

# City of Lauderhill

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Monday, January 8, 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 6:08 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:**

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

The meeting went into recess at 6:08 PM and reconvened at 6:30 PM.

**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**

**A.** A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DONNA FARANDA (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**HOUSEKEEPING**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for January 8, 2024 and to move presentation A, Recognizing the Lauderhill Broncos, to the first item on the agenda. 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 CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner D. Grant, seconded by Vice Mayor L. Martin, 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

**IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A.** MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR OCTOBER 16, 2023.

**Attachments:** [October 16, 2023 - Special City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

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

**B.** MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR DECEMBER 11, 2023.

**Attachments:** [December 11, 2023 - Special City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

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

**C.** MINUTES FOR THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR DECEMBER 11, 2023.

**Attachments:** [December 11, 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 JANUARY 23, 2024 MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

**B.** A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 2024 AS MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

**VI SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

**A.** A PRESENTATION ON THE CORRELATION BETWEEN SPORTS AND MENTAL WELLNESS CONCERNING STUDENT ATHLETES (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

**VII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

**A.** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE GRAND CHAMPION

LAUDERHILL BRONCOS SQUADS (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

**Attachments:** [Presentation A - Lauderhill Lady Broncos \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

- B. A PRESENTATION OF THE JANUARY 2024 HOME OF THE MONTH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

**Attachments:** [Presentation B - Home of the month-Janaury \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-01-100: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REAL ESTATE PRE-DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND LE PARC AT LAUDERHILL, LLC, providing for development incentives in the form of tax reimbursements FOR THE PROPOSED development OF UP TO 358 multi-family HOUSING UNITS COMPRISED OF SIX (6) THREE STORY GARDEN APARTMENTS AND TWO (2) UP TO EIGHT STORY MID RISE APARTMENTS, at APPROXIMATELY 36 UNITS PER ACRE ON A 9.93+ ACRE SITE IN THE RM-40 ZONING DISTRICT LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS AT&T NO. 1 127-18 B TRACT 1 RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 127, PAGE 18 OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF bROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3831 NW 13th St, lauderhill, florida; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [ORD-24O-01-100-CC-Le Parc Development Agreement FINAL 2024.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-01-100](#)

[Amendment Dev Agreement FINAL-LeParc 1-9-24.pdf](#)

[Ex A\\_RES 19R-04-67 Original Development Agreement with LeParc at Lauderhill LLC.pdf](#)

[Ex B\\_RES 22R-07-152 Addendum to Real Estate Development Agreement with Le Parc at Lauderhill.pdf](#)

[Ex C ROW Docs](#)

[Ex D\\_Le Parc Formulary.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 01/29/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

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

## X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE ELECTION OF BRAD MITCHELL TO SERVE AS AN EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT TRUST FUND BOARD FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 2028; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-01-Brd-Police Pension Election-Mitchell 24.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-01](#)  
[Police Retirement Trust Fund Board List](#)  
[NOTICE OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION RESULTS 11-29-2023](#)

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

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING MICHELLE PINDER BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TERM THAT SHALL EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-02-Brd-P&Z comm whole 2024 name filled in.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-02](#)  
[Planning and Zoning Board List](#)  
[Smith, Bakari - P&Z Board Application](#)  
[Pinder, Michelle - P&Z Board Application](#)  
[RESUMES ON FILE](#)

Commissioner Grant remarked Ms. Pinder expressed an interest in being reappointed to the subject board, asking her colleagues to consider reappointing her; Ms. Pinder was not present, as she had a prior engagement.

