

City of Lauderhill

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2019

7:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

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

***Charles Faranda, City Manager
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk
Earl Hall, City Attorney***

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thurston called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:06 PM.

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****II ROLL CALL**

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

ALSO PRESENT:

*Charles Faranda, City Manager
Earl Hall, City Attorney
Constance Stanley, Police Chief
Marc Celetti, Fire Chief
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk*

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

A. A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR EDITH LEDERBERG (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

HOUSEKEEPING

Commissioner Berger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grant to ACCEPT the Final-Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2019.

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

Abstain: 0

IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Abstain: 0

V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the City Commission for December 10, 2018.

Attachments: [December 10, 2018 - 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

A. A PRESENTATION OF CASE STUDIES BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT BIZ CHALLENGE WINNERS (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR M. MARGARET BATES).

B. REMOVED

C. A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE LAUDERHILL LIONS UNDER 9 AGE GROUP FOOTBALL TEAM ON THEIR UNDEFEATED SEASON (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER CHARLES FARANDA).

VIII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

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

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-11-148: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18O-09-139 TO CORRECT CLERICAL ERRORS IN THE CALCULATION OF THE AGGREGATE ROLLED BACK RATE AND THE ROLLED BACK RATE AND THE CALCULATION OF THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES OVER BOTH RATES; PROVIDING FOR RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF THE ORIGINAL ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE SETTING AND ADOPTING THE 2018-2019 PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AT THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.9898 PER ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$1,000) ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; ADOPTING THE AGGREGATE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 8.0185 PER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) ASSESSMENT AS AN INCREASE IN THE AGGREGATE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 7.0868 BY 13.15%; ADOPTING THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.9898 AS AN INCREASE OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 7.0600 BY 13.15%; ADOPTING THE VOTED DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE AT A RATE OF 1.9464 PER ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$1,000)

ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR A RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [ORD-18O-11-148-MILLAGE levy Ordinance CORRECTED % FINAL NOV 2018.pdf](#)
[AR 18R-11-148](#)
[Millage Error Ord 18O-09-139.pdf](#)
[2019 Version-ORD-18O-11-148-MILLAGE levy Ordinance CORRECTED % FINAL NOV 2018.pdf](#)

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

2. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-12-152: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 1, CHARTER, ARTICLE VII, QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTIONS, SECTION 7.02, PROCEDURE FOR BECOMING A CANDIDATE, TO AMEND THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT TO TWO (2) YEARS AS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [ORD-18O-12-152-Code Charter-7.02-Candidate Residency Req.pdf](#)
[AR 18O-12-152](#)
[ORD 18O-04-112 Becoming a Candidate Amendment to Lengthen Residency.pdf](#)
[Lauderhill - Signed Election Results.pdf](#)
[2019 Version-ORD-18O-12-152-Code Charter-7.02-Candidate Residency Req.pdf](#)

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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-12-153: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 1, CHARTER, ARTICLE VI, CITY MANAGER, SECTION 6.02, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, COMPENSATION, TO REQUIRE A COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [ORD-18O-12-153-Code Charter-6.02-City Manager Background Investigation.pdf](#)
[AR 18O-12-153](#)

[ORD 18O-04-113 Comprehensive Background Investigation City Manager Election.pdf](#)
[Lauderhill - Signed Election Results.pdf](#)

[2019 Version-ORD-18O-12-153-Code Charter-6.02-City Manager Background Investigation.pdf](#)

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-12-154: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 1, CHARTER, ARTICLE VI, CITY MANAGER, SECTION 6.04, ACTING CITY MANAGER, AS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [ORD-18O-12-154-Code Charter-6.04-Acting City Manager.pdf](#)
[AR 18O-12-154](#)

[ORD 18O-04-110 Referendum Proposed for Acting City Manager in Absence of City Manager.pdf](#)
[Lauderhill - Signed Election Results.pdf](#)

[2019 Version-ORD-18O-12-154-Code Charter-6.04-Acting City Manager.pdf](#)

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

5. ORDINANCE NO. 18O-12-155: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 1, CHARTER, ARTICLE VIII, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, BONDING, SECTION 8.03, CITY ATTORNEY, AS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [ORD-18O-12-155-Code Charter-8.03-Acting City Attorney.pdf](#)
[AR 18O-12-155](#)

