

# City of Lauderhill

*City Commission Chambers at City Hall  
5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd.  
Lauderhill, FL, 33313  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Monday, February 24, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**City Commission Chambers**

## **City Commission Meeting**

***LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION***

***Mayor Denise D. Grant  
Vice Mayor Sarai "Ray" Martin  
Commissioner Richard Campbell  
Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn  
Commissioner John T. Hodgson***

***Kennie Hobbs, Interim City Manager  
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk  
Hans Ottinot, Interim City Attorney***

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Grant called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM.

**II ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Richard R. Campbell, Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, Commissioner John T. Hodgson, Vice Mayor Sarai Martin, and Mayor Denise D. Grant

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kennie Hobbs, Jr., Interim City Manager  
Hans Ottinot, Interim City Attorney  
Constance Stanley, Police Chief  
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner R. Campbell, to ACCEPT the Final-Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for February 24, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Abstain:** 0

**III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY GOOD AND WELFARE****IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner R. Campbell, that this Consent Agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Abstain:** 0

**V APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2024.

Attachments: [November 25, 2024 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

- B. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024.

Attachments: [December 9, 2024 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

- C. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR JANUARY 27, 2025.

Attachments: [January 27, 2025 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

## **VI PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

- A. ITEM REMOVED

## **VII PRESENTATIONS (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

- A. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SIGNING PRESENTATION (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS).
- B. A PRESENTATION TO DISCUSS TALLAHASSEE ADVOCACY TRIP AND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-02-106: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,143,327 AND A CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$243,024 AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,760,919 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS AS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED IN THE BREAKDOWN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,147,269; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN

EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR).

**Attachments:** [25O-02-106 budget adjustment for 2.24.25 mtg](#)

[AR 25O-02-106](#)

[Supplemental 0130](#)

[BA Supplemental Sean](#)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 03/31/2025. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)**

**2.**

ORDINANCE NO. 25O-02-107: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 5.30A ENTITLED "PHARMACY" BY MODIFYING STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION 5.50, ENTITLED "MEDICAL MARIJUANA HEALTH CARE ESTABLISHMENT" AND RENAMING IT "MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS" AND ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING CENTERS; AMENDING SCHEDULE A, ENTITLED "LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS" BY CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND DISPENSING CENTERS; AMENDING SCHEDULE B, ENTITLED "ALLOWABLE USES," SCHEDULE B-2, ENTITLED "USES IN NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS" TO PROVIDE ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [25O-02-107 - Amendment to LDR Medical Marijuana Dispensary](#)

[AR 25O-02-107](#)

[Attachment A - Application](#)

[Attachment B - Development Review Report \(24-TA-005\)](#)

[Attachment C - Narrative](#)

[Item 2 - Curaleaf Text Amendment CC Presentation 2.24.25](#)

Commissioner Dunn sought clarification as to the areas in which staff proposed placing the dispensaries, why they should be allowed, and how many would be allowed in Lauderhill should the Commission approve the subject ordinance.

Development Services Director Daniel Keester-O'Mills replied, in relation to the subject use, any changes to the City's code of ordinances that were based off state statutes had to be consistent with pharmacy uses. Thus, the State Legislature ruled that if a city or municipality adopted via its commission to allow medical marijuana dispensaries, they had to be regulated in the same manner as pharmacies. The applicant sought to add marijuana dispensaries to the

City's list of permitted uses, and after staff's evaluation of that request, the proposed resolution before the Commission was aligning that use, with some tweaks, to be regulated like pharmacies. He said pharmacies were currently permitted in the City in the CG and CC zoning districts, which covered most of Lauderhill's commercial corridors; for example, along Pine Island Road, Commercial Boulevard, University Drive, Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise Boulevard. In the worst-case scenario, if a medical marijuana dispensary found land in each of those zoning districts, and spaced as permitted, one every quarter mile, the maximum number of such uses permitted in the City would be about 14. Mr. Keester-O'Mills added, comparably, there were currently eight pharmacies in Lauderhill.

