## **City of Lauderhill**

City Commission Chambers at City Hall 5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Lauderhill, FL, 33313 www.lauderhill-fl.gov



### **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Monday, May 13, 2024 6:00 PM

**City Commission Chambers** 

## **City Commission Meeting**

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Ken Thurston
Vice Mayor Lawrence Martin
Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn
Commissioner Denise D. Grant
Commissioner Sarai 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 6:05 PM.

#### **II ROLL CALL**

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

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Kennie Hobbs, Deputy City Manager Angel Petti Rosenberg, City Attorney Constance Stanley, Police Chief Andrea M. Anderson, City Clerk

# III COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AND CITY MANAGER RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE TIME PERMITS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION)

IV ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 6:30 PM)

#### I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

#### II HOUSEKEEPING

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Mayor K. Thurston, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for May 13, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

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

#### **IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. 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, Vice Mayor L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

Abstain: 0

#### **V APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Attachments:** March 25, 2024 - City Commission Meeting Minutes

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

**B.** MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR APRIL 8, 2024.

Attachments: April 8, 2024 - City Commission Meeting Minutes

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

#### VI PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

A. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2024 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

B. ITEM REMOVED

C. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 18, 2024 AS HAITIAN FLAG DAY (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

#### **VII PRESENTATIONS**

- A. A PRESENTATION FROM BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER MARTY KIAR (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).
- B. A PRESENTATION OF THE MAY 2024 HOME OF THE MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).
- C. PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS TO ANDREA FLORES (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

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. 240-04-115: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5730 N.W. 28th STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE

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

Attachments: Ord-24O-04-115-Deed 5730 NW 28 St.pdf

AR 240-04-115

Deed-5730 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf

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

ORDINANCE NO. 240-04-116: ΑN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5740 N.W. 28th STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: Ord-24O-04-116-Deed 5740 NW 28 St.pdf

AR 240-04-116

Deed-5740 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf

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

ORDINANCE NO. 240-04-117: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5800 N.W. 28th STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: Ord-24O-04-117-Deed 5800 NW 28 St.pdf

AR 240-04-117

Deed-5800 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf

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

ORDINANCE NO. 240-04-118: ΑN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5810 N.W. 28th STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: Ord-24O-04-118-Deed 5810 NW 28 St.pdf

AR 240-04-118

Deed-5810 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf

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

5.

ORDINANCE NO. 240-04-119: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF OF LAUDERHILL ORDINANCES, CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, CITY COMMISSION, SECTION 2-159, ORDER OF BUSINESS TO REQUIRE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA SHALL COMMENCE NO LATER THAN 7:30 P.M; AMENDING SECTION 2-163, DEBATE AND DECORUM TO PROVIDE PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS TIME LIMITS FOR AND AMEND THE TIME LIMITS FOR PRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

Attachments: ORD-24O-04-119-Code-2-159 & 2-163 Order of Business on Agenda

AR 240-04-119

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

6.

ORDINANCE NO. 240-04-120: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SIX **REVIEW** OF BUDGET REVENUE AND **EXPENDITURE** AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN THE TOTAL ADJUSTMENT **AMOUNT** OF \$6,562,774.00; **APPROVING** Α SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE **AMOUNT** OF \$3,189,663.00; INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,288,100.00; AND A CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT BUDGET IN OF **AMOUNT** \$2,085,011.00; REFLECTING APPROPRIATE **ADJUSTMENTS** TO **VARIOUS** REVENUE AND **EXPENDITURE** ACCOUNTS AS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED IN THE BREAKDOWN; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: ORD-24O-04-120-Budget 6-Months Adjustment & Appropriation FY

2024.pdf

AR 24O-04-120

Copy of Supplemental FY 2024 6 month.pdf

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

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-74: Α RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE PIGGYBACK OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFF ASSOCIATION'S CONTRACT (FSA EQU21.0) THE AND WELL CONTRACT 110421-ALT TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HEAVY EQUIPMENT FROM VARIOUS VENDORS UNDER THE AGREEMENT, TO BE UTILIZED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$623,998.86 FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; **PROVIDING** FOR AN **EFFECTIVE** (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-74-Piggy-FSA-Heavy Equipment.pdf