[ORD 18O-04-111 Referendum Proposed for Assistant City Attorney in Absence of City Attorney.pdf](#)
[Lauderhill - Signed Election Results.pdf](#)

[2019 Version-ORD-18O-12-155-Code Charter-8.03-Acting City Attorney.pdf](#)

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

XI RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

6. RESOLUTION 19R-01-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL SETTING FORTH THE PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES AS SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER SECTION 7.02; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-01-Candidate Residency Requirement Documents.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-01](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF BIKE/MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NORTH FORK NEW RIVER WITHIN THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RIGHT OF WAY, FROM S.R.7/U.S. 441 TO APPROXIMATELY N.W. 31ST AVENUE; FURTHER EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO TAKE OVER MAINTENANCE OF THE BIKE/MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUEST BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-02-FDOT Trail-path project reso.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-02](#)
[Ex.A-bike mobility improvement 441-SR7 TO NW 31ST.pdf](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVE A DELEGATION REQUEST OR PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE 182 GARDEN APARTMENTS, 215 MID-RISE APARTMENTS AND 3,500 SQUARE FEET DAY CARE FACILITY ON A ± 9.93 ACRE SITE IN THE RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY (RM-40) ZONING DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 49 SOUTH, RANGE 42 EAST OF TRACT 1, AT & T No. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 127, PAGE 18 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS THE VACANT PROPERTY ADJACENT TO AND JUST SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF N.W. 38th AVENUE AND N.W. 15th STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE

DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-03-Plat Note Amendment-Multifamily.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-01-03](#)

[DRR for AT&TNo-1 plat note amendment-Modified-1-02-2019 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Plat.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A-Existing Plat Language.pdf](#)

[Exhibit B-Proposed Plat language.pdf](#)

Commissioner Campbell asked for an update from City staff.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Kennie Hobbs stated the resolution before the City Commission was a plat note amendment needed for Ms. Diamond to move forward with her development of the apartment complex to be located just off NW 30th Avenue and NW 15th Street. He reviewed the information for the design of the development, as contained in the backup, noting the Commission's approval was required, so Ms. Diamond and her team could present their site plan to the County Commission for consideration as presented.

Commissioner Campbell remarked on not being present to hear the original presentation, and he was aware of issues in the surrounding community; he understood the entire area was slated for development as an entertainment complex.

Mr. Hobbs affirmed this to be the case, as the area was zoned as an entertainment district: Sunrise Boulevard north to NW 19th Street, and 441 east to the warehouses.

Commissioner Campbell expressed concern about the completion of the entertainment district, as there were conflicts just east of the proposed project, where there were already residential apartments. There was an issue of noise nuisance that would affect those residential apartments, as they were located in the middle of the activity. He wished City staff to be aware of other possibilities, and the conflict the subject project might present in the middle of an entertainment district, noting he was unsure if the developers took that into consideration. Before proceeding, it might be wise for the developer and City staff to consider those possibilities.

Mr. Hobbs responded, as stated, there were some noise complaints the City already addressed with the businesses in the area. Ms. Diamond was aware of what the future development was along the entertainment corridor, and she had seen the proposals for NW 38th Avenue, as well as proposals for the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC) vacant parcel. Thus, she was fully aware of the types of uses the City foresaw for the area regarding housing, facilities and buildings.

Commissioner Campbell asked if there were any provision for other development, as opposed to apartments, on the eastern section that would reduce possible conflicts.

Mr. Hobbs knew, via the City's code enforcement staff, one of the things they were looking at, which was presented before the change in the members of the City Commission, was a proposal to make some amendments to the plan to facilitate consistency between the parcels or the businesses on the east and west sides of 441, as well as the warehouses. Over the last several months, noise complaints decreased, as both code officers and police officers visited those properties; the problems arose when businesses had outside entertainment versus within their venues. He explained the City's code now stated businesses engaged in outside entertainment could do so up to a

certain time, and within the regulated decibel range. The City had been successful in working with those businesses to keep them within the regulated ranges, which led to a decrease in residents' complaints. He indicated City staff was working on bringing something before the City Commission for consideration to bring consistency among the businesses around that area.