Commissioner Dunn asked staff to share their findings as to the subject use in surrounding cities.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills affirmed he surveyed immediate neighboring cities: Lauderdale Lakes, Tamarac, Plantation, Sunrise, and Fort Lauderdale to discover their rules on medical marijuana dispensaries, and the number present in these cities. In Lauderdale Lakes and Plantation this was not a permitted use; there was one in Tamarac, but they were under a moratorium, meaning that city was putting a pause on allowing more of such uses, and evaluating the factors involving the use; no confirmation was given by his research on Sunrise, but based on his review of their land development regulations, it appeared it was a permitted use in a number of zoning districts, but there were no such uses in that city currently; and in Fort Lauderdale it was permitted as a conditional use, and there were three active in that city; their rules specified there could be only one such use per 40,000 residents within each of the five commission districts. He was unsure if the latter was before or after the State Legislature's ruling that pharmacies and medical marijuana facilities should be treated the same; thus, some existing facilities could have been grandfathered in after the legislation took effect; he would do more research.

Commissioner Dunn observed that in 2018 the City Commission approved the subject use, and then in 2019 the Commission voted to ban the use, and, with the present application, it appeared the Commission was again being asked to reconsider the use. She asked Mayor Grant if, as she was a part of the Commission in 2019, she recalled why the Commission voted to ban the use.

Mayor Grant thought staff needed to provide the Commission with more information, and more due diligence was needed to gather that information.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills confirmed he needed to go back to those minutes to determine the reason the Commission voted to ban the use in Lauderhill after approving it earlier.

Commissioner Dunn commented that looking at the subject application through a public health lens, she recognized the clinical value that medical marijuana provided, and in her work experience, she particularly saw the benefit of medical marijuana's use by cancer patients. Similarly, in her current work with clinics, she witnessed the benefit for persons suffering from anxiety, and facing certain mental challenges. Her concern was Lauderhill becoming a city in which there

were numerous medical marijuana dispensaries, and if the Commission voted on the subject resolution as presented, she felt this would open the City up to having up to 14 such dispensaries. This was a concern to her in light of the Commission's clear vision for Lauderhill's commercial corridors. Commissioner Dunn mentioned coming across a study published in 2019 by a renowned research corporation that showed that young people living in neighborhoods in close proximity to medical marijuana dispensaries used marijuana more often, and had more positive views of using marijuana.

Mayor Grant questioned why the language of the resolution was so broad, thus allowing the potential for 14 such dispensaries in Lauderhill.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills replied the applicant was responsible for the language in the proposed resolution; his staff and he only reviewed the language for consistency with state law and the City's Comprehensive Plan, mirroring the rules with those that applied to pharmacies. He would follow up with the Commission as to how other surrounding cities were applying the State's law with regard to the subject use.

Mayor Grant asked about the process of someone acquiring medical marijuana at a medical marijuana dispensary.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills explained when the State approved the subject use, three types of permitted facilities were identified: medical marijuana treatment centers - facilities where medical marijuana could be both grown and dispensed; medical marijuana healthcare establishments - facilities where doctors prescribed medical marijuana, but state law prevented them dispensing it, as they had to operate separate from a retail dispensary; and medical marijuana dispensaries where persons with a prescription from their doctor could purchase medical marijuana.

Mayor Grant wished to know the minimum age to purchase medical marijuana.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills responded that the minimum age was 18 years old.

Mayor Grant asked the exact location of the subject dispensary.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills replied that the applicant sought approval to open a dispensary along State Road 7.

Hope Calhoun, the applicant's representative, stated the subject text amendment was not site specific; the amendment would be applied citywide to any entity wishing to open such dispensaries. She pointed out that though 14 was the maximum number allowed, each applicant still had to through the City's land development process, which meant they had to meet all the requirements established by the City's code. She explained when the law was passed by the State in 2018 to allow medical marijuana, cities received numerous applications, and many stopped accepting such applications to prevent a proliferation of such uses within their boundaries. Ms. Calhoun believed that until cities received applications, they did not enforce amendments for the use in their code in response to what they saw transpiring. She mentioned having a

PowerPoint that showed the benefits of medical marijuana, which included health, and socioeconomic benefits; health benefits included: pain relief; reduced inflammation; controlled nausea and vomiting; appetite stimulation; reduction of anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); muscle spasm relief; improved sleep; reduction of ticks for persons with Tourette's Syndrome. Socioeconomic benefits included improved local revenue and job creation. If approved, her client would have to apply for a special exception for the subject use.