AR 24R-05-74

Altec Sourcewell 110421-ALT

**Equipment Quote** 

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-76: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL **MARVA** SETTLEMENT BETWEEN BURTON AS **PARENT** AND NATURAL GUARDIAN ON BEHALF OF KAYLA HUBBINS, A MINOR, AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,500.00 AS SETTLEMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS RELATED TO KAYLA HUBBINS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-76-SETT-AGT-Kayla Hubbins.pdf

AR 24R-05-76

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

8A.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-75: Α RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL **APPROVING** THE ELEVENTH **AMENDED** ANNUAL CALENDAR OF CITY **HOSTED** SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES 24R-05-75 Eleventh Amended Calendar

AR 24R-05-75

**Updated Commissioner Events (Eleventh)** 

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

8B.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-77: Α RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW **POSITION** OF **ASSISTANT GENERAL** MANAGER-LPAC: **APPROVING** THE **JOB POSITION** OF **ASSISTANT GENERAL** MANAGER-LPAC: **PROVIDING** FOR AN **EFFECTIVE** DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-77-JOB-creation- Asst Gen Mgr-LPAC.pdf

AR 24R-05-77

Assistant General Manager - LPAC 2024

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

8C.

**CITY** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-78: Α RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AWARDING THE BID TO **LADY FOR** N.W. **21ST PAVING** STREET CORRIDOR RESURFACING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP #2024-024: PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$577,509.17 FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 450-925-6388; **PROVIDING** FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER. **DESORAE** GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-78-BID-The Paving Lady.pdf

AR 24R-05-78

**BID RESULTS 2024-024** 

NW 21st St Signed Bid The Paving Lady

NW 21ST STREET CORRIDOR RESURFACING PLAN SET

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

8D.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-79: Α RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF COMMISSION LAUDERHILL **APPROVING** THE REINSTATEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND BROWARD COUNTY **FOR** THE DISBURSEMENT OF HOME INVESTMENT **PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM** (HOME) **FUNDS FOR RETROACTIVE** ENCUMBERMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FUNDS; PROVIDING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDING IN THE THE AMOUNT OF \$118,240.00 FOR THE **PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** TO QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS: EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL JUNE 30. 2024; AMENDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY EFFECTIVE MANAGER, **DESORAE** GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-79-Agrmt-HOME 1st Amdt & Reinstatement Housing

Disbursements FY 20-21.pdf

AR 24R-05-79

Draft Reinstatement and First Amendment Lauderhill HOME Purchase

Assistance FY 20-21

RES 21R-02-45 ILA for HOME FY 2021 - Rehabilitation Program

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

8E.

RESOLUTION 24R-05-80: Α NO. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL COMMISSION APPROVING THF AWARD OF BID TO CONENGINEERS BUILDERS TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL GO BOND PRIVACY BUFFER WALLS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP 2024-020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,119,056.65; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE **EFFECT** TO RESOLUTION: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-80-BID-Conengineers-GO Bond Buffer Walls.pdf

AR 24R-05-80

**BID RESULTS 2024-020** 

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Golf Barn Wall Plans 2024-01-09

NW 35th Avenue Wall Plans 2024-01-09

Springdale Lakes Wall Exhibit

Commissioner Dunn remarked the \$2.1 million that was a part of a general obligation (GO) bond was substantial; she asked for clarity on the process to ensure small business enterprise (SBE) participation, as 25 percent of \$2.1 million was a great opportunity for local business participation.

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kennis Hobbs affirmed GO bond dollars were being utilized to fund the subject project; part of the request for proposal (RFP) information included the City's SBE Program requirement, so vendors were aware they must participate based on SBE guidelines established by the City of Lauderhill. He noted the City's Purchasing staff would work with the selected vendor to ensure the required percentage for local participation was adhered to.

