

# City of Lauderhill

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 13, 2020

7:00 PM

Attend via phone: Dial 1-312-626-6799 & Meeting ID: 985 9588  
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Attend via computer: <https://www.colvcm.com>

### City Commission Meeting

*LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION*

*Mayor Ken Thurston  
Vice Mayor Howard Berger  
Commissioner M. Margaret Bates  
Commissioner Richard Campbell  
Commissioner Denise D. Grant*

*Desorae Giles-Smith, Interim City Manager  
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk  
Earl Hall, City Attorney*

**I CALL TO ORDER****II COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AND RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE TIME PERMITS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION)****III ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 7:30 PM)****I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Thurston called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Thurston explained the present regular City Commission meeting was being conducted in a new and challenging era. The City of Lauderhill, Broward County, the State of Florida, the United States of America and the world were experiencing a new challenge due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to those challenges, the City was permitted to hold virtual governmental meetings in accordance with COVID-19 Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, and the State of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Orders #20-69 and #20-112, allowing virtual meetings to conduct official government business, waiving the requirement for a physically present quorum. :

- All members of the City Commission attended the meeting virtually or via conference call
- The City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk and other staff members attended the meeting virtually, either within City Hall practicing socially distancing, at another location in City Hall, or from their homes
- Due to the nature of the meeting and the constraints imposed by appearing virtually, he asked for everyone's patience; anyone experiencing issues should text IT Director Doug Downs

**II ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner M. Margaret Bates, Vice Mayor Howard Berger, Commissioner Richard Campbell, Commissioner Denise D. Grant, and Mayor Ken Thurston

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Desorae Giles-Smith, Interim City Manager  
Earl Hall, City Attorney  
Constance Stanley, Police Chief  
Nadia Chin, Deputy City Clerk

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

A. A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BYRON AND MYCHAELA FRANCIS (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

**HOUSEKEEPING**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Berger, seconded by Commissioner Bates, to ACCEPT the Final-Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for July 13, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bates, Vice Mayor Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, and Mayor Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

#### **IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **V APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the City Commission for June 29, 2020.

Attachments: [June 29, 2020 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

#### **VI PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS**

#### **VII SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **VIII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

A. A CENSUS 2020 PRESENTATION (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER M. MARGARET BATES).

B. A PRESENTATION ANNOUNCING THE EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

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

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

##### **1. REMOVED**

2. ORDINANCE NO. 200-06-118: ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE OPEN SPACE PARKS (PO) ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING ARTICLE III, ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.5, RECREATIONAL ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.5.1 OPEN SPACE PARK (PO) ZONING DISTRICT, SECTION 3.5.1.C ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES; AMENDING SCHEDULE B, ALLOWABLE USES, SECTION B-2 USES ALLOWED IN NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND

CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-200-06-118-Parks Open Spaces.pdf](#)

[AR 200-06-118](#)

[DRR Open Space Park Accessory Structures and Uses.pdf](#)

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

## XI RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

3. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-117: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACCEPTING THE GRANT OF NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT TO INSTALL CONCRETE WALL FROM THE HILLS OF INVERRARY; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-117-Easement-grant-Hills of Inverrary concrete wall.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-07-117](#)

[HillsOfInverraryEasementAgreement.pdf](#)

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-118: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPOINTING DESORAE GILES-SMITH TO SERVE AS THE CITY MANAGER; APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO "INTERIM"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-118-Appt City Manager 2020.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-07-118](#)

[Employment Agreement-Giles-Smith 1st Amendment City manager 7-13-20 redlined.pdf](#)

Commissioner Grant read a statement into the record as follows:

A Historical Moment. This is an historical era in the City of Lauderhill, and I am most proud to be a participant in this landmark decision. Last year, as I pondered about the decision of the direction of which the City that I was recently elected to serve, I was faced with an important task. Prior to being elected, I did not know Ms. Giles-Smith well. It is with great honor that I sit here with my colleagues in one voice, in unanimous stance, in appointing Desorae Giles-Smith as City Manager of Lauderhill. Desorae exemplifies excellence and fortification in her leadership abilities, and I've witnessed firsthand her management strength and intuitiveness

during Hurricane Irma and the global COVID 19 pandemic. Her keen sense of pride for her city and work outlined in her ability to lead without deter. Desorae puts the alignment to values at the heart of strong, modern leadership, and her own ability to corral an exceptional group of individuals to execute with precision and thoughtfulness. Her agile style is collective, leadership, and contribution by recognizing greatness in staff and volunteers rendered success. She is quite inspirational as well, as we have had spirited conversations, as she would call them, which resulted in productivity of great benefit to our City. Her leadership lends itself to crisp decision making. Since we have last engaged in this conversation, I have worked with Ms. Giles-Smith on many products, as my freshman status speaks to eagerness at times, and each time she has been a great partner and supporter. Lauderhill has a great future ahead, and as we, the Commission, as advocate and policy makers, continue to confront poverty, economic development, safe community issues, equal justice under the law, youth empowerment and development, and other prevailing issues, I am confident that Desorae Giles-Smith, as City Manager, will lead the pack for authenticity, elite aptitude, strength, courage and Delta Red passion. Ladies and gentlemen, in a united voice, please join me in congratulating my new City Manager, Desorae Giles-Smith.

Commissioner Campbell remarked there was an assumption the Commission voted.

Mayor Thurston affirmed the Commission had yet to vote on the item.

Commissioner Campbell commented on being a newly elected official, and how it was rolled out just at the moment when he joined the City Commission; he objected to appointing Ms. Giles-Smith immediately, due to his feeling of needing time to work with her to determine the direction of his vote. In March 2020 he believed after Charles Faranda retired from his position as City Manager, that was the time he should assess Ms. Giles-Smith's ability to be Lauderhill's City Manager. Though it was unfortunate that at that time the City went through two major crises, it allowed him to see how Ms. Giles-Smith functioned under pressure, not just whether she worked well with him. He said Ms. Giles-Smith always rose to the occasion and, from his position, showed herself fully capable to be Lauderhill's City Manager, and she had done, and continued to do, the City tremendous good. Additionally, he made a commitment to Vice Mayor Berger and Commissioner Bates based on their historical relationship with Ms. Giles-Smith, as they wished to be a part of the final vote appointing her as Lauderhill's City Manager. He agreed in March 2020 to put the matter on the agenda for a vote prior to their leaving the Commission. Commissioner Campbell stated, as this was the Commission's last meeting before the summer break, it was time for the matter to be voted on.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bates, Vice Mayor Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, and Mayor Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