Mayor Grant understood the amendment was not site specific, but she wished to know more about the types of measures the applicant planned to ensure the State and the City's regulations were followed.

Ms. Calhoun replied that security was always paramount at locations for the subject use, so this would be emphasized in the operations of the facility with regard to safety precautions, measures, etc.

Mayor Grant stated she was 100 percent against recreational drugs, but she understood the benefits of medical marijuana, having done her own research, though she had no personal experience using it. However, with the myriad of illnesses in the world, if medical marijuana could decrease someone suffering from a medical condition, then she could support the subject use if it was taken properly. She sought clarification as to the measures that would be put in place to ensure safety, limiting access to underaged persons, and proper monitoring to ensure regulations were being followed. Staff was asked to do additional research on other cities with regard to the restrictions mentioned earlier, and what the City could do to ensure Lauderhill residents were protected. She reiterated not being against the use of medical marijuana, as there was constantly evolving research on the benefits of herbal remedies, but there needed to be sufficient restrictions in place to limit the number of dispensaries allowed in the City.

Commissioner Campbell sought clarification if there were at least two reasons the City could deny the subject use that the State would accept that would not expose the City to lawsuits, particularly in light of the State requiring the subject use be treated in the same manner as pharmacies. Despite the availability of drugs to treat numerous illnesses, it was still up to patients and their doctors to determine what to use; the pharmaceutical industry allowed the legal use of thousands of drugs that had significant negative impacts on patients who used them. He noted, in a free market society, patients should not be denied the right to access what was deemed a legal drug by one or more elected officials because the latter's morals dictated their objection to its use. It was important that the Commission not moralize or opine as to right or wrong with regard to the medical access and use of a legal drug by a patient.

Commissioner Dunn sought clarification on the application as she saw an actual address, despite Ms. Calhoun stating the amendment was not site specific.

Ms. Calhoun explained the address was only stated due to applications requiring a specific address; the subject text amendment was not site specific;

though the backup stated a specific location, in order for the subject use to be permitted at that site, or anywhere in Lauderhill, the proposed text amendment was first necessary.

Commissioner Dunn asked if the dispensary at the stated location would be a cash establishment.

Ms. Calhoun believed, though not with absolute certainty, that it would not be a cash establishment.

Commissioner Dunn remarked if any of the dispensaries ended up being cash establishments, it opened the potential for issues such as loitering, and other public safety concerns. While she recognized the clinical benefits of medical marijuana, it was prudent for the Commission, as policymakers, to set up allowing the subject use in a way that Lauderhill did not become a dumping ground for the use, the use did not become a public safety concern, and it did not expand into a community concern.

Ms. Calhoun felt certain the safety of the patrons and residents of Lauderhill with regard to the subject use would be paramount, and this was for medical marijuana distribution only, so a prescription from a doctor was required to get the product.

Commissioner Dunn desired additional research by staff as to what, for example, the City of Fort Lauderdale had done, how they were able to limit the number of establishments in their city. She had no wish to rush the vote on the subject matter.

Vice Mayor Martin felt conflicted about how the ordinance was written. He understood that even if the Commission voted on the proposed amendment at the present meeting, there still had to be a second reading for it to take effect.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills affirmed this to be the case, but he doubted there was sufficient time between the first and second reading, were the ordinance to pass at the present meeting, for his staff and he to conduct the kind of research and analysis the Commission requested.

Vice Mayor Martin asked if there was a mandatory timeframe required between the first and second reading of an ordinance, or could the second reading take place whenever staff was ready.