Vivian Diamond, the applicant's representative and managing partner with the owner of the subject property, indicated she was present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Campbell sought confirmation Ms. Diamond was aware of the possibility of conflict, hoping that after the project was developed, there would be no future claims of not knowing by the developer.

Ms. Diamond understood the existing conflicts, and the developers fully understood what they were getting into, restating that they would be giving the City half an acre of their property in order to beautify the area and get the project completed. She thought the area was in need of more residential products, and with the proper construction and windows, the noise would be reduced. If new tenants preferred to reside in a very quiet neighborhood, they could go elsewhere, but the developers looked at a variety of options for the subject development for over three years, and they were very excited that they were so close to bringing it to fruition.

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

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

Abstain: 0

9. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ART, CULTURAL, TOURISM (ACT) BOARD BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS AS INDICATED FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-04-Brd-Act Individual appts.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-01-04](#)

[LAUDERHILL ACT BOARD LIST](#)

[ACT Board Application - Judi Hamilton](#)

[ACT Board Application - Thomas Harney](#)

[ACT Board Application - Veronica Cross](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-05: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY

BOARD BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERMS INDICATED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-05-BRD-Educ-Advis individual appts.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-01-05](#)

[LAUDERHILL EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD LIST](#)

[Educational Advisory Board Application - Eva McLeod](#)

[Educational Advisory Board Application - Sarah McIntosh](#)

[Educational Advisory Board Application - Kurt McNabb](#)

[NEW Educational Advisory Board List.pdf](#)

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-06: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE ELECTION OF MARIE LAMOUR AND WINNEFORD NISBETH TO SERVE AS EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-06-Brd-GE Pension election employee member](#)

[AR 19R-01-06](#)

[LAUDERHILL PENSION-GENERAL EMPLOYEES BOARD LIST](#)

[Election Correspondence - General Employee Pension Board](#)

[Winnie Nisbeth - General Employee Pension Board Nomination](#)

[Marie Lamour - General Employee Pension Board Nomination](#)

Assistant City Attorney Rosenberg remarked the subject item was a miscommunication to some extent, as the two named individuals in section one were approved by the employee members, so that portion in section one could move forward for approval, if the Commission so desired. She requested an amendment to bifurcate section two for the present, as there was an appointment for the Commission as a whole, but there was no information from any interested applicants. Next month, a second appointment by the Commission as a whole would be coming up for consideration, and it seemed better to put both appointments by the Commission as a whole on next month's Commission meeting agenda. She suggested, in the interim, the City Commission think of persons they might wish to nominate for appointment to the General Pension Board.

City Attorney Hall added the first half of the resolution, which ended January 2021, was what the City Commission was now being asked to approve, and the rest of the resolution would be deleted and put back on a subsequent Commission.

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

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

Abstain: 0

12. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-07: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF EDNA M. FRAZIER AND GREGORY FRANCESKI BY THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COMMISSION AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 421 TO SERVE AS A MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-07-BRD-Laud Housing Authority Mayor appt commission approval.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-07](#)

[LAUDERHILL HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD LIST](#)

[Lauderhill Housing Authority Application - Gregory Franceski](#)

[Lauderhill Housing Authority Application - Edna Frazier](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS AS INDICATED FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-08-Brd-Rec Advisory Individual appts.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-08](#)

[LAUDERHILL RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD LIST](#)

[Recreation Advisory Board Application - Jennifer Tai](#)

[Recreation Advisory Board Application - Roody Lormera](#)

[Recreation Advisory Resume - Janice Carter](#)

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

14. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS AS INDICATED FOR VARIOUS TERMS; APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE FOR THE

REMAINDER OF A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-09-BRD-Code-appts 2019.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-01-09](#)

[LAUDERHILL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD LIST](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - John Beckford](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - Richard Gayle](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - Jean Crawford](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - Orville Marshall](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - Charles Blackburn](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - Dorothy Rich](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - Robert Lynch](#)

[Code Enforcement Board Application - Aryeh Schender](#)

Ms. Rosenberg explained the subject resolution was for the City's Code Enforcement Board appointments, and A through D, as shown in the backup, were individual appointments recommended by individual City Commissioners, with two picked by the City Commission as a whole. Included in the agenda was a list of potential appointees and their resumes, and the first four were already appointed to the Code Enforcement Board. The last four names, starting with Charles Blackburn were interested residents wishing to serve from which the Commission could choose two names as a group.