Mayor Thurston said the first congratulation for Ms. Giles-Smith's appointment as Lauderhill's City Manager came from State Representative Anika Omphroy, and he

felt sure there would be more to come.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-119: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR KENNIE HOBBS, JR. TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER; REMOVING ALL REFERENCES TO "INTERIM"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-119-Agrmt-1st Amd Employment Agrmt-Deputy City Mgr.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-119](#)  
[Hobbs 1st AMdt - Deputy City Manager 7-13-20 redlined.pdf](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-120: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND PELEG GROUP USA, LLC. TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS ST. MINAS PLAZA LOCATED AT 2605-2635 N. STATE ROAD 7, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTION WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE UTILIZED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-120-Agrmt-Rem-Peleg Group-St. Minas Plaza.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-120](#)  
[Re-Metering Agreement 2605-2635 N State Road 7.pdf](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-121: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE LAUDERHILL HOUSING AUTHORITY (LHA) TO ALLOW \$129,800.00 IN CDBG FY 2020 FUNDS TO BE USED FOR RENTAL UNIT IMPROVEMENTS AS APPROVED IN THE ACTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-121-CDBG Subrecipient Agrmt Rental Improvements.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-121](#)  
[FY 2020 - LAUDERHILL HOUSING AUTHORITY MOU](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-122: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2020 - 2024) AND FIRST YEAR ACTION PLAN (2020-2021); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-122-CDBG Consolidation Action Plan 2020-24.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-122](#)  
[Lauderhill 2020-2024 ConPlan Draft 6.25.docx](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-123: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HUD GUIDELINES; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-123-Agrmt-MOU-CDBG.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-123](#)  
[FY 2019-20 FINANCE MOU](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-124: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB POSITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR II; APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR II; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-124-JOB-creation-Econom Dev Coordin II.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-124](#)  
[Economic Development Coordinator II 2020.pdf](#)

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-125: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB POSITION OF PURCHASING AND INVENTORY SUPERVISOR; APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF PURCHASING AND INVENTORY SUPERVISOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-125-JOB-creation-Purchasing Inventory Supervisor.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-125](#)  
[Purchasing and Inventory Supervisor 2020.pdf](#)

Commissioner Grant wished to confirm the City still had a hiring freeze, asking if this position was already in the works prior to the freeze.

City Manager Giles-Smith affirmed it was, adding it would be a promotion of an existing employee.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Mayor Thurston, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bates, Vice Mayor Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, and Mayor Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

12. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-126: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF BUDGET ANALYST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-126-JOB-modification-Budget Analyst.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-126](#)  
[Budget Analyst 2020.pdf](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-127: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF BUDGET OFFICER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-127-JOB-modification-Budget Officer.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-07-127](#)

[Budget Officer 2020.pdf](#)

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

14. RESOLUTION 20R-07-128: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE RANKING OF QUALIFIED FIRMS PURSUANT TO RFP #2020-018 FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ST. GEORGE PARK AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,473,247.00; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 307-328-06212; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-128-Ranking-St. George Renovations.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-07-128](#)

[ORIGINAL FILE NOTIFICATION.\(002\).pdf](#)

[FINAL RANKING RFP 2020-018 ST. GEORGE PARK .pdf](#)

[WESTCONSTRUCTION PRICE.pdf](#)

Commissioner Bates mentioned the residents of St. George expressed some concern.

City Manager Giles-Smith responded the building was completed; the inside was finished, and the painting of the outdoor should be completed, as there was some delay due to rain. Only the mural needed to be put inside the building on the gym wall.

Commissioner Bates questioned when the building would be open to the public.

City Manager Giles-Smith noted the building was currently closed due to the COVID 19 pandemic, but once the City lifted those restrictions, it would be opened to the public.

Commissioner Bates asked if the \$1.5 million included the installation of a pool and football field.

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kennie Hobbs indicated the project had three phases; Phase II included moving the basketball court, upgrading playground

equipment, and adding parking abutting the building. Phase III would take place in fiscal year (FY) 2021 and included the football field and pool, along with additional parking to the west of the property.

Commissioner Bates sought clarification as to what the \$1.5 million would cover.

Mr. Hobbs explained it covered the cost of the basketball courts, the walking trails, lighting, additional parking, and upgraded playground equipment.

Commissioner Bates asked if the playground equipment would be covered.

Mr. Hobbs replied the existing playground was covered, so the upgraded equipment would be covered; there would be additional lighting to the east and west of the building.

Commissioner Campbell wished to know the status of the City's parks, whether they were opened or closed.

City Manager Giles-Smith responded the outdoor portions of the City's parks were opened from sunrise to sunset; all park buildings remained closed.

Commissioner Campbell surmised the subject facility was in line with other Lauderhill facilities; that is, the outside portions were opened to the public.

City Manager Giles-Smith affirmed this to be the case.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bates, Vice Mayor Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, and Mayor Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

15.

RESOLUTION 20R-07-129: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE RANKING OF QUALIFIED FIRMS PURSUANT TO RFP #2020-012 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FIRE STATION 30 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,672,855.00 FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 190-351-06205; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-129-Ranking-construction firestation 30.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-07-129](#)

[ORIGINAL FILE NOTIFICATION.\(002\).pdf](#)

[FINAL RANKING RFP 2020-012 FIRE STATION 30 .pdf](#)

[Pages from Qualification Package Fire Station # 30 - Sisca Construction.pdf](#)

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

Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

16. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-130: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AWARDING THE BID TO MOWERY ELEVATOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$128,000.00 TO PERFORM ELEVATOR REFURBISHMENT SERVICES, AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE ISLES OF INVERRARY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SND); PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OPERATES AS THE PURCHASING AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE ISLES OF INVERRARY SND; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 145-145-06383; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-130-bid-Isles SND Mowery Elevator Refurb.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-07-130](#)

[Mowery Bid Price Sheet.pdf](#)

[ORIGINAL FILE NOTIFICATION.\(002\).pdf](#)

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

17. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-131: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ALREADY EXISTING POSITION OF CRIME SCENE SUPERVISOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-131-JOB-modification-Crime Scene Supervisor.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-07-131](#)

[Crime Scene Supervisor.pdf](#)

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

18. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-132: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB POSITION OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC OUTREACH AMBASSADOR; APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC OUTREACH AMBASSADOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-132 JOB-creation-Community and Economic Outreach](#)

[Ambassador](#)

[AR 20R-07-132](#)

[Community and Economic Outreach Ambassador.pdf](#)

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

19. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-133: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL RENAMING A PORTION OF N.W. 70th AVENUE WITH THE PRIMARY STREET NAME OF "REV. HERRON AVENUE" FROM COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD TO INVERRARY BOULEVARD, IN HONOR OF HIS MEMORY FOR ALL OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES TO THE LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY; PROVIDING THAT THE SECONDARY STREET NAME SHALL BE N.W. 70th AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-133-Street Renaming Rev. Herron-NW 70th Ave.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-133](#)

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

- 19A. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-145: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AWARDING THE BID TO MOTIONS ELEVATOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$257,880.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ELEVATOR FIRE ALARM PANELS TO BRING THE ELEVATORS UP TO THE CURRENT FIRE CODE, AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MANORS OF INVERRARY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SND); PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OPERATES AS THE PURCHASING AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE MANORS OF INVERRARY SND; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 155-155-06383; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-145-bid-Manors SND Motions Elevator Fire Panels.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-145](#)  
[MOTIONS PRICE SHEET.pdf](#)  
[ORIGINAL FILE NOTIFICATION.\(002\).pdf](#)

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

- 19B. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-146: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM DUCT MASTERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,372.00 TO PERFORM EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE DAMAGED INSULATION ON THE 4th FLOOR OF CITY HALL; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-146-Emergency Quote-Duct Masters-AC insulation.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-146](#)  
[DUCT MASTER QUOTE.pdf](#)  
[EMERGENCY PURCHASE FORM.pdf](#)

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

## XII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

Mayor Thurston collectively swore in all persons wishing to speak on the following quasi-judicial items.

20. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-134: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORPORATION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT A RETAIL, CITY-SCALE USE ON A 14.02± ACRE SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS C&U SHOPPING CENTER 81-49 B POR TR A AND ALL OF TR A OF PLAT C&U SHOPPING CENTER ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 81, PAGE 49, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7350 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES 20R-07-134 Burlington SEU](#)  
[AR 20R-07-134](#)  
[A. Burlington SEU application](#)  
[B. Certificate of Use application #26252 Burlington](#)  
[C. Site Plan 7350 W. Commercial Blvd](#)  
[D. \(20-SE-007\) SEU Conditions Affidavit Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse](#)

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

21. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-07-135: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO HALLE PROPERTIES, LLC, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT AN AUTOMOBILE REPAIR USE ON A 2.34± ACRE SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-07-135-Special X - Halle Properties.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-07-135](#)  
[DRR \(20-SEU-002\) Discount Tires Updated 7-7-2020 FINAL.pdf](#)  
[Attachment A- Discount Tires updated.pdf](#)  
[Discount Tire Attachment B- Memo.pdf](#)  
[Discount Tire - Attachment C -ORD 03O-05-152 Highlighted.pdf](#)  
[Discount Tire Attachment D-SITE PLAN REVISED.pdf](#)  
[SEU Conditions Affidavit 20-SEU-002 FINAL.pdf](#)

Mayor Thurston noted the applicant joined the meeting.

Commissioner Bates said she had a discussion with the City Attorney and spoke with Michael Marshal, the applicant's representative, regarding the subject resolution that read as an auto repair use. Yet in the backup, one of staff's conditions was not to allow auto repairs; the basic purpose of the building was retail, such as the purchase of tires and their installation. She wondered if this would leave the City open to the subject business eventually becoming an auto repair type business.

Mr. Hobbs thought City staff's position was based on considering such activities as the installation of tires, etc. to be auto repair. Again, that would be consistent with the Auto Harbor situated east of the subject site; there was Tire Kingdom nearby, and another tire shop, all in the same plaza; this was in line with what the applicant proposed doing. Based on City code, staff's interpretation was they would do auto repairs.

Commissioner Campbell commented all these businesses were similar, in that, they did auto repairs.

Mr. Hobbs indicated the auto repair use was not consistent with how the City's code was written in relation to abutting residential properties.

Mayor Thurston sought clarification City staff was recommending the Commission not approve the subject resolution.

City Planner Chris Torres answered yes; Planning & Zoning (P&Z) recommended the Commission deny the subject application based on the criteria for special exception uses. The use itself was not compatible with what the City envisioned for the subject corridor, as well as the proximity of such uses to single family residences. He noted in staff's analysis they mentioned concerns over noise pollution, the outdoor storage of inventory, and vehicles left overnight. This was similar to Auto Harbor, so taking those points into consideration and factoring them into the analysis, in order to protect the single family neighborhood to the south of the subject site, staff suggested the Commission deny the application.

Commissioner Campbell surmised staff's request for denial was based on their assumption the applicant would be doing repairs at the subject site, rather than based on what the applicant said they would be doing at the business.

Mr. Hobbs stated it was not staff's assumption; it was based on exactly what the applicant said they would be doing, which staff considered auto repairs, and this was consistent with like businesses right down the corridor. Over many years, the City registered numerous complaints relating to the effects of the activities on single family residences abutting Auto Harbor; the complaints were the same as similarly situated businesses performing the same type of work, which staff considered auto repairs.

Commissioner Campbell asked if the business would be located at the corner of NW 82nd Avenue and Commercial Boulevard.

Mr. Hobbs answered yes.

Michael Marshal, the applicant's representative, explained they sought approval for a special use application for a new Discount Tire retail store; along with him, there were other representatives from Discount Tire and members of their design team. Discount Tire was a national retailer of tires and wheels, and the company had a very successful track record and had been in business since 1960, currently operating more than 1,000 stores in 35 states; this would be the only location in Broward County. He said the company did not service automobiles, nor was it a gas or service station, it did not sell or rent cars; they simply sold tires and wheels, and this necessarily required them to offer the service of mounting the new tires and wheels onto customers' vehicle upon purchase. What they had at play were terms that were unique and uniquely defined within the City's code, and other terms they used more in a general sense, and he thought even City staff would likely concede the City's code had holes in it; there were places where clarity was needed. He said, for that reason, early in the process, outside counsel was sought by the City for interpretation of the code, trying to find how the applicant's proposed use fit into the code, and how it was to be regulated. The outside counsel opined Discount Tire met the definition of what was called auto repair, even though it did not offer such services as engine tuning, battery service, radiator cleaning, brake adjustments or replacements, or alignments. He mentioned having Tire Kingdome's website up, and they provided all of those services, while Discount Tire did not. It was due to the long list of services the City used to define what constituted auto repairs, of which tire changing was the only one the applicant would provide, that led to them being including in the auto repair use category, though the use was allowed in the zoning district with a special exception approval. Mr. Marshal stressed the prohibition mentioned, regarding being situated adjacent to single family residences, dealt with outside car sales and other car use that had the prohibition of being adjacent to single family neighborhoods. Outside counsel opined Tire Discount was an indoor maintenance facility that was being classified as an auto repair use, because they changed tires and mounted tires. He said City staff's report indicated there were six criteria to be met for the Commission to grant approval, and staff claimed the applicant failed to meet three of the six criteria, though all three unmet criteria asked the same question: whether or not the proposed use was compatible with the surrounding area. Specifically to the subject application, staff believed there was a potential for outdoor storage, and the potential for noise pollution that would negatively impact the residential neighborhood to the south of the client's site across the canal. He noted, despite City staff pointing out the above potential, there was no evidence on record that Discount Tire had problems with or engaged in outdoor storage, and if, in the

subject case, all tire mounting activity occurred within the building, it would not result in any audible noise from the property or heard by the residential neighborhood some distance away across the canal. Mr. Marshal explained the noise would be created by air wrenches that were used to loosen the lug nuts on the wheels, and their building would be specifically designed to internalize potential externality. Similar facilities existed in other parts of the country, and it was something being done by some Discount Tire, nor had they had any problems with code violations, neighbor complaints, and they did not store automobiles overnight, inventory was not kept outside; all tires and wheels were stored within the facility where it was safe and secure, and not visible from neighboring properties. He said staff recommended specific conditions of approval that prohibited outdoor storage, any activity, such as tire mounting, taking place outside, specific hours of operations, all of which were intended to directly mitigate staff's concerns about any potential external activities. The staff conditions were tantamount to saying if the applicant met the conditions, their concerns were addressed, and the applicant was completely agreeable to all staff's conditions, as this was how they ran their businesses anyway. They recognized there was a significant tree canopy onsite, and to the extent of placing a building there, regardless of the use, some of the existing tree canopy would be displaced, and mitigation requirements, as required by the code, were applicable. He noted there was a significant buffer on the west side of the property line on NW 82nd Avenue, a buffer on the south side of the property along the canal, and the tree canopy was being preserved.

Commissioner Campbell stated if there were two issues City staff was not comfortable with, his main focus for those two conditions to be met, and as staff mentioned nothing about the design, it appeared to him they were not concerned about the design itself. He asked staff if their objection was based on the fact that the category the proposed use fell under, that is, changing tires fell under the auto repair use, and staff was concerned if the subject application was approved, the applicant would eventually engage in activities other than changing tires. Secondly, he wished to know if there was any community input as to their position on the location of the subject use. He knew on the western part of that intersection, there was a store and a gas station.

