

City of Lauderhill

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 10, 2023

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Ken Thurston

Vice Mayor Sarai Martin

Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn

Commissioner Denise D. Grant

Commissioner Lawrence Martin

Desorae Giles-Smith, City Manager

Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk

Angel Petti Rosenberg, City Attorney

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thurston called to order the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:02 PM.

II ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Desorae Giles-Smith, City Manager
Angel Petti Rosenberg, City Attorney
Constance Stanley, Police Chief
Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk

III COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AND 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 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY GOOD AND WELFARE****HOUSEKEEPING**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Mayor K. Thurston, to **ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for July 10, 2023 and to hear item 17 first. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Abstain: 0

III CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Abstain: 0

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES**A. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR JUNE 12, 2023.**

Attachments: [June 12, 2023 - 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 JUNE 26, 2023.

Attachments: [June 26, 2023 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

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

V PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

- A. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 2023 AS FIBROID AWARENESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).
- B. A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE BAHAMAS (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

VI SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. A BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT PRESENTATION (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [Special Presentation A - BCT-PREMO](#)

- B. A PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [Special Presentation B - EAB Scholarships](#)

- C. CRICKET AND WORLD CUP UPDATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

VII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. ITEM REMOVED

- B. A PRESENTATION ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA FUNDS) (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

Attachments: [Presentation B - ARPA Presentation](#)

- C. AN UPDATE ON MOSQUITO CONTROL (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

Attachments: [Presentation C - Mosquito awareness](#)

X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

17. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-181: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL REQUESTING CITY STAFF TO ALLOCATE EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE BUDGET IN ORDER TO SPEND THE REMAINING BALANCE OF ALL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ("ARPA") DOLLARS WITHIN FISCAL YEAR 2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-181-ARPA Dollar Exenditures.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-181](#)

[Martin ARPA Presentation](#)

[RES 21R-06-104 Dept. of Treasury Agreement - American Rescue Plan Act](#)

[ORD 21O-05-116 Appropriation of American Rescue Act Funds](#)

[RES 21R-04-84 COVID Relief Funds - Vehicles and Maintenance](#)

[Various Dept...](#)

[ARPA Spend Down \(1\)](#)

Vice Mayor S. Martin mentioned residents reached out to him regarding their trying to apply for financial assistance through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); while some applicants were waiting on research by City staff, others were denied due to the closing of the program. Thus, the City had funds available, and Lauderhill residents still in need of rent/mortgage assistance, but he understood the City was not funding for the reasons he stated above, along with the City reallocating some of its ARPA funds for the upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2024. He asked his colleagues to join him in directing the staff in the Finance and Grants Departments to continue to respond to residents, and satisfy their need for financial assistance before the end of the current fiscal year. This action would yield the additional benefit of allowing the Finance Department to explore options and courses of action to possibly reduce taxes for FY 2024.

Mayor Thurston mentioned the Commission received the City Manager's proposed budget for FY 2024, so he asked what the impact would be if Vice Mayor S. Martin's request were approved.

Vice Mayor S. Martin commented that his request would not affect the City Manager's proposed budget for FY 2024 unless staff came back with a revised proposed budget in which taxes were reduced. He understood the manner in which staff proposed to spend the remaining \$3.3 million of ARPA funds affected none of the City's capital projects, it only affected salaries.

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kennie Hobbs affirmed some ARPA dollars were allocated for FY 2024 as part of the City Manager's proposed budget, recapping that the City received approximately \$18 million, and, to date, about \$9 million had been spent. Staff projected spending by the end of the current fiscal

year was an additional \$6 million, leading to the \$3 million mentioned by Vice Mayor S. Martin. He noted, in going through the City's process, the uses of ARPA dollars did include capital projects, as there were a number of them, and staff reviewed how the City could spend the remaining ARPA dollars in the current fiscal year, and not roll any of those monies into the next fiscal year. The only real opportunity to do so was through operational expenditures, the largest of which was salaries. Mr. Hobbs identified some of the original uses planned for the ARPA dollars that would be impacted, as there were some capital projects predating the ARPA monies that had some shortfalls, and those were made up using some ARPA dollars. The original uses for which staff considered the ARPA included capital projects, such as: improvements to Wolk Park, the City Hall Annex, and the Lauderhill Sports Park; making up the shortfall for the St. George pool; citywide park marquees; citywide neighborhood walls; improvements along NW 38th Avenue; commercial and residential grants; and salaries. He affirmed it was possible to spend the remaining ARPA dollars in the manner requested by Vice Mayor S. Martin, but the bigger issue the City had for the next fiscal year was not just the prohibition of being able to roll taxes back due to use of ARPA funds in the same fiscal year, as the City already had a balanced budget, in which those funds were included, so staff's position was taxes could not be rolled back until the ARPA funds were fully expended. Fiscal Year 2025 was the next year in which staff anticipated it being possible to look at rolling taxes back. He noted one element that was even more of an impediment to rolling taxes back than the use of ARPA funds was the deficit, which did not take into consideration the spending of ARPA dollars, or the tax roll back; this was a real increase, so it was inaccurate to believe the City could function on the same amount of the previous fiscal year's budget. There were built in increases that took place, such as the 60 percent increase in insurance that had to be accommodated; as the City collected the same amount of revenue as it had the previous year, just with the increase in insurance only, the City had more expenses than revenue. He indicated the City had employee bargaining contracts: two for the police, one for fire, and one for the general employees, all of which the City was obligated to fulfill in the next fiscal year. Thus, the City's expenses for the coming fiscal year would not be the same as they were for the current fiscal year, and the efforts to make up that deficit would be further exacerbated by rolling back taxes in the next fiscal year. He said, as stated in the Manager's proposed budget, staff took all these factors into consideration, and if the Commission directed staff to expend all ARPA dollars in the current fiscal year, so taxes could be rolled back in the next fiscal year, the size of the deficit would increase. Mr. Hobbs stated the balance of the City's General Fund was roughly \$4.5 million; there were other monies in the enterprise funds, such as from water and sewer services, so to roll taxes back, by expending the \$3.3 million before the end of the current fiscal year, the deficit would increase, and services might have to be reduced.

