

City of Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 8, 2020

7:00 PM

**Attend via phone: Dial 1-312-626-6799 & Meeting ID:
979-5739-4552**

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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***

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA STATUTES, THIS BOARD/COMMITTEE FINDS THAT A PROPER AND LEGITIMATE PURPOSE IS SERVED WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN GIVEN A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD/COMMITTEE, WITH A FEW LIMITED EXCEPTIONS AS PROVIDED IN FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 286.0114. FOR THIS PURPOSE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE (3) MINUTES EACH FOR COMMENT AT EACH MEETING.

ALL LOBBYISTS AS DEFINED IN LAUDERHILL CITY CODE SECTION 2-24 MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH LOBBYING ACTIVITIES. A COPY OF CODE SECTION 2-24 MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

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 7:02 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 #20-12, allowing virtual meetings to conduct official government business, waiving the requirement for a physically present quorum. He explained the following:

- Mayor Thurston was present in City Hall
- Vice Mayor Berger, and Commissioners Bates, Campbell and Grant attended the meeting virtually or via conference call
- The City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager, Deputy City Manager and staff attended the meeting virtually, either within City Hall practicing socially distancing or from their homes
- Due to the nature of the meeting and the constraints imposed by appearing virtually, he asked for everyone's patience, and 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
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk

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

A. A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR GEORGE FLOYD (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

HOUSEKEEPING

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Berger, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for June 8, 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

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

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

Abstain: 0

V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the City Commission for May 11, 2020.

Attachments: [May 11, 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).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Mayor Thurston, that this agenda be heard out of order, with item 10, Resolution No. 20R-06-99, being heard first. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

10. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-99: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL SUPPORTING THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ADAMANTLY OPPOSES THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, POLICE BRUTALITY AND THE UNLAWFUL KILLING OF BLACK PEOPLE; PROVIDING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO END THE EXISTING POLICE PRACTICES THAT TARGET BLACK PEOPLE AND THAT RESULT IN THE UNLAWFUL KILLING OF BLACK PEOPLE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-99-Support Black Lives Matter.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-99](#)

State Representative Shevrin Jones appreciated the City's drafting of the subject resolution, as Lauderhill was one of the first cities he knew was taking steps in this direction. It should be no surprise to anyone who observed what was taking place across the country, and he put on the agenda for a meeting he would have with Governor Ron DeSantis a discussion about the role Florida would play when it came to reform in the subject area. He noted two weeks prior he had to give a huge thanks to Ms. Giles-Smith and her staff, as when the Black Lives Matter (BLM) organization came to him asking for help to do something in Fort Lauderdale, he told them they could not hold protests in any city without first getting their approval. When BLM wished to host a peaceful protest in Lauderhill, he was pleased Lauderhill stepped up and did their best to accommodate the BLM event safely, understanding the problems that could result if certain things were not put in place. He said though things did not work out as they hoped, they knew Lauderhill was willing to put its resources behind making the peaceful protest take place in the City.

The subject resolution was another step that showed the City's willingness to support the BLM cause, and he hoped the City Commission and staff spread the word far and wide that Lauderhill was taking a step in the right direction. He gave the Commission and staff his word when he sat with the Governor to speak on these issues the coming Thursday, he would mention Lauderhill took the first step in calling for the State to address the issue of police violence and racial injustice.

Commissioner Campbell commented, to his colleagues and the Lauderhill community, he thought history would mark the City as being at the right place and right decision with the passing of the subject resolution. He thought, coming out of the present experience, observing the protests by many of the nation's young people, many persons tried numerous times in the past to bring the American society to a level of awareness of existing disparities in the Justice Department on how black people were treated and the impact those injustices created in the lives of black folks. While debates were held in the past, they amounted to little or nothing, and to see a young people coming up with a concept that was ridiculed a few years prior; that is, the concept that black lives mattered was seen as too far from the mainstream. He felt young people were teaching older adults the important lesson that when one believed in something, one should continue to press on with achieving it. The subject protests were not taking place only in the United States, but worldwide, showing the importance of and support for addressing issues of injustice, and the extent to which the momentum gathered thus far, everyone should be happy to be a part of history in the making. Commissioner Campbell believed the overall outcome of the protests would see society benefiting on a whole, including the entire Justice Department and law enforcement agencies. He was unaware, upon hearing of certain police actions being accepted norms in various police departments, that they were official practices, such using the chokehold. True reform would improve all law enforcement agencies and the service they provided on a whole, as in moments such as these when there was momentum, there was no way of turning back. He said though it might be possible to achieve all the desired goals, he felt confident there were many issues resolved, and rules that would be changed that served only to make the United States' society better. To the Lauderhill Police Department, he knew the City's officers, like many with other agencies, tried every day to do a good job, and they were now going through a lot of anxiety and concerns, but he stood by the City's police force, as it had, to date, been fortunate not to have any major incidents regarding police brutality. He hoped that record was maintained and the department took steps to institute reform where needed, reforms in line and in concept with the general reforms taking place elsewhere. When the BLM peaceful protest was to take place in Lauderhill, one of his concerns was it took only one error for matters to get out of hand, but he wished the public to be aware that the City of Lauderhill supported the subject reforms. He hoped his colleagues would join him in supporting the subject resolution, as it meant much for Lauderhill and the Justice Department.

