

City of Lauderhill

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 14, 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 R. Campbell, Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, Commissioner John T. Hodgson, Vice Mayor Sarai Martin, and Mayor Denise D. Grant

III COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AND CITY MANAGER RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE TIME PERMITS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION)**IV ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 6:30 PM)****I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING****II HOUSEKEEPING**

A motion was made by Commissioner J. Hodgson, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, to **ACCEPT** the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for April 14, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY GOOD AND WELFARE**IV PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

- A.** A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 11-17, 2025 AS BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).
- B.** A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2025 AS NATIONAL MONTH OF HOPE, PRESENTED TO DOROTHY, AUDREY, AND BARBARA NELSON (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

V PRESENTATIONS (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A.** A PRESENTATION BY DR. JEFF HOLNESS, BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, ON BROWARD ESTATES ELEMENTARY (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).
- B.** AN INTRODUCTION OF FLORIDA MEDICAL CENTER CEO KEVIN SPIEGEL (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS,

JR.).

- C. A PRESENTATION FROM PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE MAYOR'S CHESS TOURNAMENT AND AMAZING WALK AT WESTWIND PARK IN HONOR OF NATIONAL STRESS AWARENESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

VI QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

IX 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-04-85: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLANS (LHAP) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025 -2028 AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM ACT, FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTIONS 420.907- 420.9079 AND FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE CHAPTER 67-37; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, INTERIM CITY MANAGER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED BY THE STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RESOLUTION NO 25R-04-85](#)
[AR 25R-04-85](#)
[Draft LHAP 2025-2028 with exhibits](#)
[LHAP 2025 advertisement](#)

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

X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-04-83: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA URGING SENATOR ASHLEY MOODY, SENATOR RICK SCOTT, AND

CONGRESSWOMAN DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ TO OPPOSE THE ELIMINATION TO THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS AND PRESERVE AND PROTECT TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS IN ANY UPCOMING TAX REFORM TO BE CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-04-83 urging FL Legislature to Oppose Elimination of Tax Exempt Status](#)
[AR 25R-04-83](#)

Mayor Grant remarked the subject item was placed on the agenda because the City Commission strongly emphasized the importance of exempt bonds and financing essential infrastructure projects. As Congress considered tax reforms that might eliminate these exemptions, the City was deeply concerned about the potential negative impact that it might have on Lauderhill and other Florida cities. She said, historically, such bonds provided affordable financing for vital community services, such as public safety, transportation and parks; removing the tax-exempt status could significantly increase costs, hindering the City's ability to invest in critical infrastructure and services that were crucial to the City's public health and safety. Moreover, the tax reform could disrupt local economies, affecting Lauderhill's residents and businesses that depended on the stability of bonds for financial planning and investments. She noted that a decline in their attractiveness could reduce capital availability for future projects, limited growth and innovation, hence the reason for the subject resolution. She asked Intergovernmental Affairs Director Zach Davis-Walker to provide more clarification.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Zach Davis-Walker believed that the subject resolution was timely, as the matter was currently under consideration by the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Budget Committee. This was a matter that tended to come up whenever there was a new administration and it was specifically to try to offset some of the costs associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2018. He agreed that this had very negative implications for municipalities and counties across the nation due to the costs associated with infrastructure projects; they were some of the most expensive projects funded by local governments. Removing the tax-exempt status from the interest on those bonds would make it more expensive to do these projects and this would affect the cities' roads, sewers, and all the important capital investments municipalities made from year to year. He thought such additional expenses would get passed onto taxpayers, as tax revenue financed the bonds; these types of measures were proposed and he was hopeful, as with previous times, nothing would go anywhere. Mr. Davis-Walker pointed out that no formal legislation was proposed to date, so City staff would continue to watch the situation.

Mayor Grant noted she placed the subject matter on the agenda with the hope of getting it to the City's State representatives, so they could understand Lauderhill's position. She opened the discussion to the public; she received no input from the public.

