

City of Lauderhill

*City Commission Chambers at City Hall
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Lauderhill, FL, 33313
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Meeting

LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION

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

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

I CALL TO ORDER

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

II ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Kennie Hobbs, Jr., City Manager
Hans Ottinot, City Attorney
Allen Siegel, Deputy 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 Commissioner R. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for January 12, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY GOOD AND WELFARE**IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that the following minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

A. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR MARCH 31, 2025.

Attachments: [March 31, 2025 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

- B. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2025.

Attachments: [September 29, 2025 - City Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

- C. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR DECEMBER 8, 2025.

Attachments: [December 8, 2025 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

V PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS AND KEYS TO THE CITY HONORING DR. MICHAEL DOUGLAS AND DR. WINSTON ALEXIS (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR RICHARD CAMPBELL).
- B. A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORIAM OF JACQUELINE NICOLE MICHEL (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

VI PRESENTATIONS (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. A PRESENTATION FOR LAUDERHILL SHINES COHORT 11 (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).
- B. AN UPDATE FROM MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT ON THE COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE, PUBLIC SAFETY, CITYWIDE ELEVATORS, AND MOVE WITH THE MAYOR (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).
- C. A PRESENTATION ON TENNIS, SWIMMING, AND TUTORING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR RICHARD CAMPBELL).
- D. A PRESENTATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING THE NEW BROWARD COUNTY GIFT LAW (REQUESTED BY CITY ATTORNEY HANS OTTINOT).

RESOLUTIONS TO BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER:

14. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDING THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO DR. MICHAEL DOUGLAS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND SERVICE TO THE CARRIBEAN COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR RICHARD CAMPBELL).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-16 Honoring Dr. Michael Douglas-1-05-26](#)
[AR 26R-01-16](#)

Sam Wilkerson, Lauderhill resident, raised concerns about the proclamations' reference to service to "the Caribbean community," arguing it should reference all residents of Lauderhill, not just one demographic group. Vice Mayor Campbell apologized for the oversight, acknowledging the criticism was valid. City Attorney Ottinot took responsibility for the wording and agreed it should be amended to reference the broader South Florida community. The resolutions were amended accordingly before voting.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that Resolution No. 26R-01-16 be approved and that Resolution No. 26R-01-17 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

Following the vote, Vice Mayor Campbell presented the keys and plaques. Dr. Michael Douglas expressed being humbled and surprised by the honor after 40 years of service, acknowledging his wife Elizabeth who has been by his side for 30 years running the company. Dr. Winston Alexis thanked the commission for satisfying his late father's wishes that he give back to the community, joking that his practice had been "stolen" by his wife and daughter who now run it.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDED THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO DR. WINSTON ALEXIS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND SERVICE TO THE CARRIBEAN COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR RICHARD CAMPBELL).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-17 Honoring Dr. Winston Alexis](#)
[AR 26R-01-17](#)

This item was approved along with item 14. (See Item 14 vote tally).

VII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-05: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SITE PLAN DEVELOPMENT ORDER BY APPROVING SITE PLAN AND WARRANT APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS ALLOWING LAUDERHILL MALL INVESTMENT, LLC, TO DEVELOP TWO NEW FIVE-STORY BUILDINGS AND ONE NEW EIGHT STORY BUILDING WITH A TOTAL OF 233 DWELLING UNITS AND A MINIMUM OF 14,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE ON A 3.23± ACRE SITE IN

IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) ZONING DISTRICT GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF NW 12TH STREET AND WEST OF NW 40TH AVENUE (AKA: NORTH STATE ROAD 7), MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1267 NW 40TH AVENUE, WITHIN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE..