Mr. Hobbs believed, in answer to the first question, by definition, retail was retail, and it should not include any type of repair work or installation work. An auto parts store just to the east of the subject site engaged in automotive retail and they did not install parts on cars; customers left with the parts they purchased, took them offsite and had the work done elsewhere. He felt, by the nature of the applicant performing the service onsite, staff considered that to be auto repair. As to the extent or degree of repair, he did not think it was a part of staff's review, but installation, tire balancing and alignment were related to tire work, and they were all considered auto repair. He stressed staff based their position more so on the definition and their interpretation of what repair versus retail was. Mr. Hobbs remarked there were some public meetings held, and he knew Mr. Torres could speak to the sentiment of the community on the proposed use.

Mr. Torres commented the Planning & Zoning staff took part in a homeowners' meeting back in February 2020, prior to the COVID 19 pandemic. The tone from the residents was neutral to the proposed Discount Tires store/repair shop being placed on NW 82nd Avenue and W Commercial Boulevard; that is, neither support

for nor opposition against.

Mayor Thurston read into the record the public comments on his screen as follows:

Eula Murray-Hylton, Lauderhill resident said: Having a shop at the entrance of our neighborhood is beyond unacceptable. Northwest Neighbors' Association absolutely are not in favor of this.

Crawford Jean, Lauderhill resident, said: This is going to cause additional traffic.

Mayor Thurston stated the three comments from residents were against the proposed use.

Commissioner Grant asked staff what use they wished to see on the subject property, as Mr. Torres mentioned the proposed use was not consistent with the vision for the City.

Mr. Hobbs explained comments in the staff report were based more on the applicant's specific business before the Commission. Staff felt an auto repair shop was inconsistent with a restaurant use; that is, with the existing restaurant uses and other retail establishments along the W Commercial Boulevard corridor. He said staff did not believe an auto repair shop was a consistent use with what was currently there; staff had not yet delved into the City's vision, as it related to the applicant's project.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public, stating all the comments coming in from the public on his screen urging the Commission to vote no.

Kevin said: Just vote no.

Mayor Thurston read other comments from the public as follows: this is a nice park there; will be over commercialized; the area was already congested.

Mr. Marshal wished to remind the City the use was allowed by special exception, and the code allowed for the use to be proposed; the mere fact that it was being proposed was not objectionable under the code, rather, it was whether or not the applicant met the criteria under the code. So far what staff presented was the applicant failed to meet the criteria for two reasons, that the applicant established would not occur, and the applicant presented evidence to that end, therefore, they met all the criteria for approval. He understood everyone's concerns, as he dealt a lot with urban planning and redevelopment; uses such as restaurants and other more general retail uses would have much more traffic than the applicant's proposed use, as theirs would not be a high traffic use. City staff found the proposed use was not objectionable based on trip generation, and part of the staff report found it met the criteria in this regard. He reiterated this was private property, not a public park, and the applicant had a right to present an application for a special exception use, according to City code, and to strive to meet the criteria for having the special exception granted.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Mayor Thurston, that this Resolution be approved. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**No:** 5 - Commissioner Bates, Vice Mayor Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, and Mayor Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

## 22. REMOVED

## XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

- 23.** ORDINANCE NO. 200-07-119: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING A LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT (LUPA) TO THREE AMIGOS LAUDERHILL, LLC AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES, OBJECTIVE 2.2 FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT; CHANGING FROM COMMERCIAL to HIGH (50) RESIDENTIAL THE FUTURE LAND USE OF A ± 13.73 ACRE PARCEL WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS PROVIDED HEREIN; MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7730 W. COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, LAUERDHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-200-07-119-Target-3 Amigos LUPA.pdf](#)  
[AR 200-07-119](#)  
[DRR LUPA Target Update 7-9-2020 FINAL CLEAN.doc.pdf](#)  
[Exhibit 1-Target LUPA.pdf](#)  
[Exhibit 2 Target LUPA.pdf](#)  
[Attachment A- LUPA Application Form.pdf](#)  
[Attachment B- LUPA Application 1-7-20.pdf](#)  
[Attachment C-LUPA Applicant Exhibits.pdf](#)  
[Attachment D1-LUPA-A100 Master Plan OPT1.pdf](#)  
[Attachment D2 - LUPA -A100 Master Plan\\_OPT2.pdf](#)  
[Attachment D3 - LUPA-A100 Master Plan\\_OPT3.pdf](#)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 08/31/2020. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)**

- 24.** ORDINANCE NO. 200-07-120: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING A DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO THREE AMIGOS LAUDERHILL, LLC, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, 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 MULTIFAMILY (RM-40) THE ZONING DISTRICT OF A ±13.73 ACRE PARCEL WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS PROVIDED HEREIN; MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7730 W. COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-200-07-120-Target-3 Amigos Rezoning.pdf](#)

[AR 200-07-120](#)

[DRR Rezone- Update 7-9-2020 Updated FINAL CLEAN.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1-Target Rezoning.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 Target Rezoning.pdf](#)

[Attachment A-Rezoning Application Form.pdf](#)

[Attachment B-Rezoning Criteria.pdf](#)

[Attachment C1- rezone- A100 Master Plan\\_OPT1.pdf](#)

[Attachment C2 - rezone-A100 Master Plan\\_OPT2.pdf](#)

[Attachement C3 - A100 Master Plan\\_OPT3](#)

Commissioner Campbell asked staff to update the Commission on their position, recommendations, or anything else staff felt the Commission ought to know about the proposed ordinance.

City Attorney Hall clarified this was for the rezoning component.

Mr. Torres reviewed the proposed ordinance, as detailed in the backup, highlighting the following:

- The City Commission just voted to approve the land use of the Three Amigos property, known as the Target property
- After approving the land use of the property, the next step was to make sure the zoning was compatible with the land use
- The matter before the Commission was the second step of the application process; the Commission already approved a commercial future land use into multifamily of 50 dwelling units per acre, and the next step, the subject item before the Commission was for a rezoning, going from general commercial to RM-40
- The subject application was taking the zoning from general commercial to multifamily residential 40; that is, 40 dwelling units per acre
- Staff attended multiple HOA meetings, and some of the concerns expressed by residents dealt with traffic and transitional height
- The proposed zoning district would be compatible with the land use already voted on, so the subject application was submitted to ensure that compatibility.

Mayor Thurston sought clarification the subject resolution before the Commission only dealt with the zoning, not with what would be constructed on the site, which was a residential use that could be rental or owned, single family or condominiums.

Mr. Torres replied the RM 40 zoning district allowed for some commercial uses, and the developer was proposing live/work units as part of the plan.

Zach Davis-Walker said the proposed zoning change would allow for residential uses.

Commissioner Bates asked if there was any proposed commercial at the subject site.

Mr. Davis-Walker responded the applicant had proposed flex space; the only real commercial uses were on the out parcel along W Commercial Boulevard and N University Drive.

Vice Mayor Berger wished to know when the land use was approved.

Mr. Davis-Walker replied under agenda item 23 on Consent Agenda; that resolution had to be passed first.

Vice Mayor Berger understood the proposed development would all take place at the old Target site, as he thought he saw some development east of University Drive.