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

vote:

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

Abstain: 0

2. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-04-84: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO COLLABORATIVELY SUPPORT AND PROMOTE SAVE PROMISE CLUBS TO HELP PREVENT VIOLENCE WITHIN SCHOOLS AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LAUDERHILL PEACE 365 INITIATIVE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: [RES 25R-04-84 approving the MOU with Broward County](#)
[AR 25R-04-84](#)
[Lauderhill MOU -SBBC Peace 365-SAVE Clubs draftv2](#)

Commissioner Dunn asked staff to play a short video on the subject item; she went on to review other details provided in the backup, highlighting the following:

- Lauderhill Peace365: The goal of this initiative was to make peace personal for each person; when the program began, it was to accomplish the following goals: do research to understand the root cause of violence in Lauderhill; launch a communications campaign; and engage the community in the peace work
- To have a healthy, safe and prosperous Lauderhill, it was important for everyone to work together to make it happen, as everyone had a role to play
- It was important to engage the community, working with churches and other nonprofits, residents, homeowners' associations (HOA), and schools
- Most of the communication was done with churches with regard to community engagement; there were faith leaders in attendance at the present meeting, along with nonprofit representatives and persons impacted by violence
- Broward County Schools had not yet engaged in the subject process in a meaningful way, though some Lauderhill 6-12 students were peace ambassadors in the Lauderhill Peace365 initiative on an individual basis
- The subject resolution sought to bring the Lauderhill Peace365 clubs to Lauderhill's public schools, with a goal of conducting educational workshops
- There were already over 250 pledges and Lauderhill residents were being asked to pay attention to their emotions, embrace and show love, treat others the way they wished to be treated, choose healthy ways to resolve conflict, enjoy being kind to themselves and others, and to spread kindness everywhere
- Small acts, like a smile, could turn a situation, such as someone pulling a gun or knife might choose a more peaceful resolution
- The Peace365 Club was already collaborating with the SAVE Promise Clubs

that were already in Broward County schools; this led to a number of actions: through the work of Broward County Schools in partnership with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) they would offer training to school-based clubs for faculty advisor training for student leaders

- The club would be student led to promote safety, peace, inclusivity, and kindness; activities would include field trips; students members would become ambassadors for peace in school and the larger community
- There would be youth-led community conversations on peace, as well as a peace quilt, walk for peace, peace garden, and plans to collaborate with the School Board on their National Violence Prevention Leadership Conference
- The plan was to take the subject collaboration to all Lauderhill schools, starting with the five noted in the backup: Lauderhill 6-12, Parkway Middle, Royal Palm Elementary, Castle Hill Elementary, and Paul Turner Elementary
- Partners in the initiative included: Broward County Public Schools, Children Services Council of Broward County, and the United Way of Broward County
- The subject resolution was to authorize the City Manager to enter into an MOU with Broward County Schools, so the City could officially begin the work
- Peace was a concept everyone could agree on for the community.

Yanique Brown, Equity, Diversity and School Climate Department reviewed data illustrated in the backup, highlighting the following:

- SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Club began over 35 years ago in North Carolina; a catalyst was the tragic death of one of two footballers who were fighting at a party; after the Sandy Hook tragedy in 2012, they joined with the SAVE Promise Club to make it a national movement
- Many times, students did not know what to look for, not knowing the warning signs; they sought to help students understand they had adults they could trust to turn to
- Students were taking ownership of the club, so they knew they were in a position to stop many incidents before they escalated.
- The data showed trends of such variables as acts against person(s).

Commissioner Dunn continued the presentation:

- The work was being done in two phases, the first being planning and engagement
- Along with piloting the program in the named schools, they would be taking the initiative to other Lauderhill clubs, neighborhoods, etc., as every person in the City had a role to play in making Lauderhill a safer, more prosperous city where families thrived, children felt safe and businesses shone.