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-05 Lauderhill Mall Apartments - Site plan application](#)

[AR 26R-01-05](#)

[Attachment A - Site Plan Application](#)

[Attachment B - Narrative](#)

[Attachment C - Development Review Report \(DRR\) 23-SP-001 -
Laudhill Apartments](#)

[Attachment D1 - Site Plan](#)

[Attachment D2 - Pedestrian Connectivity Plan](#)

[Attachment D3 - Civil Set](#)

[Attachment E - Public Notice Affidavit](#)

[Attachment F - City Commission Staff Presentation - Lauderhill Mall
Apt \(23-SP-001\)](#)

City Planner Molly Howson presented the site plan application for Lauderhill Mall Apartments, a mixed-use development with two 5-story buildings and one 8-story building totaling 233 dwelling units and 14,186 square feet of commercial space on 3.23 acres. The site consists of three outparcels along the south portion of Lauderhill Mall property.

Attorney Hope Calhoun, representing the applicant, noted that in addition to site plan approval, they were seeking a warrant for reduced glass requirements on the ground floor due to residential use. She confirmed staff support for both requests.

During public comment, Varion Harris, Lauderhill resident, stated that residents within 500 feet received no public notice of the required meeting. Attorney Calhoun responded that a properly noticed meeting was held December 3rd at St. George Park because the Sadkin Center was unavailable.

Mae Smith, Lauderhill resident, asked whether it would be gated with full-time security, about impacts on nearby Joy's business, price ranges, and target demographics. Project representative Chris Collins confirmed the amenity area and portion of parking would be gated with 24/7 security guards and cameras throughout, but did not have pricing information available.

Alan Brown, Lauderhill resident, expressed concerns about gentrification, referencing similar patterns in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, and Harlem. He criticized the project as not being "smart development" and questioned the timing given existing city service needs. He also mentioned commissioners receiving campaign funds from the mall owner before voting on the project, though he clarified he wasn't alleging corruption, just that it "didn't smell right." He emphasized that taxpayers are "the boss" and the commission should listen to

the community rather than dictating to them.

City Manager Kennie Hobbs confirmed that all notification requirements were met, including emails to HOA presidents, letters to residents within 500 feet, property posting, and newspaper advertisement.

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

Yes: 4 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

No: 1 - Commissioner M. Dunn

Abstain: 0

3. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-07: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SITE PLAN DEVELOPMENT ORDER WITH CONDITIONS TO AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO. (AT&T) ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OUTDOOR STORAGE USE IN THE (IL) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT ON A 2.2± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 3760 NW 15 STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-07 ATT - Site plan application](#)

[AR 26R-01-07](#)

[Attachment A - Site Plan Application](#)

[Attachment B - Applicant Narrative](#)

[Attachment C - Development Review Report \(DRR\) 25-SP-003 - 3760 NW 15 Street](#)

[Attachment D - Civil Plan](#)

[Attachment E - Public Notice Affidavit](#)

[Attachment F - City Commission Staff Presentation - American Tel & Tel \(25-SP-003\)](#)

Ms. Howson presented a site plan for AT&T outdoor vehicular storage on 2.2 acres located at 3760 NW 15th Street. The parcel, which lies within a light industrial zoning district, is prepared to undergo development inclusive of paving, striping, curbing, and landscaping works. This site is specifically designated for the storage of AT&T fleet vehicles and will feature measures such as extensive security enhancements, including perimeter walls, 24-hour security cameras, and comprehensive landscaping to obstruct views into the site.

Vice Mayor Campbell sought clarification regarding the project's potential impact on the proposed extension of the 30th Avenue corridor and the prospective road development aligned with it. In response, Ms. Howson reassured that the AT&T project would not adversely affect any planned roadway improvements in the area. Additionally, the Le Parc development, which is adjacent to the AT&T site,

is responsible for spearheading road enhancements that align with the larger redevelopment plan.

Furthermore, when Vice Mayor Campbell queried about the possibility of vehicle servicing taking place on the premises, Ms. Howson emphatically confirmed there would be no on-site vehicle servicing or washing, as the location's purpose strictly revolves around vehicle storage.

Mae Smith, Lauderhill resident, raised questions concerning the necessity for special exception approval within an industrial district. She voiced concerns about the potential installment of telecommunications towers in the future. Ms. Howson clarified that special exceptions are employed strategically by the city to impose particular conditions aimed at mitigating any potential adverse impacts inherent to certain uses. This provides a layer of oversight that is not otherwise available for permitted uses. Ms. Howson assured that if there was ever a plan to erect any towers in the future, a separate site plan approval process would ensue, ensuring full vetting and giving the public added assurance.