Vice Mayor S. Martin believed the intent of the ARPA funds was to help struggling households and businesses, and help cities recover some of their lost revenue due to the COVID 19 pandemic. He did not believe the intent was to run a city, or offset inflation, or offset higher insurance, and though the City could use ARPA dollars in a manner that helped the City address its deficit due to inflation, this was not the intent, and the increase in expenses would still be there for FY 2025 without the help of any ARPA dollars; this indicated the City was likely to have some bigger financial struggles in the future. He restated his request to use the \$3.3 million in the current fiscal year, and if this meant it was still not possible to roll back taxes in

the next fiscal year, he could accept that, and there could be further discussion about the matter at the July 11, 2023, budget workshop. Going into the next fiscal year with all the increases mentioned by Mr. Hobbs indicated to him the City's financial challenges were much bigger than \$3.3 million; it seemed it would take much more funding to fix the situation. He believed, as things stood currently, if ARPA dollars remained in the next fiscal year's budget, staff was not in any position consider anything related to reducing taxes.

Mr. Hobbs remarked, regarding the intent of the ARPA dollars, staff also looked at the regulations for the use of those monies, and staff spoke with federal government staff on the matter, and from their perspective, staff believed the larger intent of ARPA dollars was revenue replacement; the extreme loss of revenue due to the pandemic. Losing revenue meant a loss in the ability to pay for services, salaries, etc., so it was not a matter of bad planning, as no one anticipated the pandemic, but the City always planned to pay for its fire and police services, and other traditional expenses that took place year over year. He reiterated, due to the unanticipated expenses resulting from the pandemic, the staff felt the best use of ARPA dollars was revenue replacement; and had there been no pandemic, the City would have sufficient funding to pay for its traditional services, and address other increases. Part of the challenge Finance staff faced was to manage the City's funds, trying to make sure the City did not spend more than it collected in revenue; and this was not a one-year process, rather it was a few years in the future when staff went through this exercise. Mr. Hobbs said staff was compiling five-year budget projections based on the City Commission's request that would be presented to the Commission in August 2023. He added, how the City was using its ARPA dollars was consistent with how they were being used throughout Broward County, which staff surveyed, contacting other Broward cities to find out how they were utilizing their ARPA funds. Even though it might appear the funds were being used to pay for capital projects, etc., without the pandemic, cities would have the funding needed to cover such expenses, particularly in light of increases in revenue due to increases in property values, and from other sources, such as new development and redevelopment. Staff would review all these factors, and other financial details in the upcoming budget workshop.

Commissioner L. Martin observed it was not possible to control the future, and though staff planned to spend about \$6 million of the remaining \$9 million in the current fiscal year, there was no way to predict the obstacles that might prevent their expenditure. The fact that the City Manager's proposed budget was a balanced one, the time to ask staff to try to expend all ARPA dollars before the end of the current fiscal year should have come earlier in the calendar year, as the City was now in the final quarter of its current fiscal year; staff updated the Commission at the end of each quarter on the City's revenues, expenditures, etc. He had no wish for any plans staff had to expend the \$6 million in ARPA dollars to get stalled, but the unexpected happened, and he fully supported finding ways to lower City taxes on residents, but this must be done in a smart way that did not derail the City's services, etc. Everyone agreed inflation was driving prices up in all areas of life, so if the City arbitrarily dropped its millage rate by even one mil down to 7.119 for FY 2024, only to discover that for FY 2025 there was such a shortfall that necessitated increasing the millage rate or cut services, which he felt such cuts were likely to directly affect public safety. Commissioner L. Martin commented the City was currently in a position to enter its next fiscal year with a positive cashflow,

the ability to build up its fund balance, and then consider ways to reduce taxes in FY 2025 with increased revenues from new construction coming into the City. He cautioned Lauderhill's taxpayers to understand the meaning of the percentages on their tax bill, as he, too, paid a considerable amount in taxes each year. Again, until the City spent the \$6 million, it currently had about \$9 million in ARPA funding in the bank, and if left unspent, it had to be returned to the federal government by the end of 2025; hopefully, the City would expend its allocation long before that time.