Sergeant Mustaffa Malik, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) representative, hoped everyone was staying safe, as the country was going through some troubling times at present. He mentioned the police union was 100 percent in support of being against police brutality, and the unlawful killing of anyone. It was, however, very difficult for them to support the BLM political agenda as a whole, as there were factors in that agenda they considered divisive, particularly toward the police, that

contributed to creating and sustaining a gap between the police and citizens. He noted, according to the police department's mission statement, the last line included the words: partnership with the community. He mentioned when logging onto the BLM website, the first portion advocated defunding the police, and though he doubted any member of the Lauderhill Commission supported defunding the police, the BLM organization voiced numerous ideologies he could not get behind. Another such idea was reforming the police, and he thought a better word would be revising or reviewing police policy, as using the term "reform police policies" insinuated all officers were currently doing something wrong, so they needed to be transformed. He wished to assure the City Commission, staff and the community that the Lauderhill Police did not have such issues, and Commissioner Campbell voiced his support for them earlier, as he saw nothing troubling with the City's police department; they did not have the same issues as other agencies across the country. Sergeant Malik hoped the City Commission would not be fooled by mainstream media into thinking all police departments had the same issues, as this was not the case. He pulled some of the City's statistics from Lauderhill's police department, including data from the department's Internal Affairs (IA) Division, and the statistics showed over the last 26 years any sustained complaints of excessive use of force; in 26 years there were six sustained complaints, and of those six officers, four were terminated, and the remaining two received disciplinary action. There was a hashtag floating around called #EIGHTCAN'TWAIT that listed eight policies police departments were urged to implement that would begin to save lives immediately, and though he could not cite them all, he said Lauderhill police officers were already in compliance with all eight and had been in the 13 years he served with the department. The eight policies included not allowing any type of choking, and that was already in the City's policies; another policy was not to shoot at moving vehicles, and to give a warning before shooting. He said the policies included de-escalation techniques, and to require officers to report abusive or neglectful behavior of other officers. The statistics from the IA Division showed, in the last four years, there were 55 complaints made internally by officers on the actions of other officers, so he could factually state Lauderhill police officers had the integrity and professionalism to speak out when they observed their fellow officers doing something wrong. Sergeant Malik asked the Commission to be careful when using the word reform in a desire to institute changes for the better, as he had no wish to create in the public's mind that there was a problem at the Lauderhill Police Department, when, in fact, there was none. He invited members of the Commission seeking assurance to visit the station, do a ride along with officers and speak with them, and attend one of the many Lauderhill police events. For example, the department conducted a Citizens Police Academy, a four-hour block on uses of force, and participants found it to be an eye-opening experience; he believed Commissioner Grant once participated. He said their department was very transparent, and they were more than happy to share any policy information upon request, stating the reason the City had no major issues over the past 26 years was due to the department having good leadership by the police chiefs and the city manager, as both forged a great bond and progressed to the position the department was now at today.

Mayor Thurston asked if Sergeant Malik read the proposed resolution.

Sergeant Malik said he had and expressed confusion, as the resolution stated it supported the BLM movement, and he wondered if the City was in support of

organization's entire political agenda, or just that portion that advocated against the unlawful killing of black persons and being against police brutality; he was definitely in support of the last two notions.

Representative Jones stated on his end and those of many other leaders, with regard to the BLM movement, they supported young people speaking out against injustice, though they might not support all things in the BLM agenda. For example, defunding the police; he did not believe that was the right approach. He thought they looked at the initial intent of BLM and what they stood for in calling out racial injustice, not just within police departments, as a whole; that was where his support for the BLM movement laid.

