

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-03-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, NAMING THE FUTURE PUBLIC PARK TO BE DEVELOPED AT SITE LOCATED AT 4500 NW 21ST STREET THE "M. MARGARET BATES PARK" IN HONOR OF FORMER COMMISSIONER M. MARGARET BATES AND HER DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING HER SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY FOR USE AS A PUBLIC PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE UPON COMPLETION OF PARK CONSTRUCTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR RICHARD CAMPBELL).

WHEREAS, M. Margaret Bates, former commissioner of the City of Lauderhill, was a visionary leader whose tenure on the City Commission was marked by numerous initiatives that strengthened the civic, cultural, and community life of Lauderhill, including the creation of the MLK Taskforce, the City of Lauderhill Trust, the Public Art Board, and the annual Jammin' in the Park Art Fest; and

WHEREAS, through her thoughtful leadership and commitment to community development, Commissioner Bates consistently advocated for initiatives that enhanced quality of life, promoted cultural enrichment, and expanded opportunities for residents and families throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, during her service on the City Commission, Commissioner Bates was actively involved in the City's efforts to acquire approximately 2.5 acres of property located at 4500 NW 21st Street, from Zoe Life Christian Center, Incorporated, for the purpose of establishing a public park, recognizing the importance of preserving land for recreational opportunities and green space for the residents of Lauderhill; and

WHEREAS, her advocacy and support for the acquisition of this property helped advance the City's long-term vision of expanding parks, recreational amenities, and community gathering spaces for families and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it fitting and proper to permanently recognize Commissioner Bates' service, leadership, and role in the acquisition of the property by naming the park located on the former Zoe Life Christian Center property in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby names the public park located at 4500 NW 21st Street, consisting of approximately 2.5 acres formerly owned by Zoe Life Christian Center, Incorporated, the "M. Margaret Bates Park."

Section 2. City Administration is hereby directed, upon completion of construction of the park, to install appropriate signage and place a commemorative plaque in a prominent location recognizing Commissioner M. Margaret Bates and her contributions to the City of Lauderhill, including her leadership in supporting the acquisition of the property and her lasting legacy of public service.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2025.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
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R. CAMPBELL _____
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D. GRANT _____
J. HODGSON _____
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City Attorney