

# City of Lauderdale

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City Commission Chambers at City Hall  
5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd.



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, December 14, 2020

7:00 PM

Attend via phone: Dial 1-312-626-6799 & Meeting ID: 923 5373  
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## City Commission Meeting

*LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION*

*Mayor Ken Thurston  
Vice Mayor Denise D. Grant  
Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn  
Commissioner Lawrence Martin  
Commissioner Sarai Martin*

*Desorae Giles-Smith, City Manager  
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk  
Earl Hall, City Attorney*

**I CALL TO ORDER****II COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AND RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE TIME PERMITS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION)****III ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 7:30 PM)****I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Thurston called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Thurston explained the present regular City Commission meeting was being conducted in a new and challenging era. The City of Lauderhill, Broward County, the State of Florida, the United States of America and the world were experiencing new challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to those challenges, the City would continue to hold hybrid virtual meetings in accordance with COVID-19 Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, State of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Order #20-52, City Code Chapter 8.5, and Florida Statutes, whereby, at least a quorum of the board was required to be physically present. As a result, all members of the City Commission were physically present in the Commission Chambers in City Hall assessing the virtual meeting via their laptop. The City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk and other staff members were either physically present in the Commission Chambers, social distanced from each other in the same room or in a separate meeting space in City Hall, or they were attending from other remote locations. Due to the nature of the meeting and the constraints placed by holding a virtual hybrid meeting, he asked for everyone's patience. Anyone wishing to speak should let him know by asking to do so. All Commissioners' microphones would be live during the entire meeting, while City staff and members of the public attending the meeting remotely would be muted. He said anyone having issues should text IT Director Doug Downs, thanking them for their patience and cooperation during such difficult and ever changing times.

**II ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, Vice Mayor Denise D. Grant, Commissioner Lawrence Martin, Commissioner Sarai Martin, and Mayor Ken Thurston

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Desorae Giles-Smith, City Manager  
Earl Hall, City Attorney  
Constance Stanley, Police Chief  
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor D. Grant, seconded by Commissioner L. Martin, to ACCEPT the Second Final-Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for December 14, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

Abstain: 0

#### IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner L. Martin, seconded by Vice Mayor D. Grant, that this Consent Agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote

Yes: 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

Abstain: 0

#### V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the City Commission Meeting for November 30, 2020.

Attachments: [November 30, 2020 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

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

#### VI PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

#### VII SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### VIII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. REMOVED

B. REMOVED

C. A PRESENTATION OF THE LAUDERHILL SHINES PROJECT (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

D. A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING LAUDERHILL FIRE RESCUE FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING TROPICAL STORM ETA (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER SARAI MARTIN).

E. A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRESENTATION FROM YOLANDA JACKSON OF BECKER & POLIAKOFF (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

#### 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)**

2. ORDINANCE NO. 200-11-149: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2-16, SALARY-COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

**Attachments:** [ORD-200-11-149-Code 2-16 Commission salary.pdf](#)  
[AR 200-11-149](#)

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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 200-11-150: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL REMOVING THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL AND MANAGERIAL PAY PLAN EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; APPROVING ANNUAL SALARIES TO BE SET ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVED EACH FISCAL YEAR AND APPROVING ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR PERCENT (4%); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

**Attachments:** [ORD-200-11-150-Set Annual Mayor & Commission Salary 2020.pdf](#)  
[AR 200-11-150](#)

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 200-11-151: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2021; APPROVING AN INTERDEPARTMENT BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$286,365.00, A CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$209,806.00 AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,474,171.00; REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-200-11-151-Budget Adjustment Appropriation FY 2020.pdf](#)  
[AR 200-11-151](#)  
[Backup Q1 Supplemental](#)

Commissioner L. Martin asked if, going forward, in the area where the backup stated "reason for adjustment request" staff could include a clear explanation for

anyone reviewing the document of what individual markups meant, including the changes, etc. In this way, a member of the community reading the document better understood the information, and would facilitate their being able to ask educated questions of the City Commission and staff.

City Manager Giles-Smith affirmed, going forward, she would have her staff provide the requested, additional information.

**A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Commissioner L. Martin, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

## XI RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

5. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-11-224: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2024 TO FILL EXPIRED POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-11-224-Board Appt-Local Housing Advisory appointment 2020-21 Names.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-11-224](#)

[Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee List](#)

[Yacinthe, Rene](#)

[Barry-Smith, Marcia](#)

[Shorter, Michael](#)

[Singh, Joseph](#)

[Goombs, Philip](#)

[Lewis, Kenneth](#)

[Trowers, Dashia](#)

[McIntosh, Sarah](#)

[Crum, Robert](#)

[Smith, Mae](#)

[Patrick, Lauren](#)

Mayor Thurston stated at the last Commission meeting the subject item was tabled to give members of the Commission more time to review the applicants seeking appointment to the City's Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Commissioner L. Martin wish to confirm the number of positions to be filled.