Mr. Torres explained the applicant's property was located on the southwest corner of W Commercial Boulevard and N University Drive.

Commissioner Grant asked if the proposed development would be mixed use.

Mr. Davis-Walker responded the only true commercial component was on the out parcels on the subject site. The applicant was proposing flex units; this meant more service oriented, at-home businesses, such as realtors or tax accounts, and those units were supposed to be situated toward the out parcel, so at the back of house, so they could be accessed by the public. All the internal residential only units would be, he believed, guarded.

Commissioner Campbell asked for someone to address the issue of traffic.

Commissioner Grant inquired if staff saw similar models to the development the applicant proposed, and exactly how they worked alongside surrounding communities.

Mr. Hobbs affirmed there were models similar to those being proposed by the applicant in Fort Lauderdale along Andrews Avenue; they were similar models with the commercial work flex space, as well as with residential. There were models in Miami that were built on the same concept. He said, based on staff's review of those models, the workspace seemed to work well, as it was limited to the type of commercial activity that could take place, so as part of staff's due diligence review, the City previously had a study done to investigate the compatibility of such uses in similar areas.

Commissioner Grant asked who was the target market for occupancy.

Robert Cerise, the applicant's representative, replied they were targeting young professionals, as they sought to attract persons in their late 20s, early 30s, and older adults, such as those who were divorced with children, people who sought a smaller, secure living rental space. He said this would be an institutional rental property that was managed professionally, unlike renting a condominium, and the approval vetting process included running a criminal record check, and they had to have a sound financial standing. The goal was to get qualified, middle class professional tenants who either lived in Lauderhill and desired such an option, or who were from other areas and looking for a highly amenitized Class "A" building, with high quality finishes and service in close proximity to other services, but less expensive than a Fort Lauderdale product with the same amenities.

Commissioner Grant wished to know more about the planned amenities in the building.

Mr. Cerise replied they would have Wi-Fi lounges, WeWork type facilities for people who work from home; 30 to 35 percent of their clients worked from home, which was the reason the live/work concept worked well with the subject demographics. Onsite, there would be gyms that would have, cycling, yoga, and other electronic exercise, such as a trainer on demand that would be available 24/7; thus, any resident could utilize the system at any time using a computer to access a personal trainer and do over 200 different workouts. He noted they would offer pool tables, tennis, and a doggie park that included a doggie wash. They would have a software system that would allow tenants to bring in housekeepers and other maintenance persons, food delivery, etc. Their tenants were usually fast paced persons who worked long hours and wanted to have certain amenities when at home at their fingertips. Mr. Cerise said security was a big issue, so their property would be secure, and certain areas would allow parking for tenants only, and security would be placed in parking garages and roaming the whole property. They would incorporate walkability on the site, so residents could walk to nearby Starbuck's, etc., and this would serve to reduce the amount of traffic the site's use would generate.

Commissioner Campbell recalled previous Commission discussions about the subject site over the course of numerous months, his concerns were related to traffic, so in the update he desired a comparison and a contrast between the previous use, the Target, and the applicant's proposed use. The issue of revenue within the City was something he hoped staff would address, as he thought, particularly after the COVID 19 pandemic, this was an issue of great concern with regard to how the City would sustain itself moving forward. Thus, he wished to know how the proposed development would compare to having a strictly retail use regarding the revenue either would generate for the City.

Mr. Davis-Walker asked the Commission to have Mr. Hobbs address the revenue matter first, then the applicant's traffic engineer could speak, after which the City's traffic engineer consultant would follow up.

Mr. Hobbs stated, in relation to the financial impact, the property currently had an assessed value of \$8.1 million, and based on that value, the City generated roughly \$260,000 in property taxes; the proposed new construction value, not including the

land, was projected at around \$75 million. From an ad valorem standpoint, it would impact the City's budget in assessed value by approximately \$70 million of assessed value, so the impact would be a positive one in relation to property taxes. Additionally, there was the fire fee, and revenue from other utilities: water, storm water and sewer usage. From a fiscal standpoint, there might be some calls for service, as it would be considered a residential use, but staff saw the proposed development as fiscally positive for the City's revenue. In relation to the surrounding properties with regard to revenue, there were existing retail units that were vacant, so the City was not collecting any fees for certificate of uses (COU), etc. He said, again, with the added population, and those vacant commercial spaces being filled, along with the commercial items that were a part of the proposed mixed use, there were additional revenue opportunities.

Trent Eversol, the City's traffic engineer consultant, through the subject process there were usually two traffic studies were conducted, one for the land use amendment and one for the rezoning and site plan level. The study staff received from the applicant was for the land use amendment, and it provided some of the answers Commissioner Campbell sought with regard to comparing the previous use to the proposed use, as it provided the maximum allowable uses for the existing land use versus the proposed land use. He concurred with the applicant's conclusion, which was the proposed land would have a lower trip generation than the current land use. He noted, regarding the rezoning, there was usually a more detailed study done with regard to what was actually proposed for the site, rather than the maximum allowable, and this was less about the comparison of uses and more about the actual impacts to the roadways. To date, what the applicant provided to the City to review did not include the latter study.

Hope Calhoun, the applicant's representative, congratulated City Manager Giles-Smith on her recent confirmation as Lauderhill's City Manager. She asked if the Commission wished her to respond only to the questions posed by the Commission, or should she first give a short presentation she prepared.

Commissioner Campbell thought it as best to address the raised issues, as this was not the first time the Commission was being presented with the proposed development. For example, he knew there was back and forth regarding the height of the building, which he now understood was reduced significantly. However, he was more concerned about the issues raised by the community and how they would be addressed.

Ms. Calhoun concurred with Mr. Eversol's assessment of the applicant's traffic study provided with the Land Use Plan Amendment; the study was connected to one of the applicant's earlier plans that proposed over 700 new residential units. Even with 700 units, Mr. Eversol's review of the traffic study showed the traffic impact was less than if the sight was occupied solely by retail uses. She noted after the applicant's P&Z meeting, there were a number meetings with City staff and residents, and the applicant modified the proposed site plan. The applicant was not submitting a sight plan at the present meeting, as they had a few scenarios of what they were looking for; for example, they decreased the close to 1,000 units to 700, that later went down to about 500 units. She said the concerns raised at the P&Z meeting about building height and incompatibility was addressed through the proposed site plans; the building height had been decreased from the original eight

stories, to which the resident objected, down to four or five stories. Traffic would be less for both the residential and commercial components.

Commissioner Grant knew there had been a great outcry from the public opposing the proposed development, and many homeowners were concerned about their property values decreasing, asking staff to address this concern.

Mr. Hobbs could not speak directly to whether property values would increase or decrease, but in their conversations with the applicant about the impact to the residential community, the proposed development would be along two main commercial corridors, not within the residential communities. The development would result in an additional \$400,000.00 or more in assessed property values, so from the City's perspective, staff saw the redevelopment, as to its impact on other communities, as positive. There were impacts in various and neighboring cities, such as Coral Springs, Plantation and Fort Lauderdale, where the impact was to surrounding residential properties close to and/or abutting this type of development. He remarked it would be the first of this type of development in Lauderhill; in looking at where it was situated in surrounding communities, it was clear it had a positive impact on property values.

