

City of Lauderhill

*City Commission Chambers at City Hall
5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, December 11, 2023

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 6:00 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

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

IV ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 6:30 PM)

I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY GOOD AND WELFARE

HOUSEKEEPING

A motion was made by Commissioner D. Grant, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for December 11, 2023. 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 Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, 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 CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2023.

Attachments: [November 27, 2023 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

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

V PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

VI SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

VII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

- A. A PRESENTATION FROM LAUDERHILL YOUTH DELEGATES TO NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

- B. ITEM REMOVED

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

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

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 23O-11-138: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) ARTICLE IV, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 1.9, PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED AND CREATING SUBSECTION 1.9.6, NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS; PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS PETITIONS OR APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH)

Attachments: [ORD-23O-11-138-LDR-Art. IV-1.9-Notice Requirements.pdf](#)
[AR 23O-11-138](#)
[DRR Distance notification requirement - FINAL \(1\).pdf](#)
[PZB 10.31.2023 Notice \(Proof of Publication\).pdf](#)
[HOA_Neighborhood_Map](#)

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

X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

2. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-307: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE THIRD 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-23R-12-307-Calendar-City Hosted Events 3rd Amended 2024.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-307](#)

[Updated Commissioner Events \(Third\)](#)

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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-308: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND 77 LAUDERHILL HOLDINGS, LLC. TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5467 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTUAL WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE UTILIZED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-308-Agrmt-Rem-5467 University Dr-77 lauderhill holdings.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-308](#)

[REMETERING 5467 N UNIVERSITY DR.pdf](#)

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-309: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND 77 LAUDERHILL HOLDINGS, LLC. TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5575 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO SEPARATELY BILL EACH INDIVIDUAL USER BASED UPON ACTUAL WATER CONSUMPTION AT THE SAME RATE UTILIZED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-309-Agrmt-Rem-5575 University Dr-77 lauderhill holdings.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-309](#)

[REMETERING 5575 N UNIVERSITY DR .pdf](#)

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-310: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL EXERCISING THE FIRST ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH HOUSING FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, INC. PURSUANT TO RFP NO. 2022-023 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR HUD CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELING AND APPLICATION COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS WITH ONE OPTION TO RENEW REMAINING; AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN CONTRACT EXPENDITURES FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 PER YEAR; PROVIDING FOR A RATE OF \$900.00 PER APPROVED AND CLOSED HOUSING CLIENT APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-310-to Extend HUD Counseling.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-310](#)

[L-Renew Housing Foundation of America.pdf](#)

[Executed Original Agreement Housing Foundation.pdf](#)

[RES-22R-01-17 HUD Cert Counseling Reso.pdf](#)

[RES 22R-01-17 Entire Backup Bid - RFP #2022-023 - HUD Certified Counseling and Application Coordination Services - Housing Foundation of America \(1\).pdf](#)

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-311: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH CIVITAS INC. FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STATE AND FEDERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S GRANTS PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 2021-041; AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN CONTRACT EXPENDITURES FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000.00; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-311-Option to Extend Civitas Technial Assistance.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-311](#)

[L-Extension Civitas Technical Assistance.pdf](#)

[Civitas Executed Contract.pdf](#)

[RES 21R-11-270 Bid - RFP 2021-041 - State and Federal Technical Assistance Consulting Svcs - Civitas.pdf](#)

[RES 21R-11-270 Entire Backup Bid - RFP 2021-041 - State and Federal Technical Asssistance Consulting Svcs - Civitas \(1\).pdf](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-312: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH CIVITAS INC. FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 2021-032 TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE FEDERAL AND STATE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-312-Option to Extend Civitas Program Mgmt.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-312](#)

[L-Extension Civitas-Program Mgmt.pdf](#)

[Civitas - Project Management Services - PO 26979.pdf](#)

[RES 21R-11-261 Bid - RFP 2021-032 - Program Management Services - Civitas and Minority Builders.pdf](#)