Vice Mayor L. Martin echoed Commissioner Grant’s recommendation, asking staff to contact Bakari Smith, the other applicant, and encourage him to consider serving on another City advisory board, as his credentials showed that he would be a credit to any of the City’s advisory board.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, 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

- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL TAUSSIG TO SERVE AS THE FIFTH MEMBER APPOINTMENT BY THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS TO EXPIRE AUGUST 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-03-BRD-Fire Pension Approve Brd Appt 2024 FINAL.pdf](#)
- [AR 24R-01-03](#)
- [Firefighters Pension Board List](#)
- [11-14-23 Firefighters Pension Board Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- 5. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF TANISHA STEWART AS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE, DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE AT SUCCESSIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS; APPOINTING SHAMESHIA L. BROWN BY THE CITY COMMISSION AS A WHOLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-04-Brd-local housing removal & appt as whole 2024 name filled i.pdf](#)
- [AR 24R-01-04](#)
- [Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee List](#)
- [LAHAC Attendace 2022-2024](#)
- [Brown, Shameshia - LAHAC Application](#)
- [RESUMES ON FILE](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, 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

- 6. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-05: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF PETER LYBRAND AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, HAVING BEEN APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE, DUE TO THE BOARD MEMBER NO LONGER BEING A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THEREFORE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF

THE BOARD;' PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-05-Brd-Code-removal of alternate-residency.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-05](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-06: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING CORENA WIGGINS AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FOUR (4) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2024 WHICH WOULD BE CONCURRENT WITH THE MAYOR'S SEAT; APPOINTING JANICE DIAS BY THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-06-BRD-Young Professional Advisory 2024 Board-Mayor appt & Comm as Whole name filled in.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-06](#)  
[Young Professional Advisory Board List](#)  
[Wiggins, Corena - YPAB Application](#)  
[Dias, Jance - YPAB Application](#)  
[RESUMES ON FILE](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, 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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-07: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDED ANNUAL CALENDAR OF CITY HOSTED SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-07-Calendar-City Hosted Events 4th Amended 2024.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-07](#)  
[Updated Commissioner Events \(Fourth\)](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-08: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN VERMELL JOHNSON-BROWN AND THE

CITY OF LAUDERHILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,500.00 AS SETTLEMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-08-SETT-AGT-Johnson-Brown.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-01-08](#)

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

- 10.** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND HARMONY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. TO PROVIDE AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING IN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PARKS DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [REVISED RES-24R-01-09-MOU-Harmony.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-01-09](#)

[City of Lauderhill MOU Harmony FINAL 1-2-24.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, 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

- 11.** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM PREVIOUSLY COMMISSION-APPROVED QUALIFIED CONSULTANT, BCC ENGINEERING, LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$83,500.70 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DESIGN THE DRAINAGE PLANS AND BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS EAST OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE (BASIN C) TO MITIGATE FLOODING PROBLEMS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 450-925-06951; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-10-Proposal-BCC Engineering-Turnpike drainage.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-10](#)  
[BCC Proposal - Basin B Drainage Imp E. of TPK\\_R1 \(002\)](#)  
[Survey](#)

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

- 11A.** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-13: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A COMMERCIAL ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SPECIAL EVENT PILOT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OWNERS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT THE ABILITY TO HOST ONE (1) OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT PER WEEK DURING THE PILOT PROGRAM PERIOD; PROVIDING THAT THE PILOT PROGRAM WOULD BE FOR A SIX (6) MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; PROVIDING DETAILS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-13-Pilot Program-CAE District.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-13](#)

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

- 11B.** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 267 WHICH SEEKS TO SIGNIFICANTLY ERODE HOME RULE POWERS AND IMPOSES UNREASONABLE TIME FRAMES FOR BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR, LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-14-Oppose HB 267 - APR.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-14](#)  
[HB 267 Text.pdf](#)

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

- 11C.** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA OPPOSING A NUMBER OF PROPOSED BILLS BEFORE THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE WHICH SEEK TO INCREASE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM \$50,000 TO \$75,000 WHICH WOULD REDUCE

THE OVERALL COLLECTIBLE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS BY THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND WHICH WOULD ULTIMATELY RESULT IN THE NEED TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE; IMPLORING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE ANY SIMILAR LEGISLATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR, LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-15-Opposition to Homestead -L Martin.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-15](#)

Commissioner Grant sought clarification on the language: ... result in the need to increase the tax rate, adding she did some research, and the resolution appeared to be a great initiative.