Commissioner Hodgson wished to make a motion to table the subject resolution to April 21, 2025, the Commission's next workshop; in a discussion at the March 31, 2025, Commission meeting, a strong concern was expressed regarding the management and use of grant funding related to the Lauderhill Health and Prosperity Partnership (LHPP) program.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot reminded the Commission that when a motion to table an item was made, and the motion was seconded, no further discussion on the matter was taken, including not opening the item for public input.

A motion was made by Commissioner J. Hodgson, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Resolution be tabled to the City Commission Workshop, due back on 4/21/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

Commissioner Dunn believed the peace and wellbeing of the children of Lauderhill were being held hostage because of political maneuverings.

Commissioner Campbell stated he received a memo the previous Monday regarding putting a pause on the activities of the LHPP; one of the unfortunate factors when dealing with very sensitive issues was members of the Commission were restrained from publicly stating the details of their concerns when there was a plan to discuss them in a public forum. On the subject matter, there would be a public discussion at the April 21, 2025, Commission workshop, but this placed concerned commissioners in the difficult position of not being able to justify their concerns until that date. He said, therefore, to every person present at the meeting and the public in general, who had concerns on the subject matter to wait until the April 21 workshop to continue the discussion, which the Commission members were required to do.

Mayor Grant remarked she, too, was concerned with peace and unity in Lauderhill, for which the City already had a number of programs in place advocating for bringing people together. She assumed the tabling of the item had nothing to do with the content of the program, but some members of the Commission voiced a desire to review the matter further at the next Commission workshop.

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-04-111: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS", BY CREATING A NEW ARTICLE V, "NEW DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES" BY ADOPTING AND IMPOSING IMPACT FEES FOR FIRE RESCUE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT; BY ADOPTING AN IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE RESCUE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PARKS AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE; BY ADOPTING A TECHNICAL STUDY OF SAID IMPACT FEES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATE STATUTE SECTION 163.31801; BY ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT, ACCOUNTING, CREDITS AND COLLECTION OF IMPACT FEES TO INCLUDE REVIEW HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY,

AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [ORD 25O-04-111 impact fee fire police parks](#)

[AR 25O-04-111](#)

[Final Impact Fee Study Lauderhill BusinessFlare March2025](#)

Interim Finance Director/CRA Director Sean Henderson stated the subject ordinance was to establish new impact fees for new development throughout the City; included were fees in relation to the City's parks, police, and fire services. He said the backup included fee comparisons for similar services in surrounding cities, as city staff sought to bring Lauderhill's impact fees in line with those of neighboring cities to ensure the onus of impacts on these services resulting from new development did not fall on existing taxpayers.

Mayor Grant wished to know the specific data and/or analyses utilized to determine the appropriate level of the impact fees.

Mr. Henderson replied that the City hired a third-part contractor to analyze impact fees across Broward County and present a rationale, as it related to, for example, the square footage of buildings in the City, staffing, etc., and comparing those variables to those of other municipalities in relation to the impact fees they charged. This gave staff an additional lever when negotiating with developers to ensure they contributed sufficiently for increases in services due to their new development.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 4/28/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

5. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-04-112: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SIX MONTH BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 IN THE TOTAL ADJUSTMENT AMOUNT OF \$14,197,292; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,934,292, AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,919,700, AND A CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT OF \$343,000; REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS AS SPECIALLY INDICATED IN THE BREAKDOWN; PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS BUDGET CODES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [ORD 25O-04-112 approving 6 Month Budget 4.14.25](#)

[AR 25O-04-112](#)

[BA Supplemental Sean](#)

Mr. Henderson gave a brief overview of the proposed ordinance, as illustrated in the backup. The proposed supplemental appropriation meant staff sought to increase or decrease the budget and, in their analysis, sought to take a proactive approach to looking at the City's revenues. He said some adjustments were made to the revenue projections, specifically estimates on sales taxes and a few other items, and the corresponding deductions; that is, a decrease in the City's budget of \$1.7 million.

