

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDING THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO OLIVER SAMUELS, WHO IS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE JAMAICAN “KING OF COMEDY” FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE OF JAMAICA AND THE CARIBBEAN; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

WHEREAS, Oliver Samuels, affectionately known as the Jamaica “King of Comedy”, and has been a beloved figure in the entertainment industry for over four decades bringing joy, laughter, and cultural pride to audiences across Jamaica, the Caribbean and the world; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Samuels was born on November 4, 1948, in the parish of St. Mary and has become the iconic comedian, actor, and performer whose work has reflected the vibrant spirit and humor of Jamaican culture, and whose influence has uplifted and inspired countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Samuels’ legendary career, including his acclaimed television series, Oliver at Large and numerous international theatrical performances, has contributed significantly to the promotion and celebration of Caribbean arts and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, beyond his comedic talents, Mr. Samuels is celebrated for his humility, passion, and dedication to uplifting others, embodying the spirit of community and cultural pride; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill recognizes and celebrates the invaluable contributions of Oliver Samuels to the arts, culture, and international reputation of Jamaica and the Caribbean, and wishes to honor his legacy and achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the above recitations are true and hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby awards a Key to the City of Lauderhill to Oliver Samuels, the Jamaican “King of Comedy”, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the arts, culture, and international reputation of the Caribbean community. The City Commission further authorizes the Mayor to present the Key to the City to Oliver Samuels at a particular ceremony to be held outside City Hall.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill presents a copy of this Resolution to Oliver Samuels as a symbol of the City’s appreciation for his remarkable contributions to the advancement of Caribbean arts and culture on a worldwide basis.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
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R. CAMPBELL _____
M. DUNN _____
D. GRANT _____
J. HODGSON _____
S. MARTIN _____

Approved as to Form

Hans Ottinot
City Attorney