Police Chief Constance Stanley clarified to Representative Jones that Sergeant Malik was the Lauderhill Police Department's union president, and he was the person who just spoke, not Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioner Campbell remarked, as far as the BLM organization, Sergeant Malik was likely more informed about the movement than the City Commission, but it was the concept of black lives mattered that millions of people all over the world supported, rather than the organization itself. Secondly, no organization he was aware of had policies and practices that were universally accepted; for example, when Martin Luther King, Jr. was active, a number of the concepts he advocated were unpopular at the time, and he was considered by some as a communist. The City's focus via the resolution was on the concept that black lives mattered rather than on the BLM organization and their agenda. Finally, he stated the word reform should not be considered a danger to good police. In the subject instance, the word reform implied the possibility of having incidents taking place within the justice system, whereby, bad policing and those engaging in such activities had to be removed. As far as the Lauderhill police were concerned, the issue went beyond any one police force, and advocating for reform or improvements was not targeting Lauderhill's police specifically, where there were no issues he was aware of. However, if there was even one issue in the Lauderhill Police Department that needed to be reformed, it should be, as there was no organization in the world without some issue.

Vice Mayor Berger felt the unity and the goodwill created amongst people of all races and all parties over the tragic killing of George Floyd put everyone on the same page, but he thought what took place over the last few weeks caused much of the good will to dissipate. There were numerous protests, many of which were peaceful, but some were violent, and he claimed some of the violent protests were fueled by a narrative that was misleading and incendiary; some narratives came from media outlets, community leaders, and some politicians who were demagogues. He noted this narrative completely comprised the subject resolution, which he felt was adversarial and factually misleading in its entirety; he had data from different news journals and think tanks that showed the contents of the subject resolution were factually misleading. For example: The Wall Street Journal, June 2, 2020: the Floyd arrest is not representative of 375 million annual contacts police have with civilians. ... A solid base of evidence finds no bias in the criminal justice system with respect to arrest, prosecution, sentence ... crime and suspect behavior, not race, determine police actions. Harvard University: Although Blacks and Hispanics are significantly more likely to experience nonlethal use of force, that

there was no racial bias in the use of lethal police force between black and white suspects. Vice Mayor Berger related other reporting, such as a statement that African Americans were at a risk of being killed by police 1 in 1,000, acknowledging this was a greater incidence than white persons, for whom the statistic was said to be 1 in 2,000. He questioned if, based on the information he supplied, the claim in the proposed resolution aptly reflect that statistic. Many reports indicated it was the behavior of the victim and the circumstance that dictated the actions of police rather than race. Commissioner Campbell had yet to substantiate his claims, and if he had such data, he wished to see it. He believed if someone read the subject resolution, they might think police officers went to work each day with the intention of shooting African Americans, and the resolution made no mention that the majority of police officers were professional and put their lives on the line constantly, serving their community admirably. Though Commissioner Campbell mentioned this regarding the Lauderhill Police, which he appreciated, this was not mentioned in the resolution, so anyone reading the resolution would be unaware of those facts. He said every profession had its bad actors; for example, there were bad teachers in the teaching profession, but a broad brush was not used to paint the entire teaching profession as bad; the same applied to doctors who conducted themselves unprofessionally and unethically.

Commissioner Grant stated the death of George Floyd touched the entire world, but racial injustice was not something recent, as it existed for many, many years, and she supported a resolution that advocated reforms against brutality toward black persons. She did not, however, support defunding the police, as a community without police would become lawless; she fully supported the proposed resolution, as it related to the City's support for addressing racial injustice and ensuring brutality against black persons by police officers was eradicated. In relation to Lauderhill police, she thanked Chief Stanley and her predecessors for the work they did, as she was unaware of such issues in the Lauderhill Police Department. She was grateful for the classes she took at the police department prior to her becoming a Commissioner, as they promoted cultural diversity. They were very in tune with what was happening in the Lauderhill community and when they sought to hire officers to police Lauderhill, there was a strong vetting process to ensure they hired officers who cared about the City and understood its demographics. In every organization and situation there was room for improvement, and if there were policies that needed to be removed or implemented for the betterment of the Lauderhill community, she was 100 percent behind such reforms.

