art Committee Appt](#)
[AR 25R-06-107](#)
[Agenda Request Memo \(Public Art Committee Appointments\)](#)
[Public Art Committee List](#)
[Williams, Thelma - Public Art Committee Application](#)

Thelma Williams, a 25-year resident of Inverary and registered nurse, introduced herself as the candidate for the Public Art Committee. She explained that she initially declined when asked to serve but reconsidered because of her sense of obligation to the community. She recalled being impressed by Lauderhill's aesthetic features when she first purchased her home and expressed a commitment to helping make Lauderhill one of the best cities in Florida.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Resolution be approved, naming Thelma Williams as the appointee. 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

- 11B.** RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-108: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ AND _____ BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE TERMS INDICATED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 25R-06-108 YPAB Appt](#)

[AR 25R-06-108](#)

[Agenda Request Memo \(Young Professional Advisory Board \(YPAB\) Appointments\)](#)

[Young Professional Advisory Board List](#)

[Simpson, Karlie - YPAB Application](#)

[Parish, Samantha - YPAB Application](#)

Two names were presented for appointment to the Young Professional Advisory Board: Samantha Parish and Karlie Simpson. The candidates were not present, but the Commission had reviewed their qualifications.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner R. Campbell, that this Resolution be approved, naming Karlie Simpson and Samantha Parish as appointees. 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)

12. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-06-117: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 21 ENTITLED "WATER AND SEWER SERVICE", ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RULES, REGULATIONS AND RATES", SECTION 21-46 ENTITLED "RULES AND REGULATIONS" BY AMENDING SUBSECTION G, ENTITLED "LIMITATION OF USE" TO GIVE THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE REMETERING AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [ORD 25O-06-117 remetering approval city manager](#)

[AR 25O-06-117](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 6/30/2025. 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

13. ITEM MOVED TO QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS AND RENUMBERED TO ITEM A

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

14. ORDINANCE NO. 250-05-116: 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 2-70 ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF YEARS AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED PERSON MAY SERVE FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [250-05-116 - Lauderhill General Employees Pension Term of Office](#)
[AR 250-05-116](#)
[AIS LUG No Impact - Trustee Term extension](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner R. 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

XII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII OLD BUSINESS

XIV NEW BUSINESS

- A. SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2025 BUDGET HEARINGS AND CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

Attachments: [Special Assessment Public Hearings Budgets Date Timelines 2025](#)

City Clerk Andrea Anderson presented the following dates:

- Preliminary rate assessment: July 15, 2025, at 5:01 PM
- Regular commission meeting: September 8, 2025
- Special budget meeting (first reading): September 12, 2025, at 5:01 PM
- Second budget meeting and regular meeting: September 29, 2025

The Commission reached consensus to proceed with these dates. City Manager Hobbs confirmed that July 15th would be the last commission meeting before a six-week break, with meetings resuming in August.

There was a consensus by the Commission to approve the meeting dates as presented in the backup.

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

Newly appointed City Attorney Ottinot thanked his wife, children, and staff. He expressed appreciation to the city manager's team for welcoming his staff and accepting their advice.

Commissioner Hodgson expressed happiness at seeing the diversity of the city represented during the meeting and congratulated the city manager and attorney.

Vice Mayor Martin congratulated Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Ottinot, commending Mr. Hobbs for consolidating departments to increase efficiency and for volunteering not to increase his salary. He thanked Mr. Ottinot for his responsiveness to commission inquiries.

Commissioner Campbell highlighted upcoming events, including night cricket finals on June 21st and netball finals on July 12th. He discussed the FIFA World Cup 2026, noting that seven games will be played in Florida with an estimated \$1.3 billion in revenue coming to South Florida. He mentioned a countdown event on June 11th and a business forum on June 24th to help local businesses prepare for World Cup opportunities.

Newly appointed City Manager Hobbs thanked the Commission, his family, friends, and professional mentors throughout his career. He acknowledged a number of former elected officials and city managers for their roles in his professional development. He also thanked Dr. Benson and Commissioner Holness as mentors, along with the residents, businesses, department directors, and city staff for their support.

Mayor Grant congratulated Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Ottinot and encouraged residents to check the city website and Facebook pages for information on upcoming events, particularly the public safety forum on June 12th.

XV ADJOURNMENT - 10:28 PM