Commissioner Dunn asked staff, once the contract was finalized, to report to the Commission, as a group, on the final outcome of this particular contract; it would be good to know as a case study. She felt sure Mr. Hobbs's team was developing a process to identify potential subcontractors, and match them accordingly.

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

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

Abstain: 0

8F.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-81: Α RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST: APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-81-JOB-creation-HR Generalist.pdf

AR 24R-05-81

Human Resources Generalist 2024.pdf

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

8G.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-82: Α RESOLUTION OF THE CITY CITY LAUDERHILL COMMISSION OF THE OF **AUTHORIZING** Α FROM ORDER TERRACON CHANGE CONSULTANTS. TO PROVIDE TWO PERCOLATION SOIL TESTS AND REPORTS FOR THE WOLK PARK GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,535.00; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER(S) UTILIZING **GENERAL** OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-82-change order-terracon soil test.pdf

AR 24R-05-82

Terracon Proposal Wolk Park

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

8H.

24R-05-83: A RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NO. **APPROVING** THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 OF STATE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDs (LETF) TO COVER THE INCREASE IN COST TO PURCHASE EUIPMENT TO OUTFIT MEMBERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO THE COUNTYWIDE QUICK RESPONSE FORCE FOR USE BY THE CITY OF POLICE DEPARTMENT; **PROVIDING FOR** LAUDERHILL **PAYMENT** FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 120-683-9935; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER. DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-83-LETF-expenditure-equipment task force.pdf

AR 24R-05-83

Use and Release of Funds from State Law Enforcement Trust Funds

for Equipment

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of

Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

8I.

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-05-84: Α RESOLUTION **APPROVING** THE DONATION OF **FUNDS FROM** THE STATE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$2,000.00; PROVIDING FOR A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO WOMEN IN DISTRESS; PROVIDING FOR A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO BROWARD PROVIDING VICTIM'S RIGHTS COALITION; FOR **BUDGET APPROPRIATION OFFUNDS: PROVIDING** FOR **PAYMENT FROM** BUDGET CODE NUMBER 120-683-9935: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, **DESORAE** GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-05-84-LETF-donation.pdf

AR 24R-05-84

WID and Broward VIctims LETF Request 050624

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)

#### RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-71 WAS TABLED ON APRIL 29, 2024

9.

RESOLUTION 24R-04-71: RESOLUTION NO. Α OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL. FLORIDA GRANTING TO CHRISTOS DOCTORS INN WALK-IN HEALTHCARE, LLC. A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT AN OFFICE, MEDICAL, WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRACTITIONER USE IN A 1,085 SQUARE FEET UNIT WITHIN A 97,800 SQUARE FEET SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BOULEVARD SHOPPES NO 2 BLK 1 LOT 1 THRU LOT 8, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 106, PAGE 37 OF THE OFFICIAL **PUBLIC RECORDS** OF BROWARD COUNTY **MORE** COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4300 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SUITE C100, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-04-71-Special X - Christos Doctors.pdf

AR 24R-04-71

Attachment A- Development Review Report

Attachment B - SEU Conditions Affidavit (SIGNED)

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

City Attorney Rosenberg announced, with elections coming up in August and November 2024, city staff observed various activities going on; one was a political sign posted on the Swap Shop property; such signs were not yet permitted to be posted. She gave a PowerPoint presentation as a quick synopsis of what should and should not happen:

- A \$200.00 nonrefundable cash bond was required prior to posting any political signs, paid at the City's cashier at City Hall; failure to post the cash bond would result in a \$50.00 per day fine
- The two elections were the primaries, and the general election
- There were different deadline dates when candidates were allowed to post signs relating to each election or issue; to post signs for a candidate or issue on the August 20th election ballot, the deadlines for posting political signs were as follows: in residential districts, signs could be posted 90 days prior to the election, which was May 22, 2024; for nonresidential/commercial districts, signs could be posted 60 days prior to the election, which was June 21, 2024; to post signs on private property, candidates or interested parties must obtain permission from the property owner
- For the November 5th General Election candidates or issues on that ballot the deadlines for posing signs were as follows: in residential districts, August 7, 2024; in nonresidential/commercial districts, September 6, 2024; again, candidates must get property owners' permission before posting any signs on private property
- · No signs could be posted on City property, including parks, and rights of way
- No sign could be posted within ten feet of any City of Lauderhill permanent sign
- Improperly posted signs must be removed either by the candidate, the