City Manager Giles-Smith said Vice Mayor S. Martin was right in believing one of the ways to expend the ARPA dollars was to help households and small businesses, but in reading the language of the ARPA legislation, the first intent stated was to provide \$350 billion to help states, counties, cities, and tribal governments cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue, and mitigate economic harm from the COVID 19 pandemic. She noted the City lost revenue in the pandemic, as projects slowed down, some to a stop, revenues were diminished, such as from the gas tax, as people were no longer going out to do business of any kind as before; many traditional sources of revenue either disappeared or decreased severely. The federal government did a wise thing when it allocated the ARPA funds to help municipalities replenish their revenue without them having to resort to drastic measures. As part of the intent was to help small businesses and residents, she believed the City was doing this, and would continue to do so where possible.

Mayor Thurston commented that the City had an obligation to report its millage rate to Broward County, so a TRIM notice could be sent to taxpayers, asking the date by which this had to be done.

City Attorney Rosenberg replied August 4, 2023.

Mr. Hobbs explained the City proposed submitting the current recommended rate of 8.1999; there was an ability, legally, as it related to the TRIM notice for municipalities to reduce that rate, not increase it.

Mayor Thurston felt the subject of discussion was such a major item that should have been discussed earlier in the year, as it seemed the City was not giving itself ample time to study the issue to be certain if options being considered were appropriate. He could not support directing staff to do as Vice Mayor S. Martin requested, as there was not enough time to work out all the details.

Vice Mayor S. Martin recalled bringing the matter up previously to City staff and the Finance Department four or five months ago; this was an ongoing issue, and because there was no resolution, this was his reason for bringing the matter up before the Commission. This was not a last-minute request based on the work he was doing for the community behind the scenes, and it was due to not achieving a resolution that he felt it was his responsibility to bring the matter to his colleagues at the present time.

Mayor Thurston thought sufficient time had been spent debating the matter, asking the Commission to decide on how they wished to proceed. He received a motion to approve from Vice Mayor S. Martin, and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dunn thought the Mayor's point was valid, as she felt she lacked sufficient information on which to make a solid decision she was comfortable with. She expressed the following concerns: staff's ability to spend \$9 million by September 30, 2023, doing so in a manner that was in the best interest of Lauderhill's taxpayers, employees, residents, and businesses; the idea of the City not having a sufficient reserve, and being in the middle of the hurricane season, in light of what transpired on the Florida west coast in 2022, and there was a real probability of the present hurricane season being a very active one. She was deeply committed to the City's current trajectory, and the City having been able to reduce its millage rate from 8.9 to 8.1, and the entire Commission gave its consensus that after the ARPA challenge was completed, staff would continue to reduce Lauderhill's millage over the next three years to get it back down to 7 mils range. She reiterated being very uncomfortable making such a decision in a rush.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public.

Varion Harris, Lauderhill resident, mentioned the threat of an active hurricane season was real, but a few months prior the City experienced record flooding that affected City operations, so it was important for City administration to be good stewards in all ways to ensure the City was able to deal with such eventualities.

Madeline Noel, Lauderhill resident, thanked Vice Mayor S. Martin for engaging everyone in such an important conversation, stating two items that were very important to her were safety, and the City's youth and families. On the issue of safety, her home was once raided with guns fired, and one bullet penetrated her garage door and hit a wall, preventing it from hitting her child that was on the other side of the wall. She was unaware of what was taking place, as she was on a prayer line, until police officers came to her door to inform her of the raid on her home. Though she would love the City Commission to approve a reduction in taxes, it could not come at the expense of the public's safety. She resided very near to Lauderhill 6-12 school, and she witnessed the issues occurring in the area, and the City could not afford to reduce services to its youth, such as its athletic programs, and other amenities that engaged the youths; in light of the existing issues involving youths, they would only worsen if they no longer had those programs and amenities to occupy them. Ms. Noel said she could support a reduction in the tax rate, as long as it did not result in a reduction in the City's ability to adequately provide public safety, and programs and amenities for youth and families. The community turnout at the recent peace walk in Lauderhill showed the high degree to which residents supported peace, so the City could not afford to retreat from that stance.

Mayor Thurston received no further input from the public.

Commissioner Grant sought clarification if the Commission approved the subject resolution, public safety might be affected, and City program services could be reduced.

Mr. Hobbs clarified if the City Commission approved the subject resolution, it would be directing staff to expend all remaining ARPA dollars before the end of the current fiscal year. Additionally, if staff were to roll back the proposed tax rate by one mil which would be 7.199 mils, or go to the roll back rate of 7.35 mils, services would

definitely be affected, and based on the numbers, it would include public safety. He noted if all departmental budgets were reduced to the 2022 numbers, with the exception of public safety, this would only save the City 1.6 million, and this included: Parks & Recreation programs, efficiencies in the Building Department, COU processes, etc., and the gap or budget deficit would be closer to six, seven, or eight million. Under no circumstances could staff do both without affecting services.