City Attorney Ottinot replied, based on the City's process, when an ordinance was approved on first reading, the second reading usually took place at the next Commission meeting. However, the Commission had the authority to defer the second reading of an ordinance to a time certain of their choice.

Ms. Calhoun pointed out that the City's code of ordinances was a living, breathing document, so regardless of what was approved on first and second reading, the Commission could make further amendments as desired.

City Attorney Ottinot noted if substantial changes took place between the first



and second reading of the subject ordinance due to the data gathered from city staff's research, under City law, the Commission might be required to redo the first reading.

Commissioner Campbell commented that, despite the potential for 14 applications coming to the City for the subject use, he would be more concerned if there were already, for example, ten such uses, with only four to go, but thus far there was only one such possible application, and every application was considered individually. Approving one did not mean an automatic approval of subsequent applications, which the Commission could approve or deny at their will; there were distance, and other limitations already in the City's regulations that restricted the proliferation of such uses.

Lawrence Martin, Lauderhill resident, disagreed that if the proposed amendment took effect as is that the Commission would have the ability to approve or deny ensuing applicants for the subject use after the first approval for the use was granted. He believed once one was approved, there would be 13 more applications in the first six months. Medical marijuana was big business, and people were positioning themselves for when the authorization for the use of recreational marijuana passed, likely in the near future; this was evidenced by the growth of the industry in other western cities, such as Seattle, and what it had done to their downtown areas. He was not against marijuana, but if Lauderhill was surrounded by several cities with larger populations that chose not to move aggressively, as the City Commission appeared to be considering doing, the question of why should be asked. As members of the Commission directed city staff to conduct more research on the matter in order to ensure the text amendment sufficiently protected the City, he wished to know why the Commission considered approval on first reading rather than tabling the matter to allow the requested research to take place. He urged the Commission to table the matter, allow staff time to research and analyze the information collected, and make text changes as necessary, rather than risk having to redo the first reading due to the need to make extensive changes resulting from staff's research. Mr. Lawrence reminded the Commission that once the law was passed, they did not get to pick and choose to whom it should apply.

**A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor S. Martin, that this Ordinance be tabled to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 4/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 0

Mayor Grant understood public input was not usually permitted when an item was tabled, but she allowed public input on the above matter.

Willie Mae Cooper, Lauderhill resident, and president of the West Ken Lark Homeowners' Association (HOA), thanked the members of the Commission who approved tabling the previous agenda item. She expressed concerns with regard to permitting medical marijuana dispensaries in the Lauderhill community; they already had issues with lottery in her community, and people loitering at those stores. She had no wish for their community to become a

dumping ground for such uses, so the elected officials were thanked for listening to residents' concerns, as sometimes the Commission moved so quickly, and passed items without first listening to the heartbeat of the community. The Commission was elected by the residents, and their tax dollars paid the salaries of elected officials who worked for Lauderhill citizens, so the latter should be listened to.

Varion Harris, Lauderhill resident, and president of United Lauderhill Community Association, asked if medical marijuana was considered a controlled substance.

City Attorney Ottinot answered, yes, under federal law marijuana was a controlled substance.

Mr. Harris questioned why the Commission sought to allow a use in Lauderhill that, if legal, could be dispensed at existing pharmacies in the City; if approved, the Commission would be sending the wrong message to Lauderhill's youth. He asked if the distance limitation would not further limit the placement of the subject use in close proximity to residential uses, particularly in light of all the new residential development taking place along the 441 corridor. The presence of the subject use could deter new businesses coming to this area of the City.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-02-108: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, 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 2-63, RETIREMENT DATES AND BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 2-73, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [25O-02-108 - Teamsters Local 769 deferred Retirement Option Plan](#)

[AR 25O-02-108](#)

[Memorandum - Teamsters Local 769 Deferred Retirement Option Plan](#)

[Lauderhill GE AIS 10-1-23 - Tier 1 NR and DROP for Tier 2 and 3 - 4932-0211-6398.1](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 03/31/2025. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 25O-02-104: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "CITY COMMISSION," SECTION 2-157 ENTITLED "AGENDA" TO REQUIRE A SIMPLE