City Manager Kennie Hobbs recommended approval of the application, emphasizing the strategic alignment of the project with the area's zoning regulations and planned infrastructural developments.

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

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

Abstain: 0

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, that this Consent Agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Commissioner J. Hodgson, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor D. Grant

Abstain: 0

Off Dais: 1 - Vice Mayor R. Campbell

2. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-06: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE DECLARATION OF UNITY OF TITLE AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 25512, PAGE 342 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR PROPERTY ZONED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (IL) AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AT A.T.&T. NO.1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 127, PAGE 18 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD

COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FURTHER AMENDED BY CITY OF LAUDERHILL RESOLUTION NO. 05R-09-333, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 41213, PAGE 630 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REMOVING THE 2.20+/- ACRE TRACT 2 FROM THE DECLARATION OF UNITY OF TITLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-06 City of Lauderhill Resolution to amend Unity of Title for Tract 2 - 1340 NW 40th Ave.\(35548243.1\)](#)
[AR 26R-01-06](#)

[Attachment A - Letter from Applicant](#)

[Attachment B - Recent Amendment to the Unity of Title \(Resolution 05R-09-333\)](#)

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 25R-11-225: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 02R-08-139 TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS FOR A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS; APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS MEMBERS, BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 421, TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE LAUDERHILL HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR THE TERMS PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 25R-11-225 LHA Board Appts](#)

[AR 25R-11-225](#)

[Housing Authority Commission List](#)

[Porter, Arlene - LHA Application](#)

[Ruiz Narcia, Simone - LHA Application](#)

[Joseph, Anthony - LHA Application](#)

[Blount, Pamela - LHA Board Application](#)

[Cuyler, Charles - LHA Application](#)

[RES 02R-08-139](#)

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH EMPIRE OFFICE, BASED ON A PIGGYBACK OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA ALTERNATE CONTRACT SOURCE NUMBER 56120000-24-NY-ACS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF

FURNITURE AT THE LAUDERHILL POLICE STATION; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$537,000; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO THE APPROPRIATE PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT AND TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-01 Empire PD Furniture- Piggyback FL Contract 56120000-24-NY-ACS](#)
[AR 26R-01-01](#)
[Agenda Request Memo- Empire PD Furniture- Piggyback FL Contract 56120000-24-NY-ACS](#)
[Contract No. 56120000-24-NY-ACS Steelcase, Inc.](#)
[Quotes- Empire Office PD Furniture](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SUBGRANT FOR HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,000.00 TO REDUCE SPEEDING AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING CRASHES THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION, ENGAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SC-2026-00397 SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ANY MATCHING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-02 Accepting Subgrant FDOT](#)
[AR 26R-01-02](#)
[Subgrant Agreement](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 25R-05-94, WHICH APPROVED THE PIGGYBACK OF BROWARD COUNTY CONTRACT NO. BLD2128987B1, AWARDED TO HYDROMAX USA LLC AND WSD CONTRACTING FOR FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES, TO INCLUDE THE TERM "ANNUALLY" IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$200,000; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY

MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-03 amending piggyback agreement resolution](#)
[AR 26R-01-03](#)
[Agenda Request Memo- Amend Resolution 25R-05-94 Not to Exceed \\$200,000 Annually](#)
[RES 25R-05-94 Bid - Piggyback - Fire Hydrant Maintenance](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER IN FUNDING WITH CPH, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,650.00 FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES ON THE LAUDERHILL SEWER LINING PROJECT AS FUNDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY WITH AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-08 Change Order 27K sewer lining project](#)
[AR 26R-01-08](#)
[1. CPH Inc Original Purchase Oder No. 26700](#)
[2. Herb Request for Budget Reallocation for CPH.pdf](#)
[3. DEO Approval 4 Budger Reallocation for CPH.pdf](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COURTNIIE WRIGHT TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CONFIDENTIAL & MANAGERIAL (SENIOR MANAGEMENT) PENSION BOARD FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, TO EXPIRE JANUARY 2030; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-10 Appointing Courtnie Wright to Confidential Managerial Board](#)
[AR 26R-01-10](#)
[Confidential and Managerial Pension Board List](#)
[Courtne Wright Resume 2026](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-13: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ENACTMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION ENTITLED "THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT" AND "FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT"; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA DUNN).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-13 Supporting John Lewis Voting Rights Act-1-5-26](#)
[AR 26R-01-13](#)

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

15B.