Vice Mayor S. Martin sought to clarify the subject item was neither a tax or budget item; it was simply to spend remaining ARPA dollars to allow staff to do their due diligence, and provide courses of action at a later time, which might or might not include a tax reduction. He was not recommending a reduction of the millage rate to the roll back rate; he only wished to see some decrease, but never at the detriment of public safety; he never wanted to touch the salaries, etc. of police and fire services, nor would he ever ask for anything that would compromise the City's first responders, and their ability to do their work.

Mr. Hobbs remarked it would be a complicated process in which more than the next fiscal year had to be taken into consideration, as what was done in the present fiscal year affected the next fiscal year, and the years thereafter. As he suggested previously in prior meetings with Vice Mayor S. Martin that staff be allowed time to compile the numbers for different scenarios, but to put together a comprehensive analysis, including seeing what the City's budget would look like over a five-year period took time if staff were to be as accurate as possible. Staff needed to gather information beyond the City, such as contacting the County, and the State, examine trends, all being done while in the course of doing normal day-to-day tasks, etc., including finalizing the FY 2024 budget. Thus, the Commission was being asked to allow staff time over the summer break to do the subject analysis, as based on the analysis staff completed over the last several years, understanding the use of the ARPA dollars, and having the remaining ARPA funds, staff felt it was their professional opinion that it was in the City's best interest to expend those dollars in the manner detailed in the City Manager's proposed budget for FY 2024.

Vice Mayor S. Martin said he made his request for the five-year budget analysis some six months prior, and the subject resolution should act as an impetus to get that work completed, and submitted to the Commission, so they could make a decision.

Mayor Thurston asked if the item could be tabled to allow staff to present their findings, etc. at the Commission's next meeting in August 2023.

City Manager Giles-Smith supported the Commission tabling the item.

Vice Mayor S. Martin sought clarification the ARPA dollars could be obligated, though not necessarily spent in FY 2023, and this would meet the intent of how the dollars were spent.

Mr. Hobbs responded the City's grant specialist was the best person to answer the question, and she was not present at the meeting. He stressed the main issue was what would be the impact of spending all the ARPA dollars in the manner Vice Mayor S. Martin advocated; staff and the Commission discussed the expenditure of

the ARPA dollars for the last three or four years, and, in general, the Commission accepted staff's presentations on the best ways to use those dollars. It was possible to spend the \$9 million remaining ARPA dollars, but it was the impact of doing so that should be the focus for FY 2024, and for this to be determined, his staff needed more time.

Vice Mayor S. Martin withdrew his motion for approval.

Commissioner L. Martin commented, in light of the July 11, 2023, budget workshop, at which some date-certain matters would be discussed, he wished to ensure staff did not blur those lines, so the necessary research regarding the possibility of expending the ARPA dollars by the end of the current fiscal year, and the impact was vital for the Commission to know as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner L. Martin, that this Resolution be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

8. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-172: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA INDICATING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY TO ISSUE ITS TAX-EXEMPT WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN COSTS OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM AND TO USE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES PAID OR INCURRED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ISSUANCE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-172-W&S 2023 Reimbursement Resolution.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-172](#)

Commissioner Dunn mentioned about a month ago a resident sent her a video of her sewage backing up in her yard, and coming out in an area where children played; she understood the City's infrastructure was aging, so she wished the City Manager and/or her staff to provide an explanation on what the subject item was.

Mr. Hobbs replied, currently, the City had a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that included over \$70 million of planned improvements to the City's water and sewer systems, including the water plant. Of the \$70 million, City administration proposed the City do a bond or float a revenue bond for \$30 million of the \$70 million, and based on the CIP, his staff and he were working with the City's utility professionals, Utilities Director Herb Johnson, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Martin Carla, along with outside professionals, such as former fire chief, Marc Celetti, and others, a number of projects were identified that needed immediate attention, and they amounted to about \$30 million. He explained the proposed item was a reimbursement resolution to allow the City to move forward on those projects, as the bonds could not be issued as fast as some of the projects needed to be funded.

Approving the resolution would allow staff to move forward with some of the projects, while the City went through the bonds issuance process; the bonds were unlikely to be issued before the second quarter of FY 2024. He said staff would have more discussion with the Commission on what the projects entailed at the July 11, 2023, budget workshop when they discussed the capital budget for the Utilities Department. For clarification, there were two ways the City paid for its capital improvements: one was considered the pay-as-you go method, which meant the City covered the project costs with current revenues, but this allowed the City to make incremental improvements; the other method was via bond financing, and this allowed the City to accumulate a large sum of money at once to make more improvements at the same time, while the residents who benefited from such improvements paid for them over time, such as in the case of the proposed \$30 million bond, the residents would pay this off over the next 25 to 30 years, the useful life of the assets. The latter was the more efficient way to make improvements, so the individuals who benefited from the improvements would pay for them while using them, rather than the piecemeal method. Mr. Hobbs stated, regarding the tax exempt piece, as the City was a government, and the dollars were being made to make approved improvements, for the persons who purchased the bonds, this was considered tax-free income for them. The City previously issued bonds that were taxable, such as the City issuing a bond for a private partnership or benefited a private party, this was considered a taxable issue, but where the bonds were used to make infrastructure improvements, the issued bond was considered nontaxable, so the individuals purchasing the bond had the benefit of earning on the bond without those earnings being taxable.