City Attorney Hall replied the Commission needed to fill nine of 11 board positions; the positions were to be appointed by the Commission as a whole, not individually.

Commissioner L. Martin nominated Lauren Patrick.

Mayor Thurston said, though the Commission would approve the nominees as a group, each member of the Commission could state their preferred nominees.

Commissioner L. Martin questioned if the current members were contacted to find out if they wished to continue serving on the Committee.

City Attorney Hall remarked Sharon McLennon's term expired in 2023, and Peter Lybrand's term expired in 2024; their names were not included among the list of possible nominees in the backup.

Mayor Thurston revised his suggestion and instead questioned if each member of the Commission would pick two nominees, noting he would choose one nominee after their selections, receiving a consensus to proceed as such.

Vice Mayor Grant nominated Marcia Barry-Smith and Mae Smith.

Commissioner S. Martin nominated Michael Shorter and Sarah McIntosh.

Commissioner Dunn nominated Kenneth Lewis and Robert Crum.

Commissioner L. Martin nominated Lauren Patrick and Joseph Singh.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

- 6.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-240: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND BOYSEY WALLACE TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5630 N.W. 14TH COURT, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTION WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE UTILIZED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-240-Agrmt-Rem-Wallace 5630.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-12-240](#)

[Remetering Agreement\\_5630 NW 14 Court\\_11 19 2020.pdf](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-241: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND VERONIQUE JULIEN TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5881-5883 N.W. 23RD STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTION WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE UTILIZED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-241-Agrmt-Rem-Julien 5881-5883 NW 23 Street.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-12-241](#)  
[Remetering Agreement 5881- 5883 NW 23rd St 11 18 2020.pdf](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-242: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE MARTIN AS MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO SERVE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM; APPOINTING COMMISSIONER SARAI MARTIN AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO SERVE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-242-Brd-MPO-2020](#)  
[AR 20R-12-242](#)

Mayor Thurston stated Commission members accepting appointments on various boards and committees as the City's representative should be mindful of them usually holding a monthly meeting, along with possible subcommittee meetings. Thus, a commissioner might have to attend monthly meetings. He perused a list indicating members of the Commission who expressed an interest in representing the City on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

City Attorney Hall indicated his list stated Commissioners L. and S. Martin were both interested in serving on the MPO.

Mayor Thurston commented the appointment to the MPO was usually one person, along with an alternate; the alternate was always welcome to sit in on the meetings.

Commissioner S. Martin affirmed he wished to serve on the MPO but was willing to defer to Commissioner L. Martin as the formal appointee; he would serve as the alternate.

Commissioner L. Martin expressed appreciation, noting he too was interested in serving on the MPO, though he was looking at the other committees and

organizations on which Commission members were expected to serve as City representatives.

Mayor Thurston confirmed Commissioner L. Martin would be the City Commission appointee to the MPO, with Commissioner S. Martin serving as the alternate.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

9. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-243: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, URGING AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS A STIMULUS TO INCLUDE AND APPROVE FAIR AND EQUITABLE BUDGET AID FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST WITH THE WIDESPREAD EFFECTS OF COVID-19; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO SENATORS OF THE LEVELS OF AID NECESSARY TO MEET THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S NEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE MARTIN).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-243-Support Federal Stimulus-Local Governments-COVID.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-12-243](#)  
[NLC Partner.pdf](#)

Commissioner L. Martin thought it was important to identify what the subject resolution sought to accomplish, particularly after hearing Ms. Jackson's legislative update about revenue reductions, and monies lost through uncollected taxes for online purchases. He said the League of Cities requested all cities in Florida reach out to their State representatives to strongly encourage them to pass a stimulus package that included support for local residents and business in such trying times. The subject resolution was one, hopefully, every Florida city would pass and forward to their State representatives, so the latter understood its importance, hence his placing the matter on the Commission agenda for a vote.

Mayor Thurston assumed when the Commission passed a resolution of this type, it was sent to the appropriate State elected official(s).