Commissioner Campbell remarked the defacement of the Jewish synagogue, the burning or killing of one Jewish person was, statistically, not reflecting that it was millions who were being racially discriminated against. However, oftentimes Vice Mayor Berger forwarded resolutions asking the Commission to be in solidarity with their Jewish brothers and sisters when they were racially attacked, and every time that occurred, the Commission did the right thing and gave its support, because that was the right thing to do. One act of racism was as important as 1,000 acts of racism, so he was not looking at the concept that all black men were treated in this way. He noted whenever there was a discussion about race, there was a sense of denial, a sense of those who equally supported racism and constantly gave an excuse why these issues need not be addressed. Protests always gave rise to the possibility of incidents, but at such an important historic moment in the United States and the world, to focus only on the negative behaviors of a small number of

individuals over the past week was unfortunate. He commented everyone saw demonstrations taking place all over the world, including those against President Obama while in office, where, at one, tea party supporters displayed semiautomatic rifles in a very threatening manner, yet the police force exercised restraint and did not confront them. There was no debate that there was a history of black persons being brutalized by the police force, and the disparity that existed in the Justice Department. Commissioner Campbell stressed the resolution was not just about the recent killing of a black person, rather it was about 400 plus years of racism and disparity against black persons, and if that was not being communicated to some people, this needed to be the conversation. This was not about a few violent incidents at demonstrations, nor was it only about policing practices; it was about changes that need to be made in the entire societal system. He questioned what it was that people were afraid of in making such changes, as the goal was a better society, so there was no reason to avoid having such discussions, focusing on the important issues and not the few negative ones. He challenged Vice Mayor Berger to focus less on the few negative outcomes of the recent protests, and focus more on the overall concept, asking him if he was denying that racism existed, if he was unaware that black persons and even Jewish persons did not suffer due to racism. This was the issue.

Vice Mayor Berger took exception to the massive violence and destruction he had witnessed in the country being referred to as a few incidents, stating there were three groups of people protesting: one group were sincere, peaceful protesters, who he encouraged; the second group was highly organized and trained in creating carnage and anarchy; the third group wanted free "stuff". He had no concern with the second and third group; only the first group that cared about racial injustice. BLM intertwined itself amongst the three abovementioned groups, and it hurt him to see the residents of Minneapolis who bought essentials, such as food, etc. at local stores not being able to do so, due to the stores being destroyed. A police station was destroyed, and that was not the act of a few looters, so black victims of crime would not have their crime solved because records were destroyed when the station burned down. The same applied to the destruction of public housing, the defacement of buildings and government landmarks with graffiti, and the destruction of police vehicles. It grieved him that 12 people were killed because of the riots, one being Officer Patrick Underwood, who was 53 years old and died in Oakland California; he was an outstanding federal protection officer killed while on duty. David Dorn, a police officer with the St. Louis Police Department, who was killed by a looter while protecting a pawnshop; he remarked, not that it mattered, but the culprits were African American, yet he heard no outrage or grief being expressed on the officers' behalf. It did not matter who killed whom. He questioned where the outrage was with the gang-style killings in urban areas, such as Chicago, where in the previous week there were 83 shootings with 23 deaths, yet he heard no outrage. All lives mattered, so why were there no debate or discussion; there needed to be more discussion, and everyone should be outraged. Vice Mayor Berger believed the BLM organization had a radical agenda, and he preferred the City not piggyback on them via the subject resolution, which, by itself, was not bad and he supported. However, the BLM organization favored the abolishment of prisons and mass surveillance, they wanted community control over the hiring and firing of police, the issuing of subpoenas, and deciding on disciplinary action. He said their latest absurd idea was to defund the police, and the only people who would suffer from such a move would be residents and minority communities that relied on and

needed their police departments. The subject resolution in its current form rubbed him the wrong way; he preferred a resolution that spoke more about asking community leaders to recommit to police review and actions that identified and rooted out job applicants that might disregard their training and policies and took the law into their own hands. He stated the focus should be on gaining and maintaining community trust and accountability, and tactical training; though these were already being done in Lauderhill, a resolution asking for a recommitment to those activities would be a good thing. Vice Mayor Berger called for a resolution that unified and was palatable to persons of all races and political parties. The police officer who killed George Floyd had numerous complaints made against him, so why he was able to remain on the police force was the question; the focus should be to remove from law enforcement agencies officers that committed multiple violations. He said if a new resolution could not be drafted, then he supported amending the resolution to include language that praised officers who did good policing, as well as condemning the violence taking place.