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public.

Varion Harris, Lauderhill resident, asked if staff took into consideration how tariffs would affect their calculations, as it was likely some expenses would increase.

Interim City Manager Kennie Hobbs answered no; the primary focus was making adjustments based on anticipated revenues; based on those revenues, the City had to make revisions to operating expenses. However, not as part of what staff was recommending, but as part of the City's daily functions, staff recognized tariffs would impact the City's costs going forward. He said such discussions were already held with various City departments, such as Public Works, Utilities, etc., recognizing that the cost of material would be impacted by tariffs. Thus, even though it was not part of what staff was proposing in the subject item, it was a part of staff's ongoing review of the City's total expenditures for the rest of the current fiscal year.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 4/28/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

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

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

MONTHS EXTENSION OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR GOOD CAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

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

This Ordinance was tabled to the Special City Commission Meeting, due back on 4/21/2025, as part of housekeeping. (See housekeeping for vote tally.)

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

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

Commissioner Dunn remarked, in revisiting the subject item, she noticed in section 4.10 in the backup there was a list that was exempt from participating that included pawnshops, assisted living facilities, service stations, and convenience stores. She wished to confirm the intent of the proposed resolution.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot explained, in general, the City Code did not prohibit the transfer of zoning approvals. There was a different section in the Code that dealt with the list Commissioner Dunn mentioned; it specifically said that unless the use was within that list, it was possible to transfer a use. Staff only wished to codify what the use transfer code already stated with the exception of those on the abovementioned list.

Planning & Zoning Director Daniel Keester-O'Mills stated section 4.10, Article Four, entitled "Conveyance of uses that are subject to special exception approval" included a list of some ten uses; he read section 4.10, Article Four, as provided in the backup.

Commissioner Dunn asked what he thought the intent was for the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills responded that uses not listed in 4.10 could be transferred from owner to owner.

Commissioner Dunn sought clarification that if a use was on the subject list,

they would have to come back before the Commission for approval in order to transfer that use to another owner.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills affirmed this to be to the case.

Commissioner Dunn said she noticed strip clubs were not included, asking if this could be included as one of the uses the subject list.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot indicated that section of the code was not before the Commission for consideration; no more uses could be added to the list via the proposed ordinance. If it was the desire of the Commission to include the strip club use and any others on that list, staff could draft an amendment to the list in section 4.10 accordingly for the Commission to consider at the next City Commission meeting. He added that the uses included on the list were those that often had some form of negative impact, such issues with high police calls for service, code enforcement, etc.

Commissioner Dunn recalled the City Commission previously sought to change the distance separation between tobacco store uses and the rule that the Commission sought to pass failed. She asked if this meant if the proposed ordinance passed and a tobacco store sought to transfer ownership, they would have to come back before the Commission.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills commented that section 4.10 did not speak to tobacco store uses.

Commissioner Dunn asked for tobacco stores, too, to be added to the list of uses.

Commissioner Campbell understood this was the second reading of the proposed ordinance and he needed more time to think about the additional changes staff was being asked to make.

City Attorney Ottinot restated the proposed ordinance before the City Commission for consideration stood on its own; though it had some relation to the list stated in existing section 4.10 of the City Code, as it pertained to the uses to which the action would apply. If the City Commission wished to add more uses to the list in section 4.10, the additional uses should be named and staff would draft an ordinance to specifically amend the list of uses in section 4.10 to include the additional uses, such as strip clubs, tobacco stores, and any others the Commission felt had negative impacts. The proposed ordinance sought only to put in place the procedure, whereby, businesses not included on the list in section 4.10 could transfer ownership.