City Attorney Hall answered yes; the resolution would be sent to the Governor, State representatives, etc.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

10. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-247: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DIRECTOR, AN ALTERNATE AND A SECOND ALTERNATE AS MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2020-2021 YEAR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY COMMISSION).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-247-BLC- Board of Director 2020-21](#)  
[AR 20R-12-247](#)

Mayor Thurston mentioned having the distinction of representing Lauderhill on the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors for the last seven or more years. He was happy there were other members of the Commission interested in serving, as a large volume of information was provided at those meetings, and City representatives who attended them were expected to relay that information to the City Commission and City Manager. He noted Ms. Giles-Smith sent out an email asking Commission members to detail their preferences to serve.

Vice Mayor Grant said she was interested in being appointed as the City's Director on the Board League of Cities Board of Directors.

Commissioner Dunn recalled at the last Commission meeting, Vice Mayor Grant and she discussed if one of them served on the Broward League of Cities, the other would serve on the Florida League of Cities. For this reason, she did not sign up to serve on the Broward League of Cities, knowing of Vice Mayor Grant's desire to do so.

City Attorney Hall pointed out an alternate and second alternate to support Vice Mayor Grant still needed to be appointed.

Commissioner Dunn stated she was happy to serve as Vice Mayor Grant's alternate.

Mayor Thurston indicated he could serve as the second alternate, if no one else on the Commission wished to serve.

Commissioner S. Martin offered to serve as the second alternate.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

11. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-012-248: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAMUEL MORALES AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00 INCLUSIVE OF ATTORNEYS FEES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-12R-12-248-SETT-AGT-Morales.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-12-248](#)

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

- 11A.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-244: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-244-CAPER 2019-20.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-12-244](#)  
[Advertisement](#)  
[DRAFT 2019 CAPER](#)

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

- 11B.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-245: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB POSITION OF GRANTS SPECIALIST; APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAM SPECIALIST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-245-JOB-creation-Grant Specialist.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-12-245](#)  
[Grants Specialist 2020](#)

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

- 11C.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-246: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE EXISTING POSITION OF ENGINEERING INSPECTOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-246-JOB-modification-Engineering Inspector.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-12-246](#)  
[Engineering Inspector 2020.pdf](#)

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

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

- 11D.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-11-239: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING TO SUDSVILLE LAUNDRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT A LAUNDROMAT, SELF-SERVICE USE ON A 72,467± SQUARE FEET SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT A, GALANT SUBDIVISION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 82 PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1879 N. STATE ROAD 7, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-11-239-Special X - Sudsville Laundromat.pdf](#)

[AR 20R-11-239](#)

[DRR \(20-SE-017\) Sudsville Laundries of South Florida, Inc](#)

[A. SEU Application submittal](#)

[B. Standards for approval, applicant submittal](#)

[C. Conceptual Site Plan](#)

[D. \(20-SE-017\) SEU Conditions Affidavit, Sudsville Laundries of South Florida, Inc \(Signed Conditions\)](#)

**This Resolution was tabled at the request of the applicant, due back on 02/08/2021.**

- 11E.** RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-249: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING TO FIREWORKS LADY & CO. LLC A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT A HOLIDAY SALES USE ON A +/- 14.02 ACRE SITE WITH THE LEGALLY DESCRIPTION AS CONTAINED HEREIN, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7342 - 7562 W. COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH)

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-249-Special X - Lady Fireworks.pdf](#)  
[AR 20R-12-249](#)  
[Fireworks Lady & Co SEU Memo](#)  
[Attachment- Application](#)  
[Attachmrent - Plans](#)  
[Attachment \(20-SE-019\) SEU Conditions Affidavit](#)

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

- 11F. RESOLUTION NO. 20R-12-250: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO THREE AMIGOS LAUDERHILL, LLC TO ALLOW IN THE RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY (RM-40) ZONING DISTRICT A MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNITS, ATTACHED USE ON A ± 13.73 ACRE PARCEL WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS PROVIDED HEREIN; MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7730 W. COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-20R-12-250-Special X - Three Amigos.pdf](#)  
[DRR \(20-SE-016\) DRR Three Amigos Lauderhill LLC 12-14-2020](#)  
[Attachment A- Special Exception Application](#)  
[Attachment B- Site Plan](#)  
[Attachment C- Floor Plans](#)  
[\(20-SE-016\) SEU Conditions Affidavit 12-14-2020](#)