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

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Grant, and Mayor Thurston

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Berger

Abstain: 0

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

- A.** ORDINANCE NO. 200-06-115: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, RETIREMENT, PART 2, GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND, SECTION 2-73, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [ORD-200-06-115-DROP GE ORD Revised 2-73.pdf](#)
[AR 200-06-115](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 06/29/2020. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

- B.** ORDINANCE NO. 200-06-116: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2020; APPROVING AN INTERDEPARTMENT BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$473,468.00, A CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,596,702.00 AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,985,770.00; REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO

VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-200-06-116-Budget Adjustment & Appropriation FY 2020.pdf](#)

[AR 200-06-116](#)

[covid](#)

Commissioner Bates expressed concern due to what was taking place in Miramar; they were a larger city, and they were having issues with their budget. She was trying to understand the City's budget, asking staff to explain why monies were being moved from various departments; the backup said it totaled almost \$6 million, but she saw an unaccounted difference of almost \$400,000.00.

Interim Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kennie Hobbs replied, as it related to the proposed ordinance before the Commission, staff had discussions over the last several weeks, including the need to wait until June 1, 2020, when the City received additional revenue information from the State and Broward County before making any adjustments to current revenues and expenditures. He said on June 1, City staff received additional information from both the State and County, and the State informed the City, based on the trends they were seeing, there would be a 50 percent reduction in all State revenue provided to the City in the coming months. Staff was projecting, based on this information, that for April, May and June, revenue would be 50 percent less than anticipated. He noted, in reviewing the City's current revenue trend, there were some items staff noticed appeared to be coming in less than expected, such as revenue from licenses and permits, which were shown to be down 80 to 90 percent. Revenue from service charges were also down, including fees from sports leagues, both youth and adult; cancelled community classes due to COVID 19; there were revenue shortfalls related to fines and forfeitures, rental royalties, and nuisance abatement related to code enforcement, as no code enforcement meetings were being held, so not fines were being enforced. Mr. Hobbs said it was the reduction in the collection of these types of revenue that resulted in staff's proposed reductions currently before the Commission. The amounts were broken out into various funds, the first being the General Fund, where the revenue shortfall totaled close to \$4.6 million, and others that were tied to the General Fund, such as enterprise funds that heavily relied on the General Fund for support, including the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC); a reduction in the LPAC budget of \$591,339.00 was proposed. He indicated other reductions noted were related to enterprise funds, such as water and sewer, and storm water. To guard against what staff anticipated if no changes were made, they proposed changes on the expenditure side, along with others proposed earlier, such as a hiring freeze, taking it a step further by defunding vacant positions approved by the Commission earlier. A total of 83 part-time and full-time positions should be defunded, including ten positions in administration to 20 positions in the police. He noted budgeting staff looked at the subject situation on a continual basis, and if things changed moving forward, that information and its effects would be presented to the Commission, possibly refunding some of those positions where possible. Every department, including public safety, was included in this proposed defunding, but there were five positions related to police officers that remained funded, as they were at varying points in the hiring process, such as

being in the academy, going through background screening, etc. Mr. Hobbs mentioned other items impacted by the proposed budget adjustment. As it related to contractual costs, some contracts already proposed and approved by the Commission in the budget for a roughly three-percent increase, in addition to the steps for the police department. In addition to the steps, based on discussions and trends, there would be an additional cost of about \$340,000.00, and this was above and beyond some of the expenditures that needed to be cut. He said they had an expansive list they could forward in a memo to the Commission that outlined all the various revenues and expenses that were impacted, and this could be sent prior to the second reading of the proposed ordinance for review, and staff could address any concerns in the interim. He acknowledged the budget amendment staff proposed read oddly, as a balance had to be maintained, so some line items showed an increase, while others showed a decrease, and when the numbers were netted out, they did not necessarily equal, but overall, the City was maintaining a balanced budget, because the adjustments were between funds.

Commissioner Bates asked if the City would receive reimbursement for any of the expenditures due to the COVID 19 crisis.

Mr. Hobbs responded staff did expect the City to receive some reimbursements, and in order not to affect the General Fund, staff created a separate fund to note all anticipated reimbursements, regardless of the source, and they were netting out those dollars against the City's additional expenditures. Based on the information staff had on hand, the City would not receive 100 percent reimbursement, but they were keeping track of the various funding sources to offset the City's expenditures, and as part of the City's financials, there were some reserves within the budget to make up any shortfalls.

Commissioner Campbell asked about the revenue collection, wondering if the way in which City Hall was currently open for business made it difficult to get permits, which then contributed to the shortfall from that particular source.

Mr. Hobbs answered yes. In the memo he sent the Commission, he addressed this issue directly, as staff recognized that though City Hall opened on a modified schedule, it was difficult for new businesses, and the lockdown saw many businesses closed. Regarding building permits, he saw a substantial decrease of 80 to 90 percent, and that affected City revenues. The lockdown affected staff's ability to carry out other activities in the customer service department, but staff took this into consideration, understanding City Hall would reopen in the future, and those revenues would increase. He said they preferred to take a conservative position, not knowing what that number would be.