MAJORITY TO CHANGE AN AGENDA'S ORDER OF BUSINESS; AMENDING SECTION 2-159 ENTITLED "ORDER OF BUSINESS" TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AT REGULAR MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 2-160 ENTITLED "CONSENT AGENDA" TO ALLOW ITEMS TO BE APPROVED AS GROUPED WITHOUT A SEPARATE TITLE READING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

**Attachments:** [ORD. NO. 25O-02-104](#)

[AR ORD. NO. 25O-02-104](#)

[Memorandum- Proposal to Revise Agenda Procedures and Prioritize](#)

[Quasi-Judicial Matters](#)

[Agenda - City of Pompano Beach](#)

[Agenda - City of Tamarac](#)

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

## **X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

5. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-35: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE, DAMAGED, INOPERABLE AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (DEES) IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE AND FAVORABLE MANNER PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 2-143; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, SEAN HENDERSON) .

**Attachments:** [25R-02-35 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment](#)

[AR 25R-02-35](#)

[Surplus Disposal](#)

[Equipment List](#)

Mr. Martin recalled discussion by the prior Commission regarding establishing a policy and/or lottery to transition the subject vehicles to Lauderhill residents in need.

Interim City Manager Hobbs recalled the previous Commission's conversation, however none of the surplus vehicles staff was proposing for sale were operable; they were only good for parts, which he verified recently with the Public Works Director. The plan was for the subject items to go through the auction system, and they would be available to any member of the public. With regard to previous commission discussion, he did not believe anything further transpired.

Mr. Martin asked that further consideration be given for future surplus items.

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

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

**Abstain:** 0

6. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-36: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING AN "INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY/NONGUARANTEED SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT BUILDING CODE SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE DIVISION OF THE RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT" FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL, PLAN REVIEW, PERMIT INSPECTIONS, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO BUILDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

**Attachments:** [25R-02-36 Interlocal with Broward County for building services for 2.24.25 mtg](#)  
[AR 25R-02-36](#)  
[BC Lauderhill NonGuarenteedServices](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-38: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING GISELLE FORDE-MYERS BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN AND MARGARET PAUL BY COMMISSIONER JOHN T. HODGSON TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2028 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [25R-02-38 appointing EAB members 2.24.25 meeting](#)  
[AR 25R-02-38](#)  
[EAB List](#)  
[Forde-Myers, Giselle - EAB Application](#)  
[Paul, Margaret - EAB Application](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-39: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT AND COMMISSIONERS RICHARD CAMPBELL AND JOHN T. HODGSON FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS AS SET FORTH HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES 25R-02-39 appointing code enforcement](#)

[AR 25R-02-39](#)

[Code Enforcement Board List](#)

[Henry, Antionette - Code Enforcement Application](#)

[Rosenstein, Hayim - Code Enforcement Application](#)

[Greaves, Latrinsha, Code Enforcement Board Application](#)

[Lee-Brady, Sandra - Code Enforcement Board Application](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-40: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING BRENT LEWIS BY COMMISSIONER JOHN T. HODGSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR THE VACANT UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2028 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [25R-02-40 appointing a planning and zoning board member](#)

[AR 25R-02-40](#)

[P&Z Board List](#)

[Lewis, Brent - P&Z Board Application](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02- 41: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE ART, CULTURAL, TOURISM BOARD MARIE HODGSON BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL FOR THE VACANT UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2026 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST AND PAULA SCOTT BY COMMISSIONER JOHN T. HODGSON FOR THE VACANT UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2028 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [25R-02-41 appointing members to ACT Board](#)

[AR 25R-02-41](#)

[ACT Board List](#)

[Hodgson, Marie - ACT Board Application](#)

[Scott, Paula - ACT Board Application](#)

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-42: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING MICHELLE MCKOY BY COMMISSIONER JOHN T. HODGSON AND STEPHANIE WHITFIELD BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE FOR THE VACANT UNEXPIRED FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2028 OR CONCURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER SEAT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [25R-02-42 appointing board members Public Art Committee](#)

[AR 25R-02-42](#)

[Public Art Committee List](#)

[Whitfield, Stephenie - Public Art Board Application](#)

[McKoy, Michelle - Public Art Board Application](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-43: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF BROWARD COUNTY TO ASSIST WITH ITS CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY FOR ITS YOUTH; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL).