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-19: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LEGAL INSTRUMENT, AS APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, WITH 2500 INVERARRY CLUB APARTMENTS / UNITED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF A POLICE SUBSTATION, OR WORKSTATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [Res. No. 25R-01-19.pdf](#)
[AR Res. No. 26-01-19](#)
[MOU Police Workstation at 2500-UPM_12 2025.docx](#)

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

IX RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF A STORMWATER SYSTEM STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF KENTUCKY AVENUE WITH BROWARD BOULEVARD PROCEEDING NORTH ALONG NW 35TH AVENUE AND ENDING AT THE NEW RIVER C-12 CANAL; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE EASEMENT AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-04 Interlocal with Ft. Lauderdale Stormwater Management](#)
[AR 26R-01-04](#)

[Interlocal Agreement with City of Lauderhill Stormwater System Kentucky Ave to NW 35 Ave](#)
[Exhibit 5 - Public Drainage Easement](#)
[LAUDERHILL 50FT Sheet Binder](#)

[ILA City of Lauderhill Stormwater System Kentucky Ave to NW 35 Ave FINAL 1.5.26](#)

Sam Wilkerson, Lauderhill resident, asked why Lauderhill must partner with Fort Lauderdale for stormwater system maintenance expenses.

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Sean Henderson explained the agreement simply gives Fort Lauderdale right-of-way access to maintain the canal on Lauderhill property.

Mae Smith, Lauderhill resident, inquired about impacts on homeowners from work between Broward Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard.

Varion Harris, Lauderhill resident, expressed concern that the project, connected to Melrose flooding issues, would bring more water flow from Melrose Park into Lauderhill, potentially creating flood issues if water release to the canal is restricted.

City Engineer J. Martin Cala clarified that this involves an existing pipe connection from before annexation. Fort Lauderdale's drainage has always flowed through this pipe to the C-12 canal, but it frequently clogs, causing Melrose flooding. The agreement simply allows Fort Lauderdale to access a manhole north of Broward Boulevard to clean debris from their section of the pipe. No new water flow is being added, and there would be minimal impact beyond occasional traffic management for vacuum trucks.

Vice Mayor Campbell confirmed this maintains existing infrastructure that benefits both cities, with Fort Lauderdale bearing all maintenance costs.

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

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

Abstain: 0

11. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES INSTITUTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTHERN CITIES ECONOMIC INITIATIVE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ANY

RELATED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-12 NLC SCEI MOU Resolution zdw 12-15-25.doc](#)

[AR 26R-01-12](#)

[NLC SCEI MOU- Lauderhill FL .pdf](#)

[Final SCEI Business Plan - Build and Bloom.pdf](#)

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Zach Davis-Walker presented the National League of Cities Southern Economic Initiative grant for \$52,500. The grant will help scale economic development functions by addressing gaps identified through focus groups with small businesses. Staff conducted required focus groups in September with 30 businesses, finding top needs were funding access, government contracting, marketing/branding, partnerships, and financial management. Notable findings included that 85% of participants missed programs due to lack of awareness, 62% preferred hybrid learning models, and 79% preferred evening programming.

Commissioner Dunn acknowledged that while she initiated the application through LHPP, the Economic Development team, particularly Economic Development Coordinator Renee Thrasher, brought it to completion. She noted the grant would open doors for additional funding and create relationships with institutions like the Federal Reserve Bank. She expressed interest in how the new incubator program would collaborate with existing programs like Lauderhill Shines to avoid duplication while building on established foundations.