Ms. Calhoun said, over the last few days, the applicant received close to 100 pieces of correspondence supporting the proposed development, all of which she would forward to the Commission if they had not yet received them; there were a few questions, concerns and comments, and she would include those as well. This, she felt, spoke positively to the support for the applicant's proposed development, as well as to the applicant's effort to address residents' concerns. Regarding revenue, the applicant estimated, over a ten-year span, with taxes, permits and impact fees, the positive revenue to the City as about \$17.6 million.

Commissioner Campbell noted, over a long period of time, when it came to Commercial Boulevard and University Drive in Lauderhill, the area just south of Commercial Boulevard, there were about three to four miles between NW 64 Avenue and Pine Island Road, and the same could be said from Commercial Boulevard going south on both sides of University Drive down to NW 44th Street. The City's intent of trying to preserve those two corridors in terms of traffic, approving the proposed development was doing the City a disservice; that is, the extent to which the City could impact or not impact Commercial Boulevard and University Drive was not, in reality, an issue. Along Commercial Boulevard, the City of Tamarac was doing a significant amount of construction that would impact the traffic along Commercial Boulevard, and south of NW 44th Street, none of the development along University Drive had anything to do with the City. He did not wish the City to become boxed in as Lauderhill being the savior of Commercial Boulevard, when, in fact, the City was only reducing much intended revenue to the City. All the cities north, south, east and west of the City's boundaries were doing major development that had considerable impact on the major corridors; only Lauderhill outdated itself by looking at development that would impact Commercial Boulevard and University Drive. If the City did not begin to utilize the potential revenue from the limited space existing in Lauderhill, the City would remain behind the curve; the anticipated flow of residents from more northern and southern regions of the State, the City needed to be prepared to capitalize on such opportunities. Commissioner Campbell said the City Commission and staff needed

to objectively look at the reality of development, and the revenue the City would need to make sure services could be provided within the City. He preferred the revenue to come from taxing commercial development rather than asking Lauderhill residents to pay higher taxes.

Mayor Thurston noted there were six residents signed up to speak; he opened the discussion to the public.

Eula Murray-Hylton, Lauderhill resident, congratulated City Manager Giles-Smith on her recent confirmation as Lauderhill's City Manager. She commented several residents and she wished to pull item 23, but they were unable to communicate this to the Commission during the Consent Agenda, as it was an integral part of item 24. She spoke about the northwest area of Lauderhill, stating even though the corner of W Commercial Boulevard and N University Drive was a part of a commercial corridor, it was still considered a part of the northwest Lauderhill neighborhood. Since last year, their association's board and the general association met with the developers on numerous occasions, and residents raised several issues concerning the site plan and the proposed development. She opined the City was practicing spot zoning and, as a city, Lauderhill needed to decide on its long-term plans, rather than just taking steps to satisfy its most urgent revenue needs, possibly created by COVID 19, and look beyond that to determine the type of city Lauderhill should be. She understood the vision for the City was to improve and create better neighborhoods Lauderhill could be proud of; hence the City's spending considerable sums over the past five to ten years improving sidewalks and parks, and beefing up code enforcement to keep neighborhoods beautiful, family friendly, and desirable for families to move into. Ms. Murray-Hylton questioned this vision, as it appeared the City was moving more towards a city gearing itself for transient rentals; that is, people desirous of leasing rental apartments for one and two years did not create stable family neighborhoods, where generations of families lived. She said they currently had residents who lived and raised their families in their neighborhoods since the establishment of the northwest area of Lauderhill, and over that time they paid property taxes and contributed greatly to the welfare of Lauderhill. They felt the goal of the City's elected officials should not be to please developers coming into Lauderhill neighborhoods, rather it should be to serve the residents' interest and those of the City in the long run, nor should the elected officials ignore residents' cries of being unhappy with the proposed development. She knew what she said would make little impression, and she was not trying to get emotional, but when it came to real estate, property values would suffer if residents had a high rise in their backyard, and the citizens of northwest Lauderhill deserved better.

Carlos DeLatorre, Lauderhill resident, congratulated City Manager Giles-Smith on her appointment to Lauderhill's City Manager. He heard what all the professionals and studies had to say, but he sent out an email earlier in the morning that captured emotion and specifics, mentioning it was the first two points of his email he was most concerned. For some reason, traffic became a large part of the conversation, but it was the devaluation of his home and those of neighbors that concerned him the most. He noted elected officials put in place by voters were responsible to seek ways to gain new taxable revenue, and though there was much talk about the revenue the proposed development would generate for the City, the residents of northwest Lauderhill saw the outcome in the complete reverse. Longtime residents

who purchased their homes years ago had no idea the City would put an eyesore of a four to eight-story apartment building that would invade residents privacy, and reduce the value of their property by \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00. He claimed Lauderhill's property values were already 50 to 100 percent lower than cities such as Plantation, Coral Springs and Davie for the same size lots and homes; now the City was asking residents to accept another decrease in the value of their homes. He invested over \$150,000.00 remodeling, updating and upgrading the interior and exterior of his home, and he could not believe any member of the City Commission would be satisfied if someone told them they were placing an eyesore in their neighborhood for the purposes of tax revenue, and this building would have a view as far as five to six blocks away in their corner. As he stated in his email, a neighbor with the old Carl's Furniture behind his home had his house up for sale, and based on the most recent appraisal, his home was valued at \$15,000.00 less due to the presence of that two-story building being converted from a high-end store to a thrift store. He claimed the proposed development would result in a higher crime rate in a city that already had a high crime rate, because Lauderhill was neighbored by such cities as North Lauderdale and Lauderdale Lakes that had high crime rates, and their residents were coming into Lauderhill's neighborhoods, breaking into homes, disrespecting and destroying property, and killing people. He had no wish to discuss traffic, and he had no memory of voting for anyone on the Commission who was just responsible for increasing tax revenue to the City, so elected officials needed to keep the citizens in mind when making such decisions. On Tamarac's side of Commercial Boulevard, not far away, there were four-story buildings whose line of sight easily extended five blocks with literally a clear view of side, back and front yards of residents; they lost their privacy. He said this was not right, so he hoped the City Commission could consider other aspects than income to the City, thanking the Commission for its service to the community as their representatives in office, and he prayed and hoped they kept in mind this proposed development was nothing any resident in the surrounding neighborhood wished to see built.

Robert Schankweiler, 8020 NW 53rd Court, Lauderhill, congratulated City Manager Giles-Smith on her recent confirmation as Lauderhill's City Manager. He wished to see a motion to pull item 23 from the Consent Agenda, as he tried to raise his hand and voice his request before the Consent Agenda was voted on, but he was unsuccessful. If the item was not pulled from the consent agenda, any comments made by residents were not considered because the land use change led the zoning change. He felt other members of the public wished item 23 pulled for discussion prior to the vote.

City Attorney Hall remarked, procedurally, what needed to happen was a member of the Commission could make a motion and a second to reconsider item 23, so there could be discussion.

Mayor Thurston preferred to finish the public comments on the subject item, after which the Commission would make a decision.