**Attachments:** [25R-02-43 approving the Donation to Boys and Girls Club](#)

[AR 25R-02-43](#)

[2025 Generals Construction Career Day -Agenda](#)

Commissioner Campbell questioned if the presentation of items 12 and 13 could be combined; that is, a three-minute presentation for item 12, and a six-minute presentation for item 13.

Chris Gentile, Co-CEO of the Broward County Boys and Girls Club, stated each year they held a Construction Career Day in order to expose Broward's youth to the trade industry; for 2025, this event would be held at the Lauderhill Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, March 15, 2025. They sought some support from the

City to help with this program; they usually had about 200 teens in attendance, with about 15 to 17 career professionals running stations to expose youths to all aspects of the construction industry. The Boys and Girls Club sought to provide opportunities, and access to youths, so they could explore career opportunities for their future. He said they had a longstanding partnership with the City of Lauderhill where one of their busiest club was located; they saw over 200 youths aged six to 18 every day, and they served over 2,200 children in Broward County in their 16 locations. The City's support and sponsorship would be greatly appreciated, as the donation would go toward providing lunch to the youths, volunteers, and staff for the day. Mr. Gentile invited the members of the Commission to attend the event.

Interim City Manager Hobbs asked if the event was only open to the children who attended the club in Lauderhill, or was it available to children throughout the community.

Mr. Gentile stated the event was for the benefit of their members, but it was open to any young people who wished to attend.

Lisa B, representative of the Voice of the Caribbean, stated they would be holding their Third Annual Jamaica International Music Awards (JIMA) & Gala Dinner, which she believed members of the Commission attended previously. This classy event promoted culture, and it was open to the public for the first time, so the community could see the rich, and diverse culture they shared; it was previously by invitation only. They put a lot of hard work and diligence into the event, and they sought the City's support.

An additional representative for Voice of the Caribbean said the JIMA would be held at Chateau Mar Golf Resort, Lauderhill, on Friday, February 28, 2025; the JIMA focused on the brand of Jamaican music, such as reggae, ska, dance hall, mento, etc., much of which carried over into hip-hop. The artists they would be honoring were those in whom they recognized value; they included: Sister Nancy, the first female dance hall artist, who paved the way for other notable female dance hall artists, and Nadine Sutherland. She stated the 2025 event was different from the two previous years in that there would also be a dinner, and they could continue to host the subject event in Lauderhill annually, bringing high quality entertainment, and revenue to the City. They hosted numerous events, and they wished to bring entertainment to Lauderhill that the City wished to be a part of, hence them seeking a partnership with the City that would advance culture.

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public.

Ms. Cooper expressed support for item 12, the donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Abstain: 0

13. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-44 : A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE SPONSORSHIP TO THE JAMAICA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC AWARDS (JIMA) GALA DINNER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 2-2; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD CAMPBELL)

**Attachments:** [25R-02-44 approving Sponsorship to JIMA](#)  
[AR 25R-02-44](#)  
[Re Sponsorship Proposal for City of Lauderhill](#)

Mayor Grant opened the discussion to the public.

Ms. Cooper questioned if there would be sufficient parking for the gala event, as she attended events at the subject venue and she noticed that the space for parking was inadequate.