Mayor Thurston noticed a few of the four names were residents who served on the Board for some time, and the present change was for the new City Commissioners who had the right to appoint someone to the Code Enforcement Board.

Commissioner Grant sought clarification that the last four named persons served on the Code Enforcement Board at some time in the past.

Ms. Rosenberg affirmed this to be the case, and there were two openings on the Code Enforcement Board that were to be filled by the City Commission as a whole. She clarified that the two appointees did not have to come from the four persons listed; those four persons indicated their interest in serving on the Code Enforcement Board and submitted their resumes.

Mayor Thurston asked if the Code Enforcement Board had alternates.

Ms. Rosenberg directed the Commission's attention to the backup where it showed the current Code Enforcement Board members, stating each member of the Commission was allowed to appoint one member to the Code Enforcement Board, then make two appointments as a group, then each Commissioner was allowed to appoint an alternate. Technically, regarding the alternates, the expiration date of their position was as indicated in the backup; for example, Vice Mayor Bates' appointment did not expire until November 2019, and the first appointee from the Mayor's seat would be made in 2020. She said it appeared the Commission could appoint alternates individually, as they all expired in November 2018. As with the General Employee Pension Board, staff could place alternate and group appointments on the February Commission agenda.

Commissioner Campbell nominated Robert Lynch to the Code Enforcement Board.

Mayor Thurston asked if each Commissioner should name two people.

Ms. Rosenberg answered yes, and then see which nominees received a majority of nominations that would result in their appointment to the Code Enforcement Board.

Commissioner Grant nominated Aryeh Schender and Dorothy Rich.

Commissioner Berger nominated Aryeh Schender and Charles Blackburn.

Vice Mayor Bates nominated Dorothy Rich and Aryeh Schender

Mayor Thurston nominated Dorothy Rich and Charles Blackburn.

Attorney Hall observed that Aryeh Schender and Dorothy Rich each had three votes, so they would be appointed by the Commission as a whole.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public.

Dorothy Rich sought clarification as to the nomination of other appointees whose names were listed.

City Attorney Hall clarified the other persons could be selected to serve as Code Enforcement Board alternates at the Commission's February meeting, but for the present, only the two positions by the City Commission as a whole were being voted on.

Ms. Rich believed Mr. Schender was currently serving as a Code Enforcement Board alternate, asking if he would no longer be doing so.

City Attorney Hall affirmed Mr. Schender would now serve as a regular Code Enforcement Board member.

Mayor Thurston commented it was a difficult decision, as he knew there were other interested persons who previously served on the Code Enforcement Board for a long time and served well. Part of the process was for new members of the City Commission to appoint members to the City's boards. He noticed Ms. Freeman was no longer listed as a member of the Code Enforcement Board.

City Attorney Hall said it was possible that she could be selected to serve as an alternate at a future time.

Commissioner Berger inquired as to when Ms. Freeman's term expired.

City Attorney Hall explained all the Commission's vacancies currently occurred per the City's ordinance, so there were now Board vacancies, so the new Commissioners could appoint new members to the Code Enforcement Board.

Commissioner Berger wished to know why Ms. Freeman was not listed among the possible persons from which to select members.

Commissioner Grant remarked it could be a matter of Ms. Freeman not submitting her paperwork to the City Clerk's Office to indicate her interest in serving again.

Commissioner Berger recalled Ms. Freeman was his appointment to the Code Enforcement Board, so he wondered what had happened to her.

Ms. Rosenberg restated Ms. Freeman was Commissioner Berger's appointment, and her term expired, according to the list before the Commission. She indicated Commissioner Berger's individual appointment could be made when the appointment of the alternates was voted on. A possible explanation for Commissioner Berger's appointment not being included in the subject resolution was the appointees for the new City Commissioners was the only focus. She noted Commissioner Berger was free to reappoint Ms. Freeman at the next Commission when there would be an item for the appointment of Code Board alternates.

Commissioner Grant observed there appeared to be some confusion as to who was on the Code Enforcement Board and who was not, asking staff to name the current serving members of the Code Enforcement Board.

Ms. Rosenberg indicated the current Code Enforcement Board members were: John Beckford, Richard Gayle, Jean Crawford, Orville Marshall, Dorothy Rich, and Aryeh Schender.