Commissioner Dunn questioned if there was a matter coming before the Commission in the next 60 days, for example, that made passing the subject ordinance critical.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills responded not that he was aware of; there were a number of special exceptions staff was processing and preparing for the next couple of Commission meetings, but approving the proposed ordinance at the present

meeting would not throw out those applications.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to table the proposed ordinance to give staff time to draft an amendment to the list of section 4.10 of the City Code, adding strip clubs and tobacco stores to the list.

Mayor Grant indicated the motion died for lack of a second. She opened the discussion to the public.

Mr. Harris asked if medical marijuana dispensaries were included in the list under section 4.10.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills responded, based on the draft presented to the City Commission a month ago, medical marijuana dispensaries were permitted by right in certain zoning districts as a special exception use and whether or not they would have a drive thru. They were to be treated in the same manner as pharmacy uses and the City was awaiting further discussion with the applicant on possible amendments; staff and the applicant were still researching the matter.

Mr. Harris asked about the distance separation for medical marijuana dispensaries and the effect the proposed ordinance had on that element.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot remarked both legal and planning staff were looking at the medical marijuana dispensary matter, in terms of buffer zones and the distance separation, whether it was 500 feet from schools, etc. Those factors would be voted on when the ordinance regarding the buffer zones, etc. was presented to the Commission for consideration and there would be no flexibility for any applicant to be exempt from the buffer requirement.

Mr. Harris mentioned land usage of the proposed project on NW 12th Street at the Lauderhill Mall.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot indicated, with regard to ownership issues, the zoning stayed with the property and whoever purchased the property had to comply with any zoning requirements. With respect to sale or consent of sale, that was between the private owners; they had to give notice to the City if they were selling the property.

Mr. Harris recalled a question being raised with the issue of the use of the Lauderhill Mall, as far as which entity was the applicant, and this went right back to the applicant seeking approval for a medical marijuana dispensary. With the present discussion on the change of ownership procedure in the proposed ordinance, that raised a concern with regard to the medical marijuana dispensary use.

Willie Mae Cooper, Lauderhill resident and president of the West Ken Lark HOA, remarked on being approached by a resident about homes in her community being used as a bed and breakfast; she found it difficult to understand how this was possible. She knew multiple families resided in some homes, but homes being used as bed and breakfasts or owners renting out rooms in their houses

were matters for city staff to investigate. Another resident told her a homeowner was charging \$480.00 to rent a room in their home.

Mayor Grant sought clarification from Ms. Cooper that the residents reporting such instances came from West Ken Lark area.

Ms. Cooper answered yes; these incidents were occurring in her neighborhood.

Mayor Grant agreed city staff needed to look further into the matter and they would have further discussions with Ms. Cooper in that regard.

Commissioner Grant received no further input from the public.

Commissioner Dunn sought confirmation that homeowners who rented out their house as Airbnbs had to receive a certificate of use (COU) from the City of Lauderhill.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills added that an Airbnb use was not required to go through the special exception process. The proposed ordinance did not apply to this use.

Mr. Hobbs added the City already had in place in its code short term rental regulations for which property owners were required to have a COU.

Commissioner Dunn knew one of the things the City sought to prevent in another category pertained to medical folks who dispensed prescription drugs, asking if the proposed ordinance would apply to that use.

City Planner Molly Howson stated medical offices currently required a special exception use; as they had controlled substance authorized providing physicians, they were not on the list under section 4.10; should the subject ordinance pass, they would be able to convey to a new owner without further special exception use approval.

Commissioner Dunn asked what would happen to the City's efforts to stop pill mills from coming into the City; that is, by passing the subject ordinance, would the Commission be authorizing pill mills in Lauderhill.

Ms. Howson replied that planning staff was be very vigilant about checking history; there was already an ordinance on the books that prohibited pain clinics in Lauderhill, so she assumed Mr. Keester-O'Mills would continue to direct his staff to always check back at least ten years for any disciplinary action against existing medical uses.

Interim City Attorney Ottinot affirmed the proposed ordinance would not authorize pill mills in Lauderhill.