LisaB replied the venue's ballroom held about 300 people; they were expecting about 150 to 200 attendees and they, too, attended a variety of larger events at the venue and observed no parking issues.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 0

14. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-45: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE RELEASE AND USAGE OF STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS FOR DONATIONS TO THE GUARDIANS INVOLVED FOR TOMORROW (GIFT) YOUTH PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,350.00; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

**Attachments:** [25R-02-45 Approving the Release and Usage of State Law Enforcement Trust Funds](#)  
[AR 25R-02-45](#)  
[LETf request GIFT bk up](#)  
[GIFT Agenda Request Memo](#)

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



- 14A.** RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-46: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDED THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO JAMAICA WOMEN OF FLORIDA IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPACT ON WOMEN OF THE JAMAICAN COMMUNITY AND CARIBBEAN DIASPORA IN FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-02-46 Resolution Honoring jwof](#)

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

## **XI QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

## **XII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING**

## **XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING**

- 15.** ORDINANCE 25O-02-105: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING TO AIRPORT COMMERCE, LLC, A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A NEW FAST FOOD RESTAURANT WITH A DRIVE-THROUGH WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT WHICH IS RELIEF FROM THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ARTICLE III, SECTION 5.32.2.E, REQUIRING A MINIMUM 1000 FEET DISTANCE FROM ANOTHER FREESTANDING FAST FOOD DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT; SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON AN APPROXIMATELY 4.8 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 5517-5577 WEST OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [ORD. NO. 25O-02-105](#)  
[AR ORD. NO. 25O-02-105](#)  
[Attachment A - Application](#)  
[Attachment B - Development Review Report \(DRR\)](#)  
[Attachment C - Narrative](#)  
[Attachment D - Conceptual Site Plan](#)  
[Attachment E - Survey](#)  
[Attachment F - Public Notice Affidavit](#)  
[Legal Description airport commerce- EXHIBIT A](#)  
[Item 12 - Shoppes at Inverrary Wendys \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

As part of the Housekeeping, this Ordinance was tabled to the City Commission Meeting, due back on a date certain of 03/31/2025.

**XIV UNFINISHED BUSINESS****XV OLD BUSINESS****XVI NEW BUSINESS****A. A DISCUSSION OF CANCELLATION OF MARCH 17, 2025 CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP.**

Interim City Manager Hobbs stated he needed to hold a special meeting in March, so the City Clerk polled the Commission for their availability for a special meeting on March 6. Additionally, members of the Commission were asked to communicate whether or not they would be attending Broward Days or the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Days event, so staff could determine if a quorum would be achieved for the March 17 workshop.

Deputy City Clerk Nadia Chin stated she emailed the elected officials, asking about their availability for the March 6 meeting, to which three confirmed they would be available.

Commissioner Dunn indicated she was not available for a March 6 meeting, as she had a business to run, and she scheduled her workdays to ensure she attended Commission meetings, asking if the March 17 workshop could be moved to March 24.

Mayor Grant, and Commissioners Campbell and Hodgson stated they were available for a March 6, and Vice Mayor Martin stated he was available, though he was waiting on a call that might change that.

Mayor Grant observed holding the workshop on March 17 meant the Commission would meet three consecutive Mondays; as at least three members of the Commission were available on March 6, the workshop could be moved to March 6.

Commissioner Dunn felt it was not right if it was possible to change the workshop date to one on which all members of the Commission could attend; it was unfair for her to be penalized and forced to miss a meeting, when she would be going on City business on March 7.

Mayor Grant indicated she was not available on March 24.

Commissioner Dunn remarked other dates could be looked at; for example, she was available on March 20 or 27. She suggested the City Clerk poll the Commission for other dates than March 6 to give all commissioners the opportunity to be present.

Mayor Grant commented, in her serving on the Commission for six years, special meetings, impromptu meetings, etc. were called, and the members of the Commission were asked to give their time to attend them. However, there

were times when an elected official was not available to attend, but the meeting proceeded, simply because a quorum could be achieved without them.

Commissioner Dunn wished it stated for the record that she did not believe it was necessary for the Commission to meet on March 6; there were times when an impromptu meeting was necessary, but this seemed to be another time when the decision was being made for the Commission to meet at a time when she was not available. She said it would hurt no one to find an alternate date to meet in March that worked for all members of the Commission.