John Beckford, Lauderhill resident, commented Dorothy Rich was the current chairperson of the Code Enforcement Board, and Charles Blackburn served on the Board for a long time, giving the Board a steady hand in its leadership. If the City Commission made wholesale changes to the Board, it could affect the outcome at some of the Board's meetings. He mentioned one of the Commissioners selected Robert Lynch, but Mr. Lynch took himself out of contention, so his nomination should be retracted and another individual cast, so there was an actual contender to be appointed. Some members of the current Code Enforcement Board were present, and he wondered if the City Commission knew who they were. The process might have been better served if past alternates present wished to continue serving on the Board were given a few minutes to address the Commission before the latter voted.

Mayor Thurston asked and received no further comments from the public, asking the Commission if they wished to continue and vote on the selected nominees.

Vice Mayor Bates indicated she was prepared to vote.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Commissioner Berger, that this Resolution be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 15.** RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS AS INDICATED FOR THE TERMS INDICATED; APPOINTING ONE MEMBER BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A STAGGERED TWO (2) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-10-Brd-P&Z - 2019 appts.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-01-10](#)

[Planning and Zoning Board List](#)

[Planning & Zoning Board Application - Melville Herron](#)

[Planning & Zoning Board Application - Yechezkel Rodal](#)

[Planning & Zoning Board Application - Lamont Roberts](#)

[Planning & Zoning Board Application - Rene Yacinthe](#)

[Planning & Zoning Board Application - Leland Hall](#)

Ms. Rosenberg stated the subject resolution was for appointments to the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board, and as the backup indicated, two appointments were already made to that Board: Reverend/Dr. Melville Herron appointed by Mayor Thurston, and Yechezkel Rodal appointed by Commissioner Grant, both individual appointments. The remaining opening was a City Commission as a whole appointment, and the last three named individuals on the list provided in the backup submitted applications to serve on the P&Z Board: Lamont Roberts, Rene Yacinthe, and Leland Hall.

Commissioner Campbell asked if there would be additional Board members.

Ms. Rosenberg indicated the only expired terms were the three named individuals listed as potential members. The other two were appointed, and the other remaining members were currently serving, four of which would not expire until November 2020.

Commissioner Campbell said he made no appointment to the P&Z Board, and it was his understanding there should still be room for his appointee, and he wished this to be clarified before moving forward.

City Attorney Hall remarked, per the City's ordinance, all the seats expired for Commissioners who no longer sat on the Commission.

Ms. Rosenberg commented the lists provided in the backup were wrong, as they showed expiration dates of 2019 and 2020.

Commissioner Campbell stated, regardless of the lists provided in the backup or any list, he understood he had an opportunity to appointment someone to the P&Z Board.

Ms. Rosenberg indicated she would have to speak with the City Clerk's Office, but Commissioner Campbell could appoint someone to the P&Z Board.

Vice Mayor Bates wished to make a motion to table the subject item to the next Commission meeting to allow the City Attorney and staff to clarify the matter.

Mayor Thurston thought the Code Enforcement Board appointments should be given the same attention by City staff and brought back for reconsideration by the City Commission at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Mayor Thurston, that this Resolution be tabled to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 1/28/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

16. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERMS INDICATED; APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TWO YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-11-Brd-Public Art appts individuals.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-01-11](#)

[LAUDERHILL PUBLIC ART BOARD LIST](#)

[Public Art Board Application - Wayne Alexander](#)

[Public Art Board Application - Charlene Bouie](#)

[Public Art Board Application - Julian Chamberlain](#)

[Public Art Board Application - Janet Rooks](#)

[Public Art Board Application - Laura Bryant Martin](#)

[Public Art Board Application - Gail Bouie](#)

Ms. Rosenberg stated the subject appointments were by the Commission as a whole to the Public Art Committee, noting there were three interested individuals, and two were needed to fill the alternate member vacancies on the Committee: Janet Rooks, Laura Bryant Martin, and Gail Bouie. The first three names were individual appointments by Mayor Thurston, Commissioner Grant, and Commissioner Campbell.

Mayor Thurston said Laura Bryant Martin was his high school teacher, wondering if she indicated she wished to continue serving.

Deputy City Manager Giles-Smith stated Ms. Bryant Martin attended no Committee meetings since her appointment to the Board.