Commissioner Campbell asked if any new positions had been approved for the currently closed LPAC.

Mr. Hobbs believed there were no new positions approved for the LPAC. As part of the proposed ordinance, there were some part-time positions that were being defunded, recognizing the LPAC had a net reduction of close to \$562,000.00 due to its closure. He said, taking into consideration future changes where the Commission again allowed gatherings in such facilities, and despite the City not hosting any events for the rest of the year, there were opportunities to increase

revenue by renting out the LPAC at a marginal cost to the City, and from which the City usually made a profit, as costs to the City were lower for shows put on by outside entities.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public, stating he had two questions from residents: The first was from Mae Smith: How much is currently in the reserves? Also, have we had to use any of it?

Mr. Hobbs replied the City had a current unreserved fund balance of approximately \$6 million, and there was an additional dedicated reserve of an additional \$4 million. To date, staff had not had to use any reserves to meet expenditures.

Mayor Thurston said the next question was from Lawrence Martin: Are the budget amendments being discussed for fiscal 2020 only? If so, is the 2021 budget being revisited based upon the current expected revenues?

Mr. Hobbs answered yes to both questions. The proposed changes before the Commission were for fiscal year (FY) 2020 only, as would other proposed changes in the near future. City department staff had been working on their FY 2021 budget, and Finance staff began meeting with department staff, and in the coming week, Finance would meet with the City Manager, and a proposed budget would be presented to the City Commission by July 1, 2020. At the direction of Ms. Giles-Smith, department directors were asked to propose or submit budgets that were less than the present fiscal year's, on which he said they were doing a great job. He said staff was taking into consideration the current potential revenue shortfall; the 50 percent reduction in State revenues amounted to close to \$2 million for the City, and they anticipated this being around 40 percent in August, and some percentage reduction was predicted off the current approved budget for next year. Thus, staff was taking the current environment into consideration, as they prepared the FY 2021 budget.

Mayor Thurston indicated there were no further comments from the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Commissioner Grant, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 6/29/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

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

XI RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-89: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR ANDREA ANDERSON TO CONTINUE SERVING AS THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; WITH THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER M. MARGARET BATES).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-89-Agrmt-2nd Amdt Employment Agrmt-City Clerk.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-89](#)

[City Clerk -2nd Amdnt Employment Agreement 2020 Redlined.pdf](#)

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

2. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-90: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 20R-05-80; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE STIPEND AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 17R-04-130 DIRECTLY TO THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO ALSO PERMIT COMPENSATION FOR NON-CITY HEALTH PLANS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-90-Health Insurance Stipend Revision.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-90](#)

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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-91: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR INCORPORATION OF CARES ACT FUNDING INTO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPROVED FIFTH-YEAR 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND FUNDING ALLOCATION OF \$447,411.00 DUE TO COVID-19; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-91-CDBG-Plan Amendment-COVID-19.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-91](#)

[FY 2019 SUBSTANTIAL AMEND AAP CARES ACT](#)

Commissioner Campbell expressed concern, as he received calls from businesses and residents about their ability to satisfy the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act requirements. He did not know the details of what was required to qualify, asking what the status of those funds would be if they were unused.

Interim City Manager Giles-Smith replied, currently, the City received about 24 business applications and 40 residential applications, and staff was trying to work with the applicants to ensure they submitted the required information.

Unfortunately, as this was federal government money, the City had to obtain the required documents to disburse the funds, and the amount of documents could be quite extensive. It was taking long, but her staff and she felt they would be able to get qualified applicants funded. She commented if the City was unable to disburse all of its CARES Act dollars, the money could be used to cover COVID 19-related expenses; they were part of the monies the City intended to use to cover expenses resulting from COVID 19.

Commissioner Campbell asked if the guidelines for qualifying for CARES Act dollars were set by the City or did they come with the funds from the federal government.

Interim City Manager Giles-Smith said the guidelines came with the funds from the federal government.

Commissioner Campbell questioned if it was possible to modify the requirements.

Interim City Manager Giles-Smith responded the City had to be in compliance with the guidelines set by the federal government in order to disburse the funds; if the City failed to be in compliance, the money had to be returned to the federal government.

Commissioner Campbell stated his concern with these programs was sometimes the persons for whom the aid was intended did not receive the funds because of what was required, defeating the purpose of the aid. He hoped those in need of the funds could access them, rather than have them granted to those less needy.