City Attorney Rosenberg clarified, for bonds to be nontaxable, they had to be issued for a nonpublic purpose.

Commissioner Dunn thanked staff, stating she wished the item discussed so the community understood the City had a plan in place to improve Lauderhill's infrastructure, particularly with regard to water and sewage. Additionally, she wished to highlight there was a plan in place that the City was looking at to remedy the situation as soon as possible. Those who chose to purchase such bonds could, potentially, do so as a tax free investment.

Mr. Hobbs affirmed this to be the case.

Commissioner Grant asked about the Maple Run community, if they were included in the infrastructure improvement plans.

Mr. Hobbs answered yes.

City Manager Giles-Smith believed the infrastructure improvements in the Maple Run area was budgeted at over \$1.6 million, of which the City would cover 50 percent.

Commissioner Grant sought clarity on the residents paying for the infrastructure improvements over time.

Mr. Hobbs explained the funding source was a revenue bond, and the City's portion would be repaid via utilities revenue.

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

Yes: 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner D. Grant, Commissioner L. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

Abstain: 0

Off Dais: 1 - Vice Mayor S. Martin

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

City Attorney Rosenberg swore in all persons wishing to speak on quasi-judicial items 18 and 20.

- 20.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-184: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA APPROVING, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT, PROSPECT REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC ON BEHALF OF PARABENS GROUP LLC, PROPERTY OWNER, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED MIXED-USE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUSIVE OF 265 DWELLING UNITS AND 10,000± SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE ON A 6.43± ACRE VACANT SITE IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD SHOPPES NO 1 109-28 B LOTS 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 109, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8456 - 8458 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD, LAUDERHILL, FL 33351; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-184-Site Plan Approval-Commercial Commons-Parabens Group.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-184](#)
[DRR Commercial Commons SP \(2\).pdf](#)
[Commercial Commons-Site Plan.pdf](#)
[CC -SEU Resolutions NO. 22R-09-211 and 22R-09-212 \(1\)](#)
[Commercial Commons Landscaping Comments.pdf](#)
[Item 20 - City Commission Presentation-07-10-23](#)

Commissioner L. Martin wished to know what City staff's recommendations were.

Acting Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Director Molly Howson replied City staff recommended approval of the application; the final page of the Development Review Report showed staff recommended conditions associated with their approval.

Mayor Thurston questioned if the applicant expressed a willingness to comply with staff's conditions.

Ms. Howson affirmed the applicant was familiar with all the conditions of approval, and indicated they would comply accordingly. The conditions for approval were listed under the title: Recommended Actions: 1) the applicant was subject to any preexisting dedications, restrictions, covenants, and easements that ran with the land; 2) the site plan was reviewed and approved by the Development Review Committee (DRC), then on July 5, 2023, the P&Z Board approved the application, and recommended its being forwarded to the City Commission for final approval; 3) the applicant should satisfy the outstanding P&Z comments pertaining to the modification of the rooftop amenity, and pool deck, and staff might require the applicant to resubmit to the DRC for modifications to the approved site plan.

City Attorney Rosenberg swore in Ms. Howson.

Ms. Howson continued as follows: regarding condition three, the DRC approved the pool deck at a larger size, and staff asked, based on the applicant's request to reduce the size of the pool for good structural engineering purposes, that they be allowed to see the amenities the applicant intended to install to replace what was previously a very large pool to just a large pool. Staff was pleased with the progress of the project with regard to the reconfiguring of the amenity deck, wishing to reserve the option to bring the matter back before the DRC. Condition 4) the applicant should satisfy the outstanding engineering comments in relation to an upgraded lift station to serve the development, setting a timeline for the force mains to be approved by the City engineer; 5) the applicant had to satisfy the outstanding fire comments in relation to the fire hydrant locations to serve the developments, and for them to be approved by the fire marshal; 6) the property owner should provide for adequate maintenance of the landscaping, right of ways, water body areas, swale areas, and provide maintenance agreements that would be reviewed by the City's legal staff. This condition was very specifically targeted towards the northern side of the canal that fell on the reverse of the property wall associated with the site. Condition 7) the applicant had to satisfy the Land Development Regulation (LDR) requirements providing for public art; 8) the applicant should provide the City sufficient evidence of traffic approval from Broward County, the entity governing the West Commercial Boulevard corridor, prior to the issuance of the building permit; 9) the applicant must provide sufficient evidence of a declaration of covenant associated with lot parcel folio #494116080180 to memorialize the restriction related to the acreage already assigned to residential dwelling units, and not being eligible to be included in calculations for future residential development on the corridor. She stated the applicant already responded to this condition, but DRC staff and the City Attorney had yet to vet the applicant's response.

City Attorney Rosenberg added, at the P&Z Board meeting, Board member Bob Schankweiler gave a list of 13 specific landscape requirements the applicant agreed to satisfy, asking Ms. Howson to incorporate the list into the conditions of approval. She would provide a copy of the list to the City Clerk for the record.

Ms. Howson concurred, stating condition 10 pertained to the landscape comments that emerged when the P&Z Board approved the application with conditions.