Vice Mayor L. Martin commented, from his perspective, and in speaking with various state representatives and other individuals, his biggest concern was the manner in which the bill was pushed out without any local vetting. He understood the intent was to give a tax reduction for residents and businesses at the local level, but the other side of the coin was, removing any of the City's tax revenue in this manner meant the funding the City needed to continue providing expected services to residents and businesses, including emergency services, recreational facilities and programs, etc. would have to come from another source, usually via raising taxes. He saw the subject action by the State as another instance of trying to reduce home rule that allowed local governments to make decisions based on the needs of the residents and businesses they were charged with serving. Enforcing such sweeping legislation was unfair to smaller municipalities such as Lauderhill, which would be affected differently than larger cities, such as Plantation, Fort Lauderdale, etc. Vice Mayor L. Martin said the City was finally progressing to the point of attracting new development/redevelopment, along with creating other revenue streams to offset the burden on its taxpayers, but taking a large chunk of City revenue in one motion would have adverse effects on the City as a whole. He doubted State legislators were taking such outcomes into consideration and there were other avenues they could choose to give residents and businesses a tax break that would not adversely affect the budgets of local government entities. Such legislation could result in the City having to make reductions, for example, lose ten police positions, lessen park hours, reduce City staffing, etc.; anything city related had to be examined to see where reductions had to be made rather than raise taxes, and such reductions would likely result in decreases in city services. Vice Mayor L. Martin guaranteed that if the subject bill passed, the City's millage rate would have to increase.

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kennie Hobbs affirmed the City provided a certain level of service paid for with revenue gathered from a variety of sources, including property taxes. If State legislation further granted some residents additional homestead exemption, with some residents already paying no ad valorem taxes at all, revenue was still needed to pay for city services all residents and businesses expected, so the City had to find revenue to cover the cost of those services, resulting in the burden of that cost being spread over a

smaller number of taxpayers. If the millage rate was not raised to compensate for the loss of revenue, the only other option left to the City would be to reduce levels of service.

City Attorney Rosenberg said the State Legislature's Ways and Means Committee was looking at three versions of the subject bill, and one was even riskier, as it was not only advocating an increase in the homestead exemption, but recommended, in years going forward, to tie it into the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This would result in a very arbitrary equation, as those numbers could fluctuate greatly.

Commissioner Dunn opined this was why it was important to pay attention to what was happening in Tallahassee. She believed sometimes these bills were created to benefit certain communities, usually ones with a higher income bracket than Lauderhill's; she said they should legislate in their own communities, and not advocate for changes that could adversely affect other communities the creators of the bills were ignorant of. Local governments should control local policies, so she was grateful to Vice Mayor L. Martin for bringing the subject resolution forward to the Commission, but she wished to see a call to action for residents, urging the latter to pay attention to what the State Legislature was doing in Tallahassee. If the subject resolution passed, then homeowners' associations (HOA) should contact State representatives to stress to them that the subject bill would be bad for the City of Lauderhill, not just those that represented Lauderhill, but those who were more inclined to push such legislation.

Vice Mayor L. Martin mentioned House Representative Campbell was on the Ways & Means Committee, and he came to Lauderhill, and spoke at HOA meetings, so the HOAs had his contact information; they should contact him to voice their concern about the adverse effects on the Lauderhill community if the subject bill passed.