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

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

No: 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

XI UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII OLD BUSINESS

XIII NEW BUSINESS

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hodgson expressed pleasure seeing the residents in attendance at the City Commission meeting, hoping they would continue to attend.

Commissioner Dunn remarked on how important it was for residents to pay attention to what was happening in city government; if peace was important to them, they should speak up. If addressing the social determinants of health in Lauderhill was important to them, they should speak up; now was the time.

Interim City Manager Hobbs stated, as staff moved forward with updating and making changes to the City's computer infrastructure, one of the planned changes was how City Commission meetings were broadcasted. Specifically, staff would be proposing the City move from broadcasting on Facebook to doing so on YouTube. An email, drafted by the City's IT Director and the consultants with whom staff worked, spoke to converting to the proper media service for streaming commission meetings that allowed for the following benefits to be realized by residents: long term value, as streams were archived permanently, with no time limits for streaming sessions; professional features that allowed for live streaming tools, including streaming schedules, analytics and customized in YouTube studios that, in turn, provided higher levels of user experience for residents; searchability, as it provided for videos to remain highly discoverable via YouTube through search engines, such as Google, to maximize long-term visibility and wider audience reach. YouTube algorithms allowed for the recommended long live streams to a global audience, increasing exposure and for residents not having to register for an account to enjoy these benefits. Mr. Hobbs commented, as stated by Commissioners Campbell and Dunn, at the next City Commission workshop, there would be a discussion on LHPP; the reference made to a memo earlier in the meeting referred to a memo he wrote, placing a pause on LHPP activities until further discussion by the City Commission. He said one of the matters he felt was important was that at the last meeting there was discussion concerning the use of LHPP funds, as well as the item that was on the agenda related to a grant. The cause of that was a memo attached that was referenced during that discussion that made a recommendation as to how the grant would be managed; again, the reference was for those funds to be managed via LHPP and its staff. He thought, based on the prior discussion, it was important to place a pause on those activities until his staff and he could receive further direction from the full Commission on how to move forward.

Mr. Davis-Walker gave a brief update on State Legislature actions as follows:

- After the budget conference that would take place after Easter, staff should have some feedback on the City's state appropriations request
- There was no feedback as yet from the federal lobbyist specific to the status of the City's newly submitted request for \$3.5 million for affordable housing
- Senate Bill (SB) 42, House Bill (HB) 943 and HB 1523 were progressing through Capitol Hill without issue so far; some had some committee substitutes, which usually meant a committee provided certain language, but nothing substantive to change of their impacts
- SB 420 was with the Judiciary Committee and that was specific to DEI; this was currently postponed; it was unclear as to the reason for the postponement
- SB 184, specific to housing and the requirement that local municipalities allow accessory dwelling units passed the Senate; it was now transferred to the House for consideration.

Mayor Grant remarked that Mr. Hobbs and his staff should interface in light of all the executive orders being issued at the state and federal levels; it was important for the Lauderhill Commission and the public to know their impact, if any. She wished to see Mr. Davis-Walker and his staff make a presentation at each City Commission meeting.

Mr. Hobbs affirmed he would work with the City Clerk to organize having Mr. Davis-Walker and/or his staff make the requested update at each meeting.

Mayor Grant mentioned that the Mayor's Listening Tour was proceeding fantastically well; the next one would take place on April 24, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Environ Cultural Center. She invited residents of the surrounding community to come out to voice their questions and/or concerns. The City hosted the Northwest Council of Elected Officials at midday, April 14, 2025, at which numerous Broward County elected officials were present; they discussed best practices, what was happening in their various cities and the City of Lauderhill was able to brag, as the meeting was held at the new Ken Thurston Inverrary Community Center and Public Service Facility behind City Hall. She noted the next Listening Tour on April 24th would be a good opportunity to see the facility. She thanked the residents and members of the City Commission for a very spirited meeting.

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