Ms. Rosenberg noted the motion would be to appoint Ms. Rooks and Ms. Bouie to the Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berger, seconded by Vice Mayor Bates, that this Resolution be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

17. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING MERALIS CELETTI BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-12-Brd-Fire Pension Comm as a Whole CELETTI NAME.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-12](#)

[LAUDERHILL FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD LIST](#)

[Meralis Celetti – Correspondence](#)

Ms. Rosenberg stated Meralis Celetti was the only one person who expressed an interest in serving on the Firefighters Pension Board, and she previously served.

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

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

Abstain: 0

18. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-13: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 769 FOR THE THREE (3) YEAR TERM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA)

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-13-Collective Bargaining Agreement-Teamsters Local 769 - 2018-21.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-13](#)

[Teamsters Tentative CBA -- 10-1-18 - 9-30-21 \(BJS\)](#)

[Memo Recommending Approval of Teamsters CBA](#)

[General Employee Pay Plan Draft](#)

[General Part-time pp 10.01.2016 - 09.30.2017](#)

[FY 2018 Reslotting \(002\)](#)

[PERC Certification- Lauderhill](#)

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

19. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-14: 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 CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-14-surplus obsolete disposal equipment 2019-fire dept.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-14](#)
[OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT LIST\(FIRE\)](#)

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

20. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL DESIGNATING ADAMS VALVES, INC. AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT VALVES; PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-15-Sole Source - water plant valves.pdf](#)
[AR 19R-01-15](#)
[Sole Source Authorization Letter](#)

Commissioner Campbell sought clarification as to whether the subject bidding process was opened to other potential bidders.

Mr. Hobbs answered yes. Based on the specifications submitted, the City's Purchasing Department went to the open market to find vendors to get quotes for this product. Only one vendor had the ability to provide the product to the City, as named in the subject resolution. He said this single vendor produced the specific product needed in order for the Utilities staff to replace an item at the City's water plant.

Commissioner Campbell questioned if there was data available to verify the information that supported selecting the vendor named in the resolution.

Mr. Hobbs affirmed there was.

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

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

Abstain: 0

21. RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL YOUTH COUNCIL BY INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS AS INDICATED; APPOINTING ONE

(1) MEMBER BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE, ALL TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A ONE (1) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-16-BRD-Youth Council 2019.pdf](#)

[LAUDERHILL YOUTH COUNCIL BOARD LIST](#)

[Youth Council Applications - Shela Polk](#)

[Youth Council Applications - Winda Saintil](#)

[Youth Council Applications - Jelani Lebert](#)

[Youth Council Applications - Amari Wilson](#)

[Youth Council Applications - Anaya Wilson](#)

[Youth Council Applications - Fabiola Saint-Hubert](#)

Ms. Rosenberg explained each Commissioner should make two appointments to the Lauderhill Youth Council Board, then the City Commission would make one appointment as a whole. Once the Council met, they would pick the actual 12 members. Six persons were listed as voicing an interest in serving on the Council.

Mayor Thurston wished to confirm that if the Commission individually appointed five of the listed persons, then one as a whole, each member of the Commission still had one individual appointee to make to the Council.

Ms. Rosenberg answered yes. The Commission would make their second individual appointments to the Council at a later date, whether it was someone they knew, or from a list of other persons who indicated an interest to serve.

Mayor Thurston questioned the criteria by which the six persons listed in the backup came to be named.

Ms. Rosenberg responded each person filled out an application, asking to be considered to serve on the Council, stating each person had to be currently enrolled in grades nine through 12, be no less than 14 years old, have at least a 2.5 GPA, and interested parties must complete a waiver. The applications for the six named persons was contained in the backup.

Mayor Thurston inquired if it was better for the Clerk's Office if each member of the Commission picked a name rather than accept the list of named persons as a group.

Ms. Rosenberg said the named persons were recommended by the Parks & Leisure Services (PALS) Department, but, technically, each member of the Commission made two appointments to the Council that were chosen individually, so they each could pick one name from the list of six provided in the backup.

Commissioner Grant suggested tabling the item, as she did not realize the Commissioners made individual appointments. She wished to do due diligence and source some individuals she thought would be a great fit for the Council.

Commissioner Campbell commented on needing more information.