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property owner, or the City; if the City removed the sign, the cost of removal would be deducted from the cash bond posted

- On the map shown, everything highlighted in red was public/City property on which no signs could be posted; the City Clerk's Office had the map on file, so copies could be sent to anyone upon request accordingly
- All candidates should acquaint themselves with the Florida statutes, so they understood their rules for candidacy, as certain language was allowed, and not allowed on advertisements; for example, candidates could not say they were an incumbent if they were not, nor could they use the word reelect if they never served in the position
- There was a Code of Ethics for Candidates that the City provided to every candidate; it was a requirement that every candidate running for the City of Commission Lauderhill City must sign the City's Code of **Ethics** acknowledgement document, and return it to the City Clerk's Office; a number of candidates have yet to return their signed form to the City Clerk, which meant they were considered past due, as they should have been submitted by February 26, 2024, and upon opening a campaign account; candidates failing to submit the form risked being fined up to \$500.00 per violation per day
- Candidates were urged to remain diligent about the rules, as it was highly likely a candidate's opponent would file a complaint if they discovered this violation.

Vice Mayor L. Martin wondered if the City Clerk could identify candidates whose signed Code of Ethics forms had yet to be submitted to the City Clerk.

City Attorney Rosenberg responded the City Clerk had a list, and she believed the City Clerk sent emailed reminders; so it was not a secret.

Vice Mayor L. Martin asked that the information be made public at the next Commission meeting. He went on to provide the following update:

- Lauderhill Track Club had their end-of-the-year celebration; Commissioner Dunn and he helped pass out medals to the children
- 55+ Walking Program was at St. George Park; the program moved around to various participating city parks; they had people walking in excess of 300 miles over time; the City tracked participants' miles as they walked, then gave out gift cards to those who walked the furthest; he thought one of the walkers in St. George might be over 80 years old
- The St. George community was very active in exercising led by Omar, who worked with the residents to help keep them active
- He attended the Broward County Public Schools repurposing meeting held at Dillard High School; in a recent conversation, Broward Estates Elementary was said to be on the list of schools to be closed due mainly to low enrollment; the latest news he received from Broward County School Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn was those decisions were being pushed back; for now, nothing would be happening in the next school year, giving schools time to pay attention to what was happening, possibly finding ways to improve
- He was a co-host at the Mothers Against Gun Violence Symposium held at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC); there were four mothers, and one father in attendance whose children were victims of gun violence; the turnout was not as great as expected, but the effort was greatly appreciated by those who lost loved ones, giving them a chance to tell their stories, and share

information; Tony Sands, another cohost, was a local athlete from St. Thomas

- He attended the Broward Education Gala Scholarship and Teachers support group; this was a group that gave out money to the community, and supported the City's children; Parkway Middle's students performed at the event, doing an awesome job; a gentleman in attendance ran a school supply store, where teachers could shop free of charge for school supplies for their classrooms; he was working with the gentleman to bring one of his outlets to Lauderhill
- The World Cup Cricket trophy to be awarded to the 2024 winner was now at the cricket stadium; in a month and a half, the World Cup Cricket event would begin, and he anticipated a significantly large crowd; the venue just had new cricket stands installed, and the City could reap the benefit of those stands years after the cricket event
- 2024 Relay for Life Cancer Walk took place at Carter Park the past weekend; he was proud to represent the City of Lauderhill; Lauderdale Lakes, and the City of Fort Lauderdale hosted this walk for a number of years; it was uplifting to see the cancer survivors who turned out, and a great way to celebrate being alive
- The Haitian and Hilarious Comedy Show would take place at the LPAC on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.; he urged everyone to support the event as part of the celebration of Haitian Heritage Month.