City Manager Giles-Smith remarked the State was really looking at the bill, and Lauderhill's taxpayers should contact them to suggest they lower state taxes, so they would have a better understanding of how such decisions that affected their pocketbook.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, 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

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

- 12.** RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING TO HEALTH HOLDINGS COMPANY, LLC D/B/A PALM MEDICAL CENTERS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO

CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG), ZONING DISTRICT AN OFFICE, MEDICAL WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROVIDER, USE IN A 1,500 SQUARE FEET UNIT WITHIN A +/- 10,347 SQUARE FEET SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 6 OF CITY SHOPPES PLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 107 PAGE 44 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7351 W. OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-11-Special X - Medical Provider-Health Holdings-Palm Medical Centers.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-11](#)  
[23-SE-010 DRR-Health Holiday Holdings SE.pdf](#)  
[Attachment A SEU Application-Health Holdings.pdf](#)  
[Attachment B Floor Plan-Health Holdings.pdf](#)  
[Attachment C - Executed SEU Conditions Affidavit](#)  
[Attachment D Inventory of equipment-Health Holdings.pdf](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-01-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING TO GUIDEWELL SANITAS I, 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 PROVIDER, USE IN A 9,800 SQUARE FEET UNIT WITHIN A +/- 189,639 SQUARE FEET SITE AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7342 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD., LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-01-12-REVISED-Special X - Medical Provider-Guidewell Sanitas.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-01-12](#)  
[23-SE-011 Development Review Report \(DRR\)](#)  
[Attachment A SEU Application](#)  
[Attachment B Floor Plan](#)  
[Attachment C - Executed Affidavit of Conditions](#)  
[Attachment D Inventory of equipment](#)  
[23-SE-011 Advertising Request \(AR\)](#)

**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 said, formerly, municipal elected officials only had to file a Form 1, Limited Financial Disclosure, when serving as a local government elected official. Recently, amendments were made to modify that to change the level of public disclosure required of local elected officials, who were now required to file a Form 6, a much more intrusive, detailed financial reporting. She said a number of local elected officials expressed concerns, filed complaints, and some even resigned, and as the rule applied to candidates running for local government elections, it led to some declining to run, or even applying to run. The City was contacted by law firm Weiss Serota that frequently handled class action lawsuits brought against various agencies and institutions, as they proposed filing a class action lawsuit to challenge the requirement of a Form 6 for municipal officials. She was bringing the matter to the City Commission's attention to discover if they were interested in participating in the class action lawsuit; Weiss Serota's representation was a flat rate of \$10,000.00 per local government, but they were unsure, at present, how many cities would be willing to participate. Members of the Commission could think on the matter and inform her of their thoughts, and she would continue to follow the matter to see how many other local governments were willing to join the proposed class action lawsuit.

Vice Mayor L. Martin responded that he had a number of questions on the proposed class action lawsuit, so it might be useful to workshop the matter; he asked if taxpayer dollars would be used to pay Weiss Serota.

City Attorney Rosenberg answered yes, the funds would come from those budgeted to protect elected officials and candidates running for city office.

Vice Mayor L. Martin questioned which other elected officials had to file Form 6.

City Attorney Rosenberg replied county and state elected officials.

Vice Mayor L. Martin went on to update the Commission, and Lauderhill public, highlighting the following:

- The event to light the Menorah and other seasonal displays took place
- The Fire Department held their awards recognition events; it was always good to support first responders
- An event to distribute teddy bears was held, along with other Christmas

events, such as the St. George/Broward Estates party where there was good food

- Soccer CEO, U.S. Cricket was in town ahead of the upcoming Cricket World Cup events
- If residents/businesses did nothing else in their community, they should go out and visit seniors; there were numerous assisted living facilities (ALF) in Lauderhill, and the senior residents were always happy to see outside visitors who just came to say hello
- He wished everyone happy holidays and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Dunn updated the Commission and Lauderhill public on the following:

- Applications for Lauderhill Shines Cohort 8 were now open; on January 17, 2024, there would be an info session; interested persons could register to attend at [lauderhill-fl.gov/shines](http://lauderhill-fl.gov/shines); attendees would hear information on a wide variety of things, from starting a business, marketing, to how to secure government contracts
- On January 23, 2024, the Faith-based Business Summit would take place at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC); the focus of the event was to help build capacity by providing information on funding, and different ways to grow their ministry to facilitate them doing more in the community; the goal was to invest in churches, so they could, in turn, invest in the Lauderhill community
- On January 27, 2024, the First Annual Haitian Independence Celebration would be held outside the City Hall complex; there would be lots of Haitian food, music, arts, and culture, as well as opportunities to connect, and celebrate the beauty of Haitian culture
- On the coming Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sadkin Center, a promotion ceremony for the Hibiscus Girls would take place, at which scholarships would be awarded. Girls who were in the program for the last two years would be promoted to the red and yellow hibiscus levels, and a new group of girls would be inducted at the pink hibiscus level; the Lauderhill community was invited to attend to support the girls; they were looking for mentors, and one of the girls with aspirations to be a pharmacist needed a mentor, asking if anyone knew of a black female pharmacist in Lauderhill or the surrounding cities to send her their contact information.

Commissioner S. Martin wished everyone a Happy New Year, noting in 2024 they would again kick off their Barbeque Community Fun Day at Inverrary Gardens on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.; all his colleagues, and members of the Lauderhill public were welcome to attend.

City Manager Giles-Smith sent condolences to former city manager, Charles Faranda and his family on the loss of his amazing and accomplished wife, Donna Faranda; she would be sorely missed. She wished to send them prayers and love from the Lauderhill City administration. The LPAC's Broadway Series would soon commence: on January 11 to February 2, 2024, A Chorus Line; February 14, to March 3, 2024, Memphis; and Hello Dolly from April 4 through 21st, 2024; tickets were still available but limited, so anyone interested in attending should secure their tickets as soon as possible. On February 3, 2024, the City's MLK concert would take place at the LPAC, featuring Lenora

Jaye, The Old Skool Gang, Hal Anthony, Shirley Murdock, and Tony! Toni! Tone! It should be a great celebration for all, so everyone should secure their tickets. The Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 13, 1913, on the Howard University campus in Washington, D.C., by 22 dynamic women; these courageous scholars wished to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence, to provide scholarships, provide support to the underserved, to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive, public policy, and to highlight issues, and provide solutions for their problems in their communities. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was a nonprofit organization, whose purpose was to provide assistance through established programs, and local communities throughout the world. The sorority was currently a sisterhood of more than 350,000 predominantly black, college-educated women, as well as 1,000 chapters located in the U.S., England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea. She said there were many Deltas living in Lauderhill, such as Stephenie Whitfield, an accountant, and member of the City's Public Art Board; Yvonne Green, a retired educator; Germain Smith-Baugh, president and CEO of the Urban League; Alfreda Coward, attorney, and former president of the Broward County Chapter; Kimberley Coward, attorney, and captain in the U.S. Airforce JAG Office; Cynthia Borders-Byrd, CBA Accounting; Andrea Brannan, accountant; and former commissioner, M. Margaret Bates, to name a few. She wished happy 111th Founders Day to the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Mayor Thurston invited everyone to the next Jazz Picnic in the Park at the Ilene Lieberman Botanical Gardens the coming Sunday, January 14, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone should come out and bring their lawn chairs, sandwiches, and nonalcoholic beverages, and have a good time listening to good live music. Regarding the Form 6 matter, he supported taking action to oppose its implementation, as existing elected officials ran for office without knowing they would be required to fill out a Form 6. Thus, if the Form 6 requirement was going to remain in place, it should only apply to existing elected officials when they completed their term, and sought reelection; there were very intrusive questions asked about the individual, their spouse, etc. that had to be put on the form. He believed if enough cities agreed to join the class action lawsuit opposing the Form 6, it could lead to the flat fee being lowered.

City Attorney Rosenberg indicated she would put the matter for discussion on the upcoming City retreat's agenda, and by that time she should have gathered more information to give the Commission.

Mayor Thurston remarked it was another example of legislation without representation; there were already insufficient people running for public office, and requiring a Form 6 at the local elected official level would push even more people away from running.

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