Mr. Davis-Walker explained that the first phase involves designing program guidelines aligned with the strategic plan, with close coordination anticipated between all city programs.

City Manager Hobbs emphasized that the goal is collaboration and leverage, making resources available to all businesses without excluding anyone. He acknowledged the Economic Development staff's effort in completing the application within just 2-3 days. He expressed openness to collaboration while ensuring broad availability to all businesses.

Vice Mayor Campbell expressed discomfort with revisiting directions that proved not in the city's interest, referencing past experiences with entities that benefited from city relationships before disappearing. He stated concern about positioning the city back into situations previously found problematic.

Mae Smith, Lauderhill resident, praised two programs in the application but questioned effectiveness, noting she still can't eat in the city due to restaurants with dirty conditions. She emphasized the need to ensure businesses receiving investment stay in Lauderhill with written accountability measures.

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

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

Abstain: 0

13. RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN TO ADDRESS CRIME IN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE NECESSARY PUBLIC SAFETY CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN; REQUIRING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES TO THE CITY COMMISSION REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN AND FURTHER REQUIRING THE COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO ASSIST THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-15 Authorizing the Creation of Comprehensive Public Safety Plan-1-5-26](#)
[AR 26R-01-15](#)

Mayor Grant explained the comprehensive public safety plan initiative she had advanced since last year, citing five holiday shootings and the need for measurable success despite the police department doing a fantastic job. She referenced successful comprehensive plans from other cities, particularly Baltimore, which saw crime decrease after implementation. The plan would encompass all departments, not just police, addressing root causes of crime.

City Manager Hobbs detailed ongoing departmental meetings over several months involving police, public works, code enforcement, and strategic planning teams. He emphasized the socioeconomic factors beyond criminal intent affecting public safety, including physical environment. The plan would involve third-party consultation, produce a single living document for public discussion, and provide periodic updates.

Deputy Police Chief Allen Siegel, representing Chief Constance Stanley who was on vacation, welcomed an unbiased independent review similar to their triannual accreditation process. He acknowledged always having room for improvement after 14 years with the department. He emphasized that crime fighting requires more than just police - other city services must address issues in an organized, citywide perspective.

Deputy Chief Siegel presented five-year crime statistics based on fiscal year data: FY21 to FY22 showed 3.1% reduction; FY22 to FY23 showed 8% reduction; FY23 to FY24 showed an increase due to the national Kia/Hyundai

theft trend, which the department addressed proactively with community education, steering wheel locks, and a grant-funded decoy car with monitoring technology; FY24 to FY25 showed 15.5% overall reduction, with 15.7% reduction in property crimes and 15.2% reduction in person crimes. Comparing FY21 to FY25 directly showed 22.4% overall crime reduction. He emphasized that increased traffic tickets and arrests, reported weekly, demonstrate officer activity. However, he acknowledged that changing public perception requires the entire village's involvement, as Lauderhill's perception remains worse than its reality.

Commissioner Dunn requested preliminary data and emphasized examining root causes including poverty and social determinants of health, not just internal policing factors. She wanted assurance the consultant would take a comprehensive approach examining external forces.

Vice Mayor Campbell philosophized about the importance of continuous self-assessment, stating that satisfaction with current performance leads to failure. He characterized seeking outside consultation as a sign of strength, not weakness, noting that unbiased external perspectives free from past cultural influences can provide valuable insights for any department.

Commissioner Hodgson, a former police officer, expressed satisfaction with the presentation. Commissioner Martin, from a police family, supported the comprehensive initiative involving all departments. He also discussed exploring options to reduce rental rates through business licensing requirements, potentially restricting rental licenses for one year after purchase to reduce investors.

Mae Smith, Lauderhill resident, expressed concern about the resolution's emphasis on "city manager or designee" rather than specifically naming the police chief and department. She worried about ensuring police leadership would be heavily involved at the table. She shared past negative experiences with Lauderhill police that have since improved dramatically. She suggested implementing background checks for new residents similar to condominium associations, allowing police to monitor those with criminal histories. She emphasized the police chief must be the "designee" in the task force plan.