Commissioner Dunn noticed a political campaign sign posted in the City of Sunrise near University Drive and NW 44th Street at the 4400 building. She asked how staff was getting information the City Attorney just detailed regarding posting political campaign signs to those outside Lauderhill to ensure they, too, were aware of the City's policies.

City Attorney Rosenberg replied the regulations were a part of the City's code, but the city staff did not monitor every candidate; if a candidate was going to post a sign, it was their responsibility to contact the City to find out the regulations they had to abide by in addition to the State law. She recommended when a sign was observed to be improperly posted, the City should be informed, so staff could contact the candidate to let them know, and give them an opportunity to remove the sign, letting them know about the City's cash bond in order to post such signs in Lauderhill, rather than city staff discarding their sign. She went on to give her update as follows:

- Lauderhill Shines Graduation would take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at St. George Park, at 6:00 p.m.; anyone wishing to celebrate the achievement of the entrepreneurs who completed the program was welcome, as well as the City's elected officials
- On Friday, May 17, 2024, the Leading Ladies Circle would be hosted at the City of Grace Church; the Leading Ladies Circle was chaired by Prophetess Monique Henry; any woman of faith in Lauderhill was welcome to join the Leading Ladies Circle, whose mission was to pray for the City of Lauderhill, and to advocate peace; they were taking a huge role in driving the Lauderhill Peace365 campaign forward; they fellowshipped with other women committed to making the City a safe, healthy, and prosperous community with a faith-based approach
- She was on the Board of Directors for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (LEO); their 2024 conference would take place June 25 through the 27, 2024, in Chicago; her fellow Commissioners would receive

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notice of the event;

- She served on the Board of Women in Municipal Government; their conference would take place July 17 through 19, 2024; the national president was a commissioner in the City of Miramar, and, typically, this conference was hosted in the president's city of residence, but the current president would host the conference at the City of Hollywood Diplomat
- The Florida League of Cities (FLC) Conference would take place on August 15 through 17
- Lauderhill residents wishing to make Lauderhill a safer community should go to the City's website, and type in PEACE365 to take the peace pledge.

Commissioner S. Martin announced a Memorial Day Ceremony would be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024, at Lauderhill Veterans Park; he urged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Grant remarked it had been a very impactful two weeks that showed Lauderhill moving in the right direction, and there were numerous activities taking place. She commented oftentimes it was said being a local government official was a part time job, but it was not. She went on to highlight the following:

- On Saturday, May 18, 2024, a large function would be held at Winning Souls and Charitable Church in celebration of Haitian Flag Day
- FIFA and the United Nations (UN), Under Armour, and Pepsi were bringing a soccer clinic to the City of Lauderhill; FIFA contacted her, and the Parks Department would undertake that initiative; student athletes would do a clinic, as well as training for the coaches; she believed on August 18, 2024, there would be a major event in relation to the soccer clinic; members of Manchester United, and Manchester City, two major United Kingdom (UK) teams would be present, along with FIFA and the UN; they were doing a tour across the U.S., as the 2026 World Cup for soccer would take place in the U.S., so these entities and professional players were visiting Lauderhill as the first stop.

Mayor Thurston mentioned the following:

- Thursday, May 9, 2024, The Lauderhill PD was complimented for holding a great Police Memorial Program; they honored the memory of Sergeant Corey Pendergrass, the first Lauderhill officer to die of COVID 19, which he contracted while on duty
- Thursday, May 9, 2024, there was a Police Benevolent Association event, at which the Officer of the Year was designated for Broward County; the City's nominee was Officer Colon, who represented the City of Lauderhill well
- Friday, May 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. was the Teacher of the Year Appreciation Dinner; it was a free event, but anyone wishing to attend needed to make a reservation by giving his aide a call at 954-777-2040. He noted Lauderhill schools already selected their Teacher of the Year, and they would be honored for the great work they continued to do for the City's children.

#### XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 8:17 PM