City Manager Giles-Smith reiterated staff was trying to work with them, and they would set aside time once the City reopened; staff would walk applicants through every document they needed to qualify for the CARES Act funding. She said some of the applicants were already very close.

Commissioner Grant asked if the City could do a webinar for applicants, as she heard similar concerns from the community; some potential applicants stated they found the application difficult to understand. She knew staff was helping individual applicants, but a webinar could help 20 or 30 persons through the application process.

City Manager Giles-Smith agreed the City doing a webinar was a good idea.

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-92: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL FLORIDA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN

PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) FOR A PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PTAP) GRANT FOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR N.W. 55TH AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR AT LEAST A 10% MATCH IN LOCAL FUNDS OR \$10,000.00, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED IN THE EVENT OF APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS PENDING LEGAL REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-92-Application for MPO PTAP Grant NW 55 transit plan.pdf](#)
[AR 20R-06-92](#)
[Staff Memo-PTAP.pdf](#)
[Program Explanation.pdf](#)
[PTAP Policies Memo.pdf](#)
[PTAP Questions.pdf](#)

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-93: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR SURTAX REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE VIA AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE BROWARD COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500.00 FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS CORRESPONDING TO THE PROPERTIES SPECIFIED ON THE EXHIBITS; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO LEGAL REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-93-Application for MPO surtax sidewalk repairs.pdf](#)
[AR 20R-06-93](#)
[Staff Memo-sidewalk surtax-pdf.pdf](#)
[Batch #5 Sidewalk Spreadsheet.pdf](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION 20R-06-95: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE RANKING OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR RFP #2020-007 TO PROVIDE LIGHTING UPGRADES AT ILENE LIEBERMAN PARK AS PART OF THE

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,912.00 FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 305-339-06378; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-95-Ranking-Ilene Lieberman Park lighting.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-95](#)

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

[FINAL RANKING RFP 2020-007 ILENE LIBERMAN PARK LIGHTING.pdf](#)

[Pages from City of Lauderhill - Ilene Lieberman Park Parking Lot](#)

[Lighting Improvement RFP #2020-007.pdf](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-96: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE PROPOSAL (CCNA) FROM SYNALOVSKI, ROMANIK, SAYRE (SRS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00 FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION REGARDING FIRE STATION 30; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 190-351-06205; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-96-Proposal-SRS-Fire Station 30 contract admin.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-96](#)

[Lauderhill Fire Station 30 CA Proposal 042520.pdf](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-97: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL FLORIDA, FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SERVICES; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-97-ILA-Agrmt-MPO Trans Planning.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-97](#)

[ILA For Planning Services \(1\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit A to ILA For Planning Services - BMPO Proposed \(FINAL-1.3.18\) \(1\).pdf](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-98: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING MELISSA DUNN BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF REV. DR. MELVILLE B. HERRON, WHICH SHALL EXPIRE CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT OR ON NOVEMBER 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-98-Brd-P&Z - Thurston-Dunn appt.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-06-98](#)

[Planning and Zoning Board List](#)

[Planning & Zoning Board - Melissa Dunn](#)

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-100: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE OF AND APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE 2019 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL SOLICITATION GRANT (JAG) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$41,002.20 AFTER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION; PROVIDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS ARE REQUIRED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-100-GRANT-JAG-LOCAL SOLICITATION 2019 MOU](#)

[AR 20R-06-100](#)

[JAG 2019 MOU.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1 -Sub Recp Agrmt-2019 JAG MOU.pdf](#)

[2019 JAG Allocations.pdf](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-101: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND BROWARD COUNTY REGARDING COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDERS ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-101-ILA-Agrmt-Reso-County EO Enforcement.pdf](#)
[AR 20R-06-101](#)
[ILA-COVID-19-final-frm - City of Lauderhill - 5 29 20.pdf](#)

Commissioner Bates mentioned receiving an explanation from the City Attorney earlier in the day, asking if he could repeat the explanation to the Commission.

City Attorney Hall explained Broward County issued a number of COVID-related emergency orders that were in effect, and the County asked each city to assist with code enforcement. For example, if one of the orders required restaurants to allow a specific limited capacity, the City's code officers could go in and cite a business if it exceeded that capacity up to 79 percent. The County agreed to pay \$17,000.00 on a monthly basis for the City's assistance in enforcing its COVID 19 emergency orders.