City Manager Hobbs assured that extensive conversations had already occurred with the police chief and deputy chiefs, even during the chief's vacation. He clarified "designee" refers to him potentially delegating leadership to another executive, not excluding police. The police department would be integral to the public safety document, with the chief and staff working closely with consultants. The plan would include community involvement and resident feedback, following models that included public participation.

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

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

Abstain: 0

- 15A.** RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BROWARD FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSEOUT OF A GRANT AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE LAUDERHILL HEALTH AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-18 Community Foundation Closeout 1-5-26](#)

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[AR 26R-01-18](#)

[Edited Community Foundation Closeout MOU SBG 12-30-25.pdf zdw.pdf](#)

[CFB Budget Expenses 12-31-2025 edit \(Lauderhill\)](#)

[Memo - Grant Closeout](#)

Deputy City Manager Henderson presented the administrative closeout of the Community Foundation of Broward grant. The original \$350,000 grant acquired in June 2023 and expiring June 2025 would be closed out with funds returned, allowing reapplication for the same initiatives. He emphasized the importance of maintaining relationships and praised grants staff for continuing hub programs at Inverness Village and Lauderhill Pointe. The city plans to reapply in four categories: social and economic mobility, arts and culture, education and youth enrichment, and healthy thriving communities.

Commissioner Dunn questioned line 8 showing "medical collateral \$20,000," which Mr. Henderson confirmed was a typo that should read "printing and marketing materials."

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

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

Abstain: 0

- 16.** RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO THE LAUDERHILL POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2029, SAID PERSON TO SERVE IN PLACE OF THE PREVIOUS

SELECTION OF DON GIANCOLI WHO IS INELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD PER FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 185.05(1)(A); PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES 26R-01-11 appointment to Police Retirement Trust Fund](#)

[AR 26R-01-11](#)

[Yolan Todd - Resume 2026](#)

[RES 25R-11-210 Appoint Giancoli and Anderson Police Pension Board](#)

This resolution appointed a new member to the Lauderhill Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund Board of Trustees. Yolan Todd was confirmed as the appointee to serve a four-year term expiring November 2029, replacing Don Giancoli who was ineligible to serve.

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

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

Abstain: 0

X ORDINANCES & PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST READING (AS ADVERTISED IN THE SUN-SENTINEL)

17. ORDINANCE NO. 26O-01-100: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,777,284; REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, KENNIE HOBBS, JR.).

Attachments: [ORD 26O-01-100 supplemental appropriation FY Dec 2026](#)

[AR 26O-01-100](#)

[Supplemental](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Martin, seconded by Commissioner J. Hodgson, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 1/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 0

XI ORDINANCES & PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING (AS ADVERTISED IN THE SUN-SENTINEL)

XII UNFINISHED BUSINESS**XIII OLD BUSINESS****XIV NEW BUSINESS****XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT**

City Attorney Ottinot had no comments.

Commissioner Hodgson thanked everyone who participated in the Saturday cleanup despite cold weather and those who supported Haitian independence celebrations.

Commissioner Dunn announced the formal kickoff of her "Get Active Lauderhill" campaign on January 31st at Ilene Lieberman Park. The 60-day program encourages residents to eat better, move more, and care for their well-being through community events, health coaching, and accountability, concluding with a 5K. Registration is available at lauderhill-fl.gov/getactive.

Commissioner Martin wished everyone happy holidays and New Year.

Vice Mayor Campbell announced the annual youth tennis classic beginning January 15th, which has provided scholarships for 17 years. Hurricane relief donations will be collected for Falmouth, Lauderhill's sister city in Jamaica. A youth soccer clinic will be held on Sunday, January 18th from 2:00-4:00 PM, with finals at 5:00 PM. All events are free family activities.

City Manager Hobbs announced the annual Martin Luther King Day event on Saturday with a spelling bee in the morning and dinner presentation at 7:00 PM featuring Dr. Cornel West and Dr. Ilyasah Shabazz (Malcolm X's daughter). General admission tickets remain available.

Mayor Grant wished everyone Happy New Year.

XV ADJOURNMENT - 10:14 PM