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

### XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

### XIV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING

12. ORDINANCE NO. 200-07-120: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING A DEVELOPMENT ORDER TO THREE AMIGOS LAUDERHILL, LLC, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO AMEND THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP IDENTIFIED IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) ARTICLE III., ZONING DISTRICTS, PART 2.0., DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 2.2.1., ADOPTION OF ZONING DISTRICT MAP; CHANGING FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) TO RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY (RM-40) THE ZONING DISTRICT OF A ±13.73 ACRE PARCEL WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS PROVIDED HEREIN;

MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7730 W. COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-200-07-120-Target-3 Amigos Rezoning AMENDED highlighted.pdf](#)  
[AR 200-07-120](#)  
[DRR Rezone- Update 12-8-2020](#)  
[Exhibit 1-Target Rezoning.pdf](#)  
[Exhibit 2 Target Rezoning.pdf](#)  
[Attachment A-Rezoning Application Form](#)  
[Attachment B-Rezoning Criteria](#)  
[Attachment C - Site Plan](#)

Mayor Thurston remarked Mr. Downs provided a list of members of the public wishing to speak on item 12; he would allow them to speak after City staff, and the applicant's representatives Hope Calhoun and Robert Suris spoke if they wished to do so.

Commissioner Dunn requested clarification for the record, as City staff's recommended action to the City Commission in the backup appeared to be for approval, while further down the same page, staff appeared not to recommend approval.

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kennie Hobbs clarified City staff recommended approval for the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Thurston received numerous emails and phone calls from residents, particularly from members of the Northwest Homeowners' Association (HOA), expressing concerns about the building heights. He asked the applicant to address this in their comments, as the HOA asked that the buildings be no more than five stories.

Mr. Hobbs affirmed Ms. Calhoun would address those concerns when she spoke on behalf of the applicant. He thought one of the things worth noting was there were a number of renditions of the proposed buildings for the subject site, which started out at eight stories; after staff met a number of times with the HOA and the developer, including a town hall meeting where persons attending were able to express concerns. Some work was done on City staff's side with regard to looking at the building height and what could be seen by homeowners, and the applicant provided sights of view related to the final look of the buildings, and how they were actually placed on the site, to the extent that City staff now felt comfortable recommending approval.

Mayor Thurston collectively swore in all persons wishing to speak on the proposed ordinance.

Hope Calhoun, the applicant's representative, thanked the City Commission for approving the applicant's special exception application on the Consent Agenda; the only item remaining for approval was the subject item, the second reading of the rezoning application. The actual site plan and height of the building would be discussed further when the matter came before the City Commission in January 2021, a copy of which was included in her present PowerPoint. She affirmed the original site plan had 912 market rate units in three eight-story buildings, stating eight stories was the maximum building height permitted in the residential zoning district they proposed in the rezoning. Currently, the site plan being reviewed by staff was for 501 market rate units in four, five and six-story buildings, with the six-story building located in the center court of the site and not visible from the homes of nearby northwest Lauderhill residents. Ms. Calhoun remarked residents expressed great concern as to how much of the proposed buildings they would see from their backyards, hence moving the six-story building to the center court, and placing the lower-scaled buildings at the perimeter closer to the residential homes. The site plan in the backup was not a detailed one, and an updated site plan would be presented at a future Commission meeting.

Commissioner L. Martin questioned if the site plan detailing the four, five and six-story buildings was the final plan being present for approval.

Ms. Calhoun answered yes; the updated site plan was currently being reviewed by the City's Development Review Committee (DRC); this entailed the site plan going through all the various City disciplines: planning & zoning, engineering, landscaping, fire, police, etc., all of which would provide the applicant comments and/or conditions to be satisfied before the site plan was sent to the City Commission for approval in 2021. The site plan being reviewed by the DRC was much more detailed than the one being shown to the Commission presently.

Commissioner L. Martin said residents were mostly concerned with the six-story building, and he needed confirmation the matter presently before the Commission was for the rezoning only, not the building height; there would be ample opportunities for public discussion on the issue of building heights in 2021.

Ms. Calhoun affirmed this to be the case.

**A motion was made by Commissioner L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner S. Martin, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Abstain:** 0

## **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 wished the City Commission and staff a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and Godspeed.

Commissioner Dunn thanked Commissioner S. Martin for creating an opportunity to honor the City's men and women in uniform, as they continued to do an amazing job, and it was important to recognize their dedication. She was super excited about the Lauderhill Shines Project, reminding small business owners, particularly those new to the City, to take advantage of the opportunity. She wished everyone a great holiday.

Commissioner S. Martin wished everyone happy holidays, encouraging those persons home for the holidays to stay safe and at home, taking advantage of the time to be close to their loved ones.