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

- 12A.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-102: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 769 REGARDING THE TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN ("DROP"); PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-102-Agrmt-MOU-Teamsters Local 769.pdf](#)
[AR 20R-06-102](#)
[MOU FINAL with Teamsters re Pension DROP -- 6-8-2020 \(BJS\).pdf](#)

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

- 12B.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-103: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE OF AND APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL SOLICITATION GRANT (JAG) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$37,289.70 AFTER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION; PROVIDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS ARE REQUIRED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY

INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-103-GRANT-JAG-LOCAL SOLICITATION 1st AMENDMENT 2018 MOU.pdf](#)
[AR 20R-06-103](#)
[2018 Memorandum of Understanding AMENDED FINAL.pdf](#)
[2018 Sub-recipient agreement REVISED.pdf](#)
[EXHIBIT C Grant Award and Special Conditions.pdf](#)

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

- 12C.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-06-94: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE, DAMAGED, INOPERABLE AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT IN THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND FAVORABLE MANNER PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 2-143; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-20R-06-94-surplus obsolete equipment.pdf](#)
[AR 20R-06-94](#)
[OBSOLETE 5.27 .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)

XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

XIV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING

- 13.** ORDINANCE NO. 200-05-113: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL AMENDMENTS WITH CHANGES TO THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 163 TO REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE REQUIREMENTS SINCE THE LAST UPDATE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN (BCLUP); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-200-05-113-Comp Plan Amendment Revision.pdf](#)
[AR 200-05-113](#)
[ORC Report.pdf](#)
[Comp Plan Update Memo](#)
[Attachement 1- ORC LETTER FROM STATE OF FLORIDA](#)
[Attachment 2- Original 8 Capital Improv Element GOPs](#)
[Attachment 3 - 8 Captial Improv Element DIA](#)
[Attachement 4 - 8 Capital Improvements Element Proposed GOPs
April 2020](#)

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

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.

Mayor Thurston stated he had two questions from the public that were general in nature; the first was from resident Viola Campbell who wished to know why St. George Park was still closed, and what was the status of the repairs.

Interim City Manager Giles-Smith replied staff was looking at holding a grand opening for the building at St. George Park later in June or the first part of July. The inside of the building would be opened the week of June 22nd if it were completed; she knew they were still waiting on a few items

Mayor Thurston read a statement made by resident Jennifer Bruner: Open pools without restrictions.

Interim City Manager Giles-Smith said the County still had a few restrictions on pools, and the City was looking at opening its municipal facilities on June 22, 2020.

Mayor Thurston spoke with a couple of condominium associations, and they were told they could open their pools, but they had to adhere to CDC guidelines, which was an onerous process, so it would cost them to open the pools. He mentioned a letter from his complex said it would cost several thousand dollars per month to open pools under the CDC guidelines, so the board of directors decided to leave pools closed for now.

Commissioner Bates mentioned her census presentation was missed at the

beginning of the meeting, asking staff to play the video. She asked residents if, while staying at home due to COVID 19, they could participate in the 2020 Census, as the City's responses were still below the level of ten years ago; the City was at 52 percent, and ten years ago the City's responses were over 60 percent. She urged everyone residing in the City who had yet to respond to the census to go online to 2020census.gov and answer the ten simple questions. None of the personal information provided could be distributed to any law enforcement agency, and the information gathered was sealed for 72 years; the City desperately needed its residents to respond. After the video was shown, Commissioner Bates remarked the 2020 Census date was extended past April 1, so residents were still able to submit their questionnaire online or send it by mail, or answer the questionnaire by phone.

Commissioner Campbell remarked, along with the 2020 Census, the COVID 19 pandemic, and the black lives matter protests, this was an election year. In August 2020 and November 2020 there would be elections, so everyone should make sure they were registered to vote. He noted Florida had a vote by mail option, so citizens should be prepared to exercise their right and responsibility to vote.

Interim City Manager Giles-Smith read into the record a general statement to the public the City would be issuing regarding the George Floyd killing: We stand in solidarity with the residents of Lauderhill, and those around the State, nation and world, appealing for an end to brutality and racism. We encourage inclusion, diversity, compassion and equity for all, and firmly believe that black lives matter. We mourn with the families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others who have lost their lives, and encourage the collective to move forward to peaceful action for social justice. The words of Dr. Martin Luther King still hold true today: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. In Lauderhill, we are committed to the principles of human rights and will continue to stand for justice for all. Thank you.

Mayor Thurston thought the statement was very good, thanking Ms. Giles-Smith.

XIX ADJOURNMENT