Commissioner Dunn understood it was still earlier in the process, but it was important to her for development in the Lauderhill community was done in such a way that created a win/win situation for all concerned. She asked the applicant to voice their thoughts on making sure that, as they moved forward in the process, opportunities for hiring local were acted on, that the applicant did business with Lauderhill businesses, and should the process move forward, that the applicant would be good corporate citizens with the City of Lauderhill.

Hope Calhoun, the applicant's representative, mentioned the subject project had been going on for a considerable time, so there was a significant amount of information contained in the backup. With regard to local participation, the applicant was willing to work with the appropriate City department to ensure local vendors, businesses, residents, etc. were able to apply for the various services and positions. She said the applicant could give no guarantees of hiring everyone, but qualified businesses or individuals would be considered.

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

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

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Vice Mayor S. Martin, seconded by Mayor K. Thurston, that agenda item 18, related to Resolution No. 23r-07-182, be heard next on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

- 18.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-182: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING GTG CARE, LLC A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG), ZONING DISTRICT AN OFFICE, MEDICAL, WITH PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE ("PPEC") USE IN A 20,608 SQ. FT. AND 2,779 SQ. FT SQUARE FEET UNIT WITHIN A 49,630 SQUARE FEET SITE LOCATED AT 3625 W. BROWARD BLVD AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-182-Special X - PPEC.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-182](#)

[DRR GTG Care LLC 3625 - 3627 W Broward Blvd.pdf](#)

[Attachment A-PPEC-SEU Application Submittal.pdf](#)

[Attachment C-PPEC- Affidavit of Conditions \(Executed\).pdf](#)

[Attachment B-PPEC- Floor Plan \(1\).pdf](#)

[Attachment D-PPEC- Inventory of equipment.pdf](#)

Commissioner Dunn wished to hear from the applicant regarding the vision and

intent for their business, particularly with regard to corporate social responsibility.

Robert Kidd, the applicant, stated he was the owner of Glory To God care, currently the largest provider in Miami at present. He set out with a mission six years ago, as he saw the need for better care when it came to medically fragile children in Miami, where facilities appeared to be doing just the basics for such children, as most of them were nonverbal. Their facilities were staffed by nurses, therapists, and they now had about 75 employees; they were governed by the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). He said his staff and he poured all their energies into working with children in need of these services, and, currently, they had children traveling from Fort Lauderdale to use the cutting-edge equipment in their facility; thus, he had to send his buses everyday to Fort Lauderdale to bring children to his Miami facility. Parents repeatedly asked him to open a facility in the Broward area, and his realtor looked at possible spaces for them to open another facility, and their goal was to purchase the subject building, so they might continue the mission they began in Miami at a City of Lauderhill location. Mr. Kidd believed the population surrounding the subject site could benefit greatly, not only their children, but via the employment of nurses, aides, as well as behavioral, physical, occupational, and speech therapists, along with other forms of staffing required to run the proposed facility, for which he anticipated hiring about 100 employees; they were committed to hiring locally where possible.

Commissioner Dunn wondered how many children Mr. Kidd anticipated serving at the Lauderhill location.

Mr. Kidd replied the State determined the capacity; in his current Miami facility, they were allowed a capacity of 150 children; the building in Lauderhill was twice that of the Miami building, but they had a self-imposed capacity of 80 children, as they focused on quality versus quantity.

Commissioner Dunn inquired as to the geographical location of the site.

Ms. Howson stated the site was located at 3625 Broward Boulevard, which was immediately east of NW 38th Avenue; the site used to be the 123 Lump Sum building, which consisted of two stories; another small building was located on the immediately adjacent parcel, and Mr. Kidd proposed purchasing both properties.

Commissioner Dunn believed the need for quality pediatric care on that side of the City was great, thanking Mr. Kidd for seeking to bring his services to Lauderhill.

Commissioner L. Martin echoed the great need for such services in the area, asking Mr. Kidd to remember to invite members of the Commission to the grand opening of the facility, so they could do a walk through of the facility, and gain a better understanding of the services being offered.

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

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

Abstain: 0

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 23O-06-110: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE X, COMMUNITY AND BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD TO MODIFY THE GEOGRAPHIC ZONE MAP TO CONSIST OF SEVEN (7) ZONES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN AND VICE MAYOR SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

Attachments: [ORD-23O-06-110-Community Budget Advisory Board-Amend Zone Map.pdf](#)
[AR 23O-06-110](#)
[CommunityBudgetAdvisoryBoard_Zone_Map_2023_05_16.pdf](#)

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

2. ORDINANCE NO. 23O-06-116: AN ORDINANCE 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 4. SENIOR MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN AND TRUST FUND TO AMEND THE CONFIDENTIAL AND MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEE DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN; AMENDING SECTION 2-88.7, VESTING AND TERMINATION; PURCHASE OF PRIOR COVERED SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 2-88.15, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN TO CLARIFY THE CITY POSITIONS THAT MAY REMAIN IN EMPLOYMENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF DROP PARTICIPATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-23O-06-116- DROP Exit FINAL.pdf](#)
[AR 23O-06-116](#)