Ms. Rosenberg explained the City Clerk's Office served as liaison for all City boards, so

members of the City Commission could request information regarding board vacancies or potential members from the Clerk's Office.

City Attorney Hall asked if Commissioner Campbell's aim was to learn more about the qualifications for potential board members.

Commissioner Campbell answered no. He understood the Youth Council had not been up and running for a while, and just glancing at the list, he wondered if there was a senior person involved with the Council.

Ms. Rosenberg replied the staff liaison for the Youth Council was noted as Daphne Brown-Dyer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Vice Mayor Bates, that this Resolution be tabled to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 1/28/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 22.** RESOLUTION NO. 19R-01-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY AND BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A ONE (1) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JULY 2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, CHARLES FARANDA).

Attachments: [RES-19R-01-17-Brd-Community&Budget Committee- 2019 appts.pdf](#)

[AR 19R-01-17](#)

[BaseMap_Sectioned](#)

[Janice Thompson - Board Application - Section 1](#)

[Trecia Myrie-Reid - Board Application - Section 1](#)

[John Varano - Board Application - Section 2](#)

[Claudette dePass - Board Application - Section 3](#)

[Ray Martin - Board Application - Section 6](#)

[Cassandra Wright - Board Application - Section 7](#)

[Samuel Wilkerson - Board Application- Section 8](#)

[Eula Murray-Hylton - Board Application - Commission As A Whole](#)

Ms. Rosenberg indicated the Lauderhill Community and Budget Advisory Committee was a newly formed board, so this would be the first time anyone served on it. The backup contained a map behind the agenda request, on which the City was broken into eight sections. She explained the ordinance creating the subject board requested various homeowners associations recommend members from each of the eight sections, and the selected names were listed in the backup. The City Commission was to appoint one person for each of the eight sections, and there should be one at-large appointment by the City Commission as a whole; she reviewed the recommended appointments for the eight sections, as detailed in the backup.

Commissioner Campbell asked what provision was made in the event there were two suggested appointees for a particular section, as was the case for section one.

Ms. Rosenberg replied the recommendations were made to the Commission, and the Commission could then select the persons they wanted to appoint.

Commissioner Campbell wished to know on what basis would the Commission make such a selection.

City Attorney Hall indicated by reviewing the background information.

Ms. Rosenberg said each person's application and resume was provided in the backup for the Commission to review.

Commissioner Campbell wondered, for sections where two persons were recommended, if it were possible for those individuals to address the City Commission prior to the Commission making its selection.

Ms. Rosenberg answered yes, the Commission could ask if the named persons were present at the meeting and, if they were, would they speak to the Commission.

Commissioner Campbell questioned if the Commission could vote on the sections for which names were provided, and then for sections four and five, where names had yet to be recommended, appointments could be deferred to a future meeting.

Ms. Rosenberg affirmed the appointments could piecemealed according to the Commission's preference.

Commissioner Campbell commented if the two recommended persons each made for sections one, three and seven were present, could they indicate who they thought was a better choice to serve.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public.

Willie Cooper commented, though she was named along with Cassandra Wright for section seven, her preference was for the Commission to select Ms. Wright, as she had a lot on her table to deal with, and Ms. Wright was younger.

Mayor Thurston asked and observed none of the recommended persons for sections one and three were present.

Vice Mayor Bates thought it best to table the subject agenda item, as she wished to ask questions of the various persons recommended to serve on the subject Committee. The City Clerk's Office could notify each of the named persons of the Commission's wish to speak with them at the next Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, that this Resolution be tabled to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 1/28/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

XII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)**XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING****XIV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING****XV UNFINISHED BUSINESS****XVI OLD BUSINESS****XVII NEW BUSINESS****XVIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AT 9:00 PM, OR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR. IF AN ITEM OF LEGISLATION IS BEING DISCUSSED AT 9:00 PM, THE CHAIR MAY DELAY THESE COMMUNICATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE ITEM OF LEGISLATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED.**

City Attorney Hall stated for the record that he needed to schedule a private attorney/client meeting with the City Commission, as there was a case, Gary Munro vs. The City of Lauderhill, he wished to discuss. If it worked for the schedule of all members of the City Commission, this meeting could be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. just prior to the next Commission meeting on January 28, 2019. He wished to discuss strategies the City could use to resolve the subject claim, and the persons who needed to attend the meeting were the Mayor and City Commissioners, the City Manager, special outside counsel, Darryl King, and he. There would be a court reporter present to transcribe the meeting.

