

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Kennie Hobbs, Jr., Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Code Section 6-34 (Public Art Fund) to Permit Capital Expenditures for Enhancements to the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

In alignment with the City of Lauderhill's ongoing commitment to promoting and sustaining the arts, staff is proposing an amendment to Section 6-34 of the City Code relating to the use of the Public Art Fund.

The current language of Section 6-34 places limitations on the types of expenditures that may be considered eligible under the Public Art Fund. While the fund rightfully supports artistic initiatives throughout the City, it does not explicitly authorize capital expenditures for one of the City's most significant cultural assets—the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC).

As the City's premier facility dedicated to fostering and showcasing the arts, the LPAC plays a central role in fulfilling the mission and spirit of the Public Art Program. That being the case, a recommendation to amend the Code to expressly allow all capital expenditures for the enhancement, maintenance, and development of the LPAC to be considered permissible uses of the Public Art Fund.

This proposed amendment would ensure that the LPAC continues to serve as a vibrant and state-of-the-art venue capable of supporting local, regional, and national arts programming. It would further align the City's fiscal resources with its cultural and artistic priorities.

I look forward to discussing this item further and welcome any questions or feedback.