Commissioner L. Martin remarked over the past week, he had the pleasure of being involved with a number of City projects, one being the NW 51st Avenue cleanup, a collaborative effort with City staff and the area residents behind the Lauderhill Mall. Staff from every City department participated, along with residents, and it was a great experience that showed how wonderful Lauderhill could be when everyone worked together as a community. He sent specific thanks to Westway Towing, Waste Management, HOA president Mr. Hunter, and a neighborhood chef, Keedas, who distributed curry goat and jerk chicken meals. He commended all City staff from all departments who pitched in, noting they came from all staff levels, including the City Manager; they all worked very hard to improve the appearance of the neighborhood. He was pleased with the effort everyone put forth, again thanking them for their hard work. Commissioner L. Martin stated the City's golf program that ran under the name "Fore Kids, Inc." distributed toys to underprivileged children, and Lawrence L.T. Taylor, retired football player with the New York Giants, again came out to participate in the effort, lending his name and services to the project. He said this was another community effort City staff from all departments assisted with; some 56 families were serviced, and over 250 toys were handed out. Lauderhill resident Paula Parsons-Tucker was especially commended, along with Trusker Moseley for moving that program forward over the past few years, during which it grew and improved. He thanked everyone in the City who contributed to something good leading up to the holidays, wishing everyone happy holidays and a Merry New Year.

Vice Mayor Grant commended the new City Commissioners for already doing a fantastic job serving Lauderhill, congratulating Commissioner L. Martin for his involvement in the abovementioned community efforts. Her Facebook page was flooded with pictures from the various events, and it was good to see him doing such good work in the City. Commissioner Dunn gave an excellent presentation on the Lauderhill Shines Project, to which she would direct local small businesses. Commissioner S. Martin's excellent presentation recognizing the brave efforts of

the City's fire rescue staff, particularly during Tropical Storm Eta, illustrated how coming together and doing good work spoke for itself. She thanked the staff of the Lauderhill Fire and Police Departments for all they did for the Lauderhill community. She mentioned the presence of Parks & Leisure Services (PALS) Department Assistant Director Scott Newton at the meeting, thanking him for all his staff and he did for the City. She thanked them for all they did helping the City's youth, not just in sports, but in other areas of their development. Vice Mayor Grant wished her fellow Commissioners and City staff a healthy, prosperous, and safe holiday.

City Manager Giles-Smith wished everyone happy holidays, hoping they would be the best and brightest, and a Happy New Year. To all City employees working for the City every day to make sure Lauderhill was a great place to live, she extended her gratitude, and this was meant for every City employee in every department, as it took a team to make it all work well, and Lauderhill employees made the City Commission look fabulous, so she wished to thank them for everything they did.

Mayor Thurston wished everyone at home watching and/or phoning into the present Commission meeting happy holidays. He mentioned having one more item for the City Commission to consider, as he would be resigning from his role of representing the City on the Tourism Development Council of Broward County. After speaking with County Commissioner Dale Holness over the past weekend, he agreed his replacement should be a member of the City Commission. He asked the remaining members of the Commission to recommend one from among them to replace him accordingly, so when he sent in his resignation, he could submit the name of his replacement as being one whom the City Commission voted for unanimously.

Commissioner Dunn responded she would love to serve as the City's representative on the Tourism Development Council.

Vice Mayor Grant indicated she, too, was interested in serving, noting Commissioner Dunn had not indicated an interest previously.

Commissioner Dunn said this was due to her thinking Mayor Thurston would remain in the position.

Vice Mayor Grant asked Commissioner Dunn if she was still interested in serving on the Planning Council.

Commissioner Dunn remarked on yielding representing the City on the Broward Planning Council to Vice Mayor Grant, as she thought Vice Mayor Grant would be the City's representative on the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance. She did tourism and destination marketing as a profession, and she was very interested in promoting Lauderhill as a destination, so she would be honored to have the opportunity to serve.

Vice Mayor Grant commented on having a conversation with a County Commission member, and apparently there were numerous local officials already on that board, and they desired more business people members, so she thought Commissioner Dunn would be a better fit for that board, considering her background.

- Mayor Thurston received a Commission consensus to appoint Commissioner Dunn as the City's representative on the Tourism Development Council.

Mayor Thurston explained, with the Commission consensus to appoint Commissioner Dunn, the next step was County Commissioner Holness's final approval. Though the appointment was not 100 percent confirmed, he hoped by submitting Commissioner Dunn's name as his replacement with his registration letter, Commissioner Holness would approve her as the City's appointee, which he would work hard to make happen.

## **XIX ADJOURNMENT - 8:25 PM**