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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 23O-06-117: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, GARBAGE AND TRASH/UNSANITARY AND UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS/ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY; ARTICLE II, RECYCLABLE WASTE, SECTION 10-22,

FEES TO UPDATE THE FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-23O-06-117-Code-10-22-Recycling Fees.pdf](#)

[AR 23O-06-117](#)

[Recycling Rates Sheet.pdf](#)

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 23O-06-118: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$389,280.00; 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-23O-06-118-Budget- Supp Appropriation FY 23.pdf](#)

[AR 23O-06-118](#)

[Additional Supplemental Appropriation.pdf](#)

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. 23R-07-169: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHANGE ORDER TO THE SALTZ MICHELSON FOR THE INCREASED SCOPE OF WORK AND UPDATING SITE LIGHTING TO THE WOLK PARK G.O. BOND PROJECT ; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,700.00 FROM G.O. BOND FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-169-Changer Order-Saltz-Wolk Park Lighting.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-169](#)

[Saltz Michelson Change Order.pdf](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-170: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AWARDING THE BID TO PROSOUND + VIDEO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RFP 2023-034 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, DESIGN AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE LPAC AUDIO SYSTEM.; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00 FROM THE APPROPRIATE

BUDGET CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-170-RFP-LPAC audio.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-170](#)

[1. RFP 2023-034 LPAC AUDIO final rev. 3-22-23](#)

[2. PRO SOUND](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-171: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL DECLARING A TRUCK TO BE SURPLUS AND APPROVING ITS DONATION TO THE LAUDERHILL HOUSING AUTHORITY (LHA) IN AN "AS IS" CONDITION WITH NO GUARANTEE OR WARRANTY FOR USE TO PERFORM COMMERCIAL INSPECTION SERVICES PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 2-143(b)(4); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-171-surplus LHA Truck.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-171](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-173: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH AMERIFLEX TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S MEDICAL FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT AND DEPENDENT CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT UNDER THE SECTION 125 FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AT "NO CHARGE" FOR A ONE YEAR TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-173-Ameriflex 2023.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-173](#)

[2023 Sec 125 renewal recommendation letter](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-174: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACCEPTING THE UTILITIES EASEMENT DEDICATION AND BILL OF SALE FROM BRIGHTSTAR CREDIT UNION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED 1593 N.W. 40TH AVENUE, LAUDERHILL FLORIDA 33313 FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS RIGHTS, ACCESS AND

MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-174-Easement& Bill of Sale-brightstar credit.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-174](#)

[Brightstar BOS.pdf](#)

[Brightstar Utility Easement.pdf](#)

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

11. RESOLUTION NO.23R-07-175: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND VARIOUS RED CROSS WATER SAFETY SWIM INSTRUCTORS TO PROVIDE SWIM LESSON PROGRAMMING AT DESIGNATED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY; PROVIDING TERMS, CONDITIONS AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-175-Agrmt-professional service - Swim Instructors.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-175](#)

[Professional Services Agrmt - Juan Patino-XPress Swimming.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT A-SCHEDULE-JUAN PATINO EXPRESS SWIMMING.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT B- RATES JUAN PATINO EXPRESS SWIMMING.pdf](#)

[JUAN PATINO PROPOSERS QUALIFICATIONS.pdf](#)

[Professional Services Agrmt - Leesa Llompert-Swimming.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT A-SCHEDULE-Leesa Llompert.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT B- RATES-Leesa Llompert.pdf](#)

[LEESA LLOMPART PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS.pdf](#)

[Professional Services Agrmt -Sydney Ethridge-Swimming.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT A-SCHEDULE-Sydney Ethridge.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT B- RATES-Sidney Ethridge.pdf](#)

[SYDNEY ETHRIDGE PROPOSERS QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT.pdf](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-176: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE NINTH AMENDED ANNUAL CALENDAR OF CITY HOSTED SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-176-Calendar-City Hosted Events 9th Amended 2023.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-176](#)
[Updated Commissioner Events \(Ninth\)](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-177: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL LANGLEY BY THE CITY MANAGER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-177-Brd-GE PensionCity Mgr appt-Langley 2023.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-177](#)
[General Employees Pension Board List](#)

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

14. RESOLUTION NO 23R-07-178: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOURTH YEAR ACTION PLAN (2023-2024); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY HUD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-178-CDBG 4th Year Action Plan 2023-24](#)
[AR 23R-07-178](#)
[Draft Fourth -Year Action Plan](#)

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

15. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-179: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN LUE BY THE LAUDERHILL EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ITSELF TO SERVE AS FIRST ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-179-Brd-Educational Advisory-Karen Lue-1st Alt.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-179](#)
[Educational Advisory Board List](#)
[RE EAB Application - Karen Lue](#)
[Lue, Karen - EAB Application](#)

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

- 16.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-180: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF VARIOUS ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE LAUDERHILL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD WHICH WERE APPOINTED BY VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE AT SUCCESSIVE BOARD MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-180-Brd-Code-removal of alternates.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-180](#)
[Code Enforcement Board List](#)
[Code Enforcement Code Board Attendance 6.29.2023 \(2\)](#)
[RE Code Enforcement Board Member Attendance](#)