Commissioner Campbell stated it was almost impossible throughout the calendar year that there would not be times when one or two members of the City Commission could not attend a meeting, hence the rules for achieving a quorum. If the workshop were moved to March 24, he would not be available, as he was out of town for that entire week, but if there as a quorum of commissioners on that date, he had no issue with the meeting proceeding without him. A commissioner having to miss a meeting at which a quorum could be achieved by the attendance of other commissioners should not be taken as a personal slight by the absent commissioner. He noted there would be a quorum of the Commission if the meeting was held on March 6.

Commissioner Dunn suggested sending Commission members a Doodle poll to find a date in March when all members were available.

Interim City Manager Hobbs clarified staff's request was regarding two meetings in March; one was for a special meeting with a limited agenda of one item, a contract amendment to the police station improvements that, without a timely approval, would push back the completion of the police station more than six weeks; staff was not asking for the workshop to take place on the same date as the special meeting. The second meeting for discussion was the March 17 workshop, hence staff's request to know which members of the Commission planned to attend Broward Days, etc. to determine if a quorum would be achieved.

Commissioner Dunn stated she would not be attending Broward Days.

Mayor Grant indicated she, too, would not be attending Broward Days.

- There Was a City Commission consensus to hold a special Commission meeting on March 6, 2025; and not to cancel the March 17, 2025, workshop.

Commissioner Dunn asked which members of the Commission would be going to Washington, D.C. for the National League of Cities Conference. She received responses from Commissioner Hodgson and Mayor Grant that they would be attending; Vice Mayor Martin said he would be out of town. She asked the same for the FLC event on March 25 and 26, to which she received no response.

## **XVII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hodgson looked forward to the awards ceremony the coming

Friday at the Chateau Mar Golf Resort, as stated earlier in the meeting, encouraging all members of the community to attend.

Commissioner Dunn, using a PowerPoint presentation, highlighted the following:

- Lauderhill Shines Cohort 10 began; recognizing the members present
- There were 20 people in Cohort 10, of which 55 percent were Lauderhill residents; the members came from a variety of industries
- 70 percent of them had an existing business registered on Sunbiz, thus they were registered in the State of Florida, but only four, or 20 percent were registered in Broward County
- None of the businesses were registered in Lauderhill, so this meant 20 new businesses coming to the City, of which 85 percent were women owned
- Most of these businesses were in the startup phase
- Vice Mayor Martin was thanked for attending the welcome reception where he spoke and inspired the business owners, as well as sharing his expertise on government contracting
- Commissioner Hodgson was thanked for his words of encouragement in his video message.

Vice Mayor Martin wished to invite his colleagues and the community to a food distribution event the coming Saturday at John Mullin Park, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Campbell sent a shoutout to his mother on her 90th birthday.

Interim City Manager Hobbs mentioned he issued his first quarterly report to the Mayor and Commissioners, as well as to the City's department directors; the report would be placed online on the City's website, so it was available to the public.

Mayor Grant thanked the City's entire team for going to Tallahassee to advocate for the City of Lauderhill. She congratulated the members of the Lauderhill Shines Cohort 10; the City looked forward to assisting them and their being successful in their endeavors. The first Mayor's Listening Tour was held that consisted of going around the community, and engaging with HOA presidents, community leaders, businesses, and property owners to discuss moving Lauderhill forward. She noted they had discussions about the state of Lauderhill, existing issues and concerns the community had, and how they could be resolved. The first meeting was fantastic, at which a number of clergy members were present, and who discussed some of their concerns, and City representatives present discussed how the City could help. She said City representatives came away with very good feedback on how to move forward, and things that could be changed in the City's system. The next meeting would be held on March 6, 2025, at which they would hold discussions with HOA presidents, board members, etc. to have more conversations around the betterment of Lauderhill; additional meetings would be held with local business owners, property owners, and nonprofit organizations that supported the City of Lauderhill. She urged the community to support this initiative, as information on the meetings could be found on the City's social media platforms for everyone

to be aware, as well as share the information with individuals and businesses they knew would be interested in participating.

**XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 8:09 PM**