Mr. Schankweiler referred to the subject land use and zoning change, stating, as the City did in the past along 441 for the transit oriented corridor (TOC), they held charrettes and meetings with businesses and residents, and devised solutions and created a plan that was later executed. However, the proposed development was

being pushed by a developer who had a very short-term link to the City; they would develop the subject property, make money and, likely, sell it when they had a chance to do so. They had no long-term commitment in the City as longtime residents who purchased their homes many years ago. He had been working for the City since 1993 and lived in Lauderhill since 1991, purchasing a house in 1996, so all the time he lived in South Florida, he lived in Lauderhill. The proposed development was developer-pushed for developer's profit, and the long-term effect on the City was not being considered, only the initial revenue benefits. Whatever happened, he recommended the City's P&Z staff conduct an extensive study, after which the subject change could be considered, as the density was too high for the proximity of the building to a single-family residential area; a density of 18 units per acre would be more palatable. He again urged the Commission to reconsider item 23.

Nancy Wyman, 8330 NW 48th Street, Lauderhill, congratulated City Manager Giles-Smith on her recent appointment as City Manager. She stated she was a 25-year resident of northwest Lauderhill, reading into the record a definition of spot zoning: The process of singling out a small parcel of land for a use classification totally different from that of a surrounding area for the benefit of the owner of such property, and to the detriment of other owners. She said this was how the residents of northwest Lauderhill felt about the proposed rezoning and development at the site of the former Target plaza. Initially, she was very enthusiastic that a company was willing to make a substantial investment in the community after the building sat vacant for two years, but she was surprised they purchased the property, knowing it was not zoned for their purpose, and she tried to be very open to what they proposed. However, the more she studied the proposed development, and having seen other projects in the area, such as that further down on W Commercial Boulevard in Tamarac that was only four stories, she did not think a six to eight stories high, and a set of six buildings, rather than three was appropriate for the surrounding community. The density was too great, and there was no traffic light at either entrance allowing anything other than a right turn out of the property. Ms. Wyman said, beyond these points, she had serious concerns about the live/work business unit concept that was a part of the proposed development, as it raised a different set of issues, having businesses operating with some sort of commercial entrance on the ground floors. She noted when the proposed development came before the P&Z Board, one of the members mentioned several of the areas where live/work units were built were problematic in some regard, though she did not elaborate, so she wished to know more about the problems existing buildings experienced, wondering how undesirable businesses would be kept out, such as massage parlors and other uses seen in Sunrise. Real estate companies should have a broker associated with them, as they could not just operate an office independent of a broker. She was concerned undesirable businesses would come into their community with very little regulation, and she felt residents had a right to be concerned with their property values being negatively impacted by the proposed development. There was no way of knowing how residents, whose property was adjacent to the proposed site, would be impacted, despite their being separated by a small canal. She questioned how the proposed project comported with the City's Ten-Year Master Plan, which she believed was coming up for renewal, agreeing with Mr. Schankweiler for P&Z staff to conduct further study. The proposed development would be of little benefit to the 3,000 homeowners of single-family homes in northwest Lauderhill; the downsides to them

were likely to be great. She mentioned area restaurants would support the proposed development, as their businesses would benefit from the pedestrian traffic it would generate, but the same could not be said for the people living in the nearby residential areas in the block between W Commercial Boulevard, N University Drive, NW 44th Street and Pine Island Road. She implored the Commission to continue the commercial zoning, as per the City's long-term plan, or put the proposed development back to P&Z for more study.

Commissioner Bates made a motion to Approve delaying communications from the public officials to the end of agenda item #24, seconded by Mayor Thurston. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Bates	Yes
Vice Mayor Berger	Yes
Commissioner Campbell	Yes
Commissioner Grant	Yes
Mayor Thurston	Yes

Ray Martin, 1148 NW 44th Avenue, Lauderhill, congratulated City Manager Giles-Smith on her recent confirmation as Lauderhill's City Manager. In 2018, the Community Budget Advisory Board was put on the ballot, and Lauderhill residents voted for the City to establish the Board. He noted this board was to act as a liaison, listening to residents' issues and bring them back to City staff and the City Commission, and the board was to explain some of the initiatives and procedures of the City to residents, and act as a voice of reason, facilitating understanding between both sides. Many residents in northwest Lauderhill reached out to him, and he spoke to many of them door-to-door, some of whom just spoke in the meeting, and there were many more residents opposed to the proposed development. He humbly requested the Three Amigos attend the next Community Budget Advisory Board and help explain to the residents what they sought to achieve via the proposed development, and allow the residents to share their opinions before the Commission approved the project. He asked the Commission to allow the Community Budget Advisory Board to evaluate the project and weigh on the matter.

Mayor Thurston received no further input from the public.

Commissioner Campbell recognized City staff responded to certain questions, but he wished to hear their recommendation to the Commission. Though it sounded as if the proposed development was a new item, he knew for quite a while staff and the community were engaged in considerable back and forth with the developers/owners.

Mr. Hobbs commented it was important to understand the proposed development was something staff looked at for some time, and there had been a number of community meetings. The City had a study done by an outside third party a few years prior, and they held public meetings and toured communities, and public workshops at City Hall in order to prepare the report. He wished it clearly understood this was not a matter on which staff made a speedy decision or recommendation for spot zoning, as some residents suggested. Staff both held and attended numerous meetings with the developers and the community, and they

took the interaction and feedback from all those meetings into consideration of the proposed development, so their recommendation was not guided solely by the financial impact on the City's property taxes. He felt it was important to note there was also input provided by the surrounding business community.

Mr. Davis-Walker said City staff was well aware of the many meetings that took place between the applicant and the community, and based on those concerns, the applicant updated their site plan to show they were trying to be collaborative. For the staff report, staff looked at the use from the rezoning perspective, in terms of uniformity with the surrounding districts, and while he heard residents comment as to spot zoning, City staff did not believe this to be such a case, as the property being proposed for rezoning was along a commercial corridor, where higher density was permitted for commercial uses.

Mr. Torres elaborated on the notion that the rezoning to accommodate the proposed development could be considered spot zoning. In order to go through the rezoning process, the code had minimum size requirements for properties that could go through that process to ensure spot zoning did not take place; the minimum lot size to go through that process was 40,000 square feet, but the subject property was 13.72 acres that well exceeded the minimum requirements to be rezoned. Staff, again, took a look at the rezoning components of the subject application, as there was the land use, the rezoning, and the proposed zoning district being proposed, RM 40, was compatible with the land use. If left as is as commercial, the zoning was not compatible with the land use, and that created a problem for the City as far as compatibility. Staff recommended approval with conditions; to add another layer of approval, staff recommended the site plan, when it came in, be reviewed by the City Commission for final approval, and making sure if there were any dedications, restrictions, covenants and easements that ran with the land, that the applicant go through the proper channels to make sure they conformed with all of them through the site plan approval process.