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

- 17A.** RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-185: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EXPLORE AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES AND THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUNDED LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH PARTICIPATING LENDING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN EMERGENCY AND NEED-BASED CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS AND OWNERS REQUIRING EMERGENCY STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AS A RESULT OF A 30-YEAR RECERTIFICATION INSPECTION OR AN EQUIVALENT RECERTIFICATION PROCESS IN SUBSTANTIAL ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA SENATE BILL (SB) 154 (CHAPTER LAW 2023-203) AND SUBSEQUENT RECERTIFICATION PROCESSES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-185-Condo Inspection Loan Program.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-185](#)
[Ch 2023-203.pdf](#)

Commissioner L. Martin asked the City Attorney to explain the aim of the resolutions under items 17A and 17B, noting the City of Lauderhill sought to join the efforts of other cities that proposed similar resolutions; the request was to the County and the State to look for resources to help local residents in need.

City Attorney Rosenberg explained, in the past legislative session, Senate Bill 154, and House Bill 1395 were two items that moved forward, reminding the Commission they were previously known as the milestone inspection bills. The bills set forth certain requirements for buildings at their 30-year mark had to have certain structural inspections done, including setting aside a certain amount of dollars in the budget reserves for this purpose. She indicated by the time the final version of the bill passed, there were some modifications as to what the reserve requirements were; initially, the bill recommending mandating that if a study showed structural damage, sufficient funds must be set aside to meet those repairs; with the version that passed, it said the reserve funds set aside would depend on if the useful life of the item exceeded 25 years or not, and other determinations would be made based on the bill. One of the items in the bill allowed that for budgets adopted after December 31, 2024, associations could not approve a budget that contained no reserves, or reserves less than required in that session, the key language being: ... unless there was an alternative method of funding available. Ms. Rosenberg commented both resolutions were passed in similar forms by other cities; 17A requested the Florida Legislature find alternate funding sources to help those reserve budgets, and 17B made the same request of Broward County. She said the aim was find additional funding sources to help provide low-interest loan programs for specific individuals and/or condominiums to meet those needs.

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

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

Abstain: 0

17B.

RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-186: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA URGING THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION TO EXPLORE AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES AND THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A COUNTY-WIDE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE PUBLIC FUNDING STRUCTURE TO FUND LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH PARTICIPATING LENDING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN EMERGENCY AND NEED-BASED CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS AND OWNERS REQUIRING EMERGENCY STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AS A RESULT OF A 30-YEAR RECERTIFICATION INSPECTION OR AN EQUIVALENT RECERTIFICATION PROCESS IN SUBSTANTIAL ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA SENATE BILL 154 (CHAPTER LAW 2023-203), AND SUBSEQUENT RECERTIFICATION PROCESSES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE

DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-186-Condo Inspection Loan Program Countywide FINAL.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-186](#)
[Chap Law 2023-203.pdf](#)

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

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

Abstain: 0

17C. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-195: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A COOPERATIVE PURCHASE BASED UPON THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT #46151500-NASPO-21-ACS (NASPO MASTER AGREEMENT #164713) TO PURCHASE RIFLE PLATES FROM GL DISTRIBUTOR, WHO IS THE SOLE SOURCE DISTRIBUTOR FOR GH ARMOR SYSTEMS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY ARMOR; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 305-321-06512 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000.00; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-195-Piggy-Fla State Contract-Rifle Plates.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-07-195](#)
[GH Armor Systems NASPO FL PA 0706.pdf](#)
[Copy of Slate Solutions Price List - NASPO070623.xlsx](#)
[GL Distributors Quote 070623.pdf](#)

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)

19. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-07-183: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING PRIMARY CARE DENTAL PARTNERS, P.A. A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG), ZONING DISTRICT AN OFFICE, MEDICAL, DENTAL, WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROVIDER IN A ± 1,604 SQUARE FEET SITE LOCATED AT 5950 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-23R-07-183-Special X - Primary Dental.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-07-183](#)

[Attachment A SEU Application Primary Dental Partners](#)

[Attachment B Site Plan.pdf](#)

[DRR-Dentist.pdf](#)

[Attachment C Affidavit \(Executed\)](#)

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

XII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING

XIV UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XV OLD BUSINESS

XVI NEW BUSINESS

XVII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner L. Martin mentioned the following: YEV Summer Camp with the City's children was always a fun time; the walking program at West Wind Park the previous weekend; he wished Ms. Gibbons in West Ken Lark happy 85th birthday; everyone was urged to share information about the BRCA Strong free mammogram event coming up on July 15, 2023, for which there were some online registration requirements; Coaches and Volunteers cookout event on July 23, 2023, to which all members of the Commission were invited to celebrate, and give back to the coaches and volunteers throughout the City; on August 6, 2023, the Sweet Jamaica Independence Festival would take place in the old Kmart parking lot outside the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC), and tickets were on sale.

City Manager Giles-Smith remarked on it being good to see all the graduates going on to college, particularly two young ladies going to the University of Florida.

XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 9:48 PM