Commissioner Campbell remarked, regardless of the possibility of the Commissioners putting their voice to the actions coming from Tallahassee in regard to both the Sheriff in Broward County and Dr. Snipes, he encouraged members of the public to weigh in on the discussion to make sure their voices were heard. He was not advocating for either individual, but he was looking at the principle in which the actions were taken, as no elected officials should be removed from office unless there were incidents that were clearly within the Governor's right to do so. In both cases, it should not be possible to remove any elected official, because you did not like the job they were doing, as that should be up to the voters to decide. The voters would have that opportunity in 2020, but now this was being taken away, and the question to be asked was: who would be next, and in one voice, the voters should clearly state that they found such actions unacceptable. In a democratic society, this should not be the case.

City Manager Faranda wished to piggyback on what the Junior Achievement children said about making Lauderhill better, and some mention was made about crime. He believed every effort helped the City in its fight against crime, particularly those made by the City's youth to make their communities better. With the efforts of the Police Department, in conjunction with Lauderhill 6-12 and other organizations and groups throughout the City, he was proud to announce that the preliminary data out from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) showed Lauderhill's overall crime rate decreasing by almost 18 percent, with most of that in violent and property crimes. This was a great achievement

by the Department and the organizations they worked with. Mr. Faranda thanked the Police Chief, as under her leadership, the Department was making great headway, and great efforts were made to include the public in the things the City did. He asked everyone to continue doing what they did, as it was working.

Commissioner Grant wished everyone a Happy New Year. Regarding those persons recently appointed to City boards, she thanked those persons she appointed who she noticed were present at the meeting, thanking them for coming out. Lauderhill was a business-friendly City, and there would be a Lauderhill Business Power Brunch on January 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. While campaigning in the community, she realized many local businesses had great things to say about Lauderhill, but they had questions as well, so the brunch was a perfect opportunity to bring these business owners together and get answers to their questions and concerns. Their success was the City's business, so the City was affording them this opportunity to speak on their various matters of interest. She added that the City might have grants and other opportunities they might not be aware of, and these would be presented to them at the brunch. She urged business owners to attend the brunch.

Commissioner Berger reminded everyone of the upcoming Thursday's event, "Coffee with a Cop" at the McDonald's on State Road 7 next to the LPAC from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This would be a good opportunity for residents to meet some of the City's police officers. He mentioned a City resident of Forest Lake Estates received a letter that concerned her, and she gave it to him, asking if he could look into it. He indicated the letter was from the National Police Association, which sounded like a very credible organization; he read a part of the letter into the record, noting it indicated since the resident lived in or next to Lauderhill, an area designated as an official sanctuary area by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security where criminals could shelter from prosecution, the resident was selected to participate in the National Sanctuary Area Crime Impact Survey. Commissioner Berger said he knew nothing about the organization, so he turned the letter over to Mr. Faranda for further investigation, asking that he report his findings to the City Commission.

Vice Mayor Bates announced the Lauderhill Mahjong Club would resume their meetings the coming Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 12:00 noon at the Garden Plaza. The MLK Spelling Bee preliminaries would be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Parkway Middle School, and the finals would take place at City Hall on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Thurston mentioned on Sunday, January 13, 2019, the Mayor's Jazz in the Park event took place; it turned out to be a fabulous event that was very well attended. There were professional steppers there, featuring Wade Cross, known all over the southeast as a premier line dancer, who would be back for the next event on the second Saturday in February. He thanked City staff for the great job they did in organizing the event, including the staff picking up papers off the ground, as they were very considerate of the event attendees. He highlighted that the Slow Roll: Riding a bicycle with a cop event was scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. He rode with them on multiple occasions, so he wished to challenge other City Commissioners to come out and ride with them. They would meet at West Wind Park at 9:00 a.m., and it was a great chance to ride through the neighborhoods of Lauderhill, and to see what was happening in the community. He said they could finish in time to attend Vice Mayor Bates' Spelling Bee preliminaries at Parkway Middle School.

XIX ADJOURNMENT - 8:43 PM