Ms. Calhoun wished to highlight a few points. They met numerous times with the community about the proposed development, and they were happy to continue doing so. The subject application was another step in the process, a request to rezone on first reading, so this application had to come back before the Commission for second reading for approval and adoption. She said the present hearing gave the applicant the opportunity to continue moving forward, working with the residents to come up with something everyone was comfortable with. The subject application for rezoning did not even come close to spot zoning, as explained by Mr. Davis-Walker and Mr. Torres. She mentioned the claims that property values would decrease, if the proposed development was approved, could not be validated by any evidence presented. In fact, leaving the subject property as is would likely contribute to decreased property values, as it was a large, undeveloped, vacant parcel, and the applicant proposed bringing in new, vibrant redevelopment to the area that always increased surrounding property values. Ms. Calhoun believed the residents' comments earlier in the meeting were based more on an old conceptual site plan presented earlier that showed an eight-story building; in the current plan, the applicant proposed four stories, and they already shared the changes with the community, and they would do so again. She reiterated the proposed zoning change was consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, not just with the proposed land use change, but the

promotion of improvements to the City. They continued to work closely with City staff and members of the community, and this was evidenced by staff changing their recommendation; that is, P&Z originally recommended denial of the original proposed development, but with the subsequent efforts of the applicant to work to address the various concerns of the residents and the City, staff changed their recommendation to one of approval with conditions. Ms. Calhoun reminded the Commission that, though there were a handful of residents who, respectfully, took their time to voice their concerns to the Commission, the applicant presented letters of support, not just from area businesses, but from residents in the neighborhood. Mr. Martin said he spoke with a number of residents, but she noted he could not definitively state he spoke for all the residents in northwest Lauderhill, as the applicant had letters of support from residents in that area. She asked the Commission to approve the subject rezoning application on first reading, and the applicant submitted evidence in writing to show they satisfied all the criteria for rezoning; the Commission's approval would allow them to continue forward, and as they did, they would bring a site plan back that everyone would have an opportunity to review and give input.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Berger, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 8/31/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bates, Vice Mayor Berger, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, and Mayor Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

#### **XIV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING**

#### **XV UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **XVI OLD BUSINESS**

#### **XVII NEW BUSINESS**

**XVIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AT 9:00 PM, OR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR. IF AN ITEM OF LEGISLATION IS BEING DISCUSSED AT 9:00 PM, THE CHAIR MAY DELAY THESE COMMUNICATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE ITEM OF LEGISLATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED.**

City Attorney Hall congratulated Ms. Giles-Smith on her appointment as Lauderhill's new City Manager; he looked forward to working with her in the years to come.

Commissioner Bates congratulated Ms. Giles-Smith on her appointment as Lauderhill's new City Manager, and she was glad to be a part of the history-making process of the City of Lauderhill. She had been sitting on the Commission for 22 years, and she was the first African American female to be on the City Commission, and Ms. Desorae Giles-Smith was the City's third city manager for Lauderhill, and a very proud African American woman serving as the City Manager of Lauderhill, and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She could not

emphasize enough how much she would miss serving on the Commission, as she had another four or five months left in her service to the City as a City Commissioner; she would miss working with Ms. Giles-Smith and her staff, and with her fellow Commissioners; it was a pleasure to do so. She reemphasized the need for residents to respond to the 2020 Census, as Lauderhill was currently at 53 percent, and ten years ago, the City was over 60 percent, so there was still some way to go. She urged her fellow Commissioners, when communicating with residents or going out in the community to encourage everyone to submit their census questionnaire. She wished everyone a happy, prosperous and restful summer break.

Commissioner Campbell remarked one of the things he was most proud of was the fact that a position as important as City Manager should be approved by a unanimous vote, and the City Commission achieved that earlier in the meeting. It should put a boost in Ms. Giles-Smith's step knowing she had the confidence of all members of the Commission behind her. He knew the Commission made the right decision, one that would allow the City to move forward in a very positive manner. He wished Ms. Giles-Smith congratulations. He mentioned there had been two food drives thus far, and they would hold six more. They would take place on Sundays at Joy's Roti Delight at the Lauderhill Mall starting at 8:00 a.m. until the food ran out. The event was very successful, and each time they did the drive, they realized the importance of the service, and how much folks were in need and benefited from this small donation to their lives. He was happy to be a part of the effort, pointing out that the Children's Service Council, American Air Lines, and South Florida Food Coalition were some of the sponsors making the food drive possible, along with Joy's Roti, all working to ensure the drive continued. He urged his colleagues to try to get some rest and stay safe, as between the present time and when Commission meetings resumed at the end of August, there was much to be done, and it was always a pleasure working with his fellow members of the Commission.

Commissioner Grant, again, congratulated Ms. Giles-Smith on her appointment as Lauderhill's new City Manager; the Lauderhill community was very grateful to have her as their City Manager, thanking her for all she did and would continue to do, particularly as she led the City through the COVID 19 pandemic. She congratulated Kennie Hobbs on his appointment as Lauderhill's new Deputy City Manager, noting he worked hard for the City and worked well with Ms. Giles-Smith. She thanked them both for their continued, exemplary service to the City; they were a spectacular team, and they always accommodated her requests, working hard for the Lauderhill community. To the residents who spoke on the last agenda item, she understood these were trying times and the world and the City were changing, and everyone was trying their best to move in the right direction. Though the City Commission might not always get it right, they were always looking out for the wellbeing of the whole Lauderhill community. On the matter under agenda item 24, she asked residents to work with the Commission to find ways to ensure residents were happy and safe, which was most important. She knew the residents who spoke, and others might not be happy with the Commission's decisions, but they were trying to do what they thought best for Lauderhill, and she believed, for now, the approval rendered was the right direction. She urged everyone to stay safe, and for the Commission to get rest during their summer break.

Mayor Thurston echoed congratulations to Ms. Giles-Smith on her appointment as

the City Manager, stating Lauderdale Lakes Mayor Hazelle Rogers congratulated her; he apologized for possibly making an error not recognizing Mayor Rogers when she wished to do so publicly. He was happy the City reached this point in time.

City Manager Giles-Smith thanked everyone for their expressions of congratulations, stating God was good, and her appointment was such a blessing, as when one worked in public administration, this was the pinnacle of one's career. Her staff and she loved what they did for the City, and she was very happy to be a part of the City of Lauderhill; she appreciated all the love and support she received from everyone. She thanked Commissioner Campbell for stepping forward and placing the item for her official appointment as Lauderhill's City Manager on the present agenda, and it was great getting to know and work with him, as the insight he provide was invaluable; she appreciated his advice and support and looked forward to working with him in the future. She thanked Commissioner Grant for constantly challenging staff, allowing them to experience new challenges and seeking new paths; she looked forward to working with her over the coming years; her support and encouragement in making this, working with Mayor Rogers, the community, etc. was an invaluable experience for her. Mayor Thurston's support had been unwavering and, as a fellow Ely Tiger graduate, she wished him to know how much she appreciated all he did; he was a great mayor, and she looked forward to him becoming even greater. She thanked Vice Mayor Berger for all his support, noting it was a great pleasure working with him over the years, as he always listened and helped Lauderhill constituents. It was a great pleasure working with him. She felt as though Commissioner Bates was her best sister, who loved and supported her always. Ms. Giles-Smith thanked former City Manager Charles Faranda for his support and for believing in her from the very beginning, giving her the opportunity to be his deputy; he mentored her over the years, and she appreciated the wisdom and talent he imparted to her; he texted her earlier saying, "It's all you." There were many others who helped her to become who she was today, including all the department heads and her staff, and everyone who supported her throughout, including her right-hand, Leslie and her left hand, Kennie, she appreciated them greatly, and a great heartfelt thanks to all members of the community whose support she received, she was greatly appreciative, as well as to her mother, her children, and her tireless fighter of a husband, Chris Smith, sending him her love for all he did for her. She sent thanks to every resident, whom she looked forward to working for and doing her best, as she loved working for the City of Lauderhill.

## **XIX ADJOURNMENT - 9:33 PM**