[Project Management Services RFQ 2021-032 - Civitas Executed Contract \(1\).pdf](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO.23R-12-313: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE ADOPT-A-PARK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND KIWANIS CLUB OF LAUDERHILL TO ADOPT WEST WIND PARK FOR ONE YEAR; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-313-MOU-Adopt-a-Park-Kiwanis-West Wind Park.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-12-313](#)
[Kiwanis Club of Lauderhill MOU rev12-11-23.pdf](#)
[Adopt-A-Park Release and Waiver.pdf](#)
[Kiwanis Club Application.pdf](#)
[Kiwanis Sunbiz.pdf](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-314: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL FLORIDA APPROVING THE PIGGYBACK PURCHASE FROM DUVAL FLEET BASED UPON THE SOLICITATIONS FROM THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION BID (FSA22-VEH20) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 F-450 SUPER DUTY CREW CAB AND CRANE EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 401-933-06420; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-314-Piggy-Duval Ford-Utilities-Fla Sheriff Assoc.pdf](#)
[AR 23R-12-314](#)
[F-450 Utility Crane Truck LAUDERHILL 2023](#)
[20231127_COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-315: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL RECEIVED REGARDING A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REFERRED TO AS "THE HILL" PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED ON AN APPROXIMATE ± 13.9 ACRE CITY-OWNED SITE LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SUNRISE BOULEVARD AND STATE ROAD 7 KNOWN AS THE CARISHOCA PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED AT BOOK 178, PAGE 161 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 255.065 WHICH CONTEMPLATES A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WHICH SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-315-Unsolicited Proposal Recommendation.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-315](#)

[The Hill Unsolicited Proposal Cover Letter.pdf](#)

[The Hill EDSA Proposal Conceptual 10-04-23.pdf](#)

[City of Lauderhill Unsolicited Proposal Comments 12-5-23.pdf](#)

[Traffic Memo ZD 11-07-23.pdf](#)

[Item 10 \(As Referenced Within Minutes\)](#)

John Milledge, legal representative for The Hill, introduced the applicant's project team; he presented the subject resolution, as detailed in the backup, highlighting the following:

- The applicant believed the subject development would be a gateway destination for both the City, and the South Florida region as a whole
- The same core project team was developing the studio project on the Wingate site; they felt this would lead to important synergies occurring to benefit the Lauderhill community, including, but not limited to, the technology that would be brought to The Hill; specifically, immersive technology that, ordinarily, would not be present
- The applicant was committed to the subject project being not only an asset to the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC), but also to the Broward Central Regional Park.

Greg Bruton explained the team put together a conceptual plan, recognizing the project would be very impactful to the City of Lauderhill, and they intended to ensure it was a very innovative project.

Jeff Suiter, EDSA, presented the project plan, as provided in the backup, highlighting the following:

- Elements of the project included: smart city technology, such as solar power, rain harvesting, management of storm sewers, etc.; they would investigate how they could be applied throughout the subject project
- Immersive art was an amazing, growing technology that was gaining advancements, including connecting through walls, holographs, etc.
- The Hill was envisioned as a southern destination, not only for residents, but patrons of the community to be able to celebrate culture, art, dining, and general relaxation and enjoyment of the City's southern gateway
- The City already had incredible park systems, and communities and neighborhoods that fed into the subject corner/intersection, along with churches, schools, and other commercial avenues
- The Hill was located near the LPAC, and they felt their project would expand the LPAC's visibility
- The plans for the site included: a very iconic hotel that would be on the corner of the site; parking garages that wrapped around the building with either residential or commercial/retail; office that could connect either to the LPAC or the community; two blocks of residential components; an additional parking garage allocated for the LPAC; bridgways over the street to bring patrons/customers down into the plaza and the LPAC; the use of solar panels,

and LED lighting

- There would be no back of the house to the project; that is, the goal was for all uses to face outwards to celebrate and invite the surrounding community and neighborhoods onto the property
- The proposed elevations of the site would decrease the current five-minute walk timeframe to access the LPAC
- The layout of the buildings was positioned to provide visual cues, with enhancements for public access when streets were blocked off for special events
- The design of the buildings would be more modern and inviting, with holograms within the center of the site inviting interaction; the plan was to invite people within the community to participate, to live, work, shop, eat, and play in one area
- The ground floor of the building was intended to function as an outreach area for the community and general public; the upper floor on the midlevel side would have more office uses, along with uses that tied more into the performing arts, including a kitchen for the LPAC, and any other component the City desired, along with training
- There would be an inviting greenspace to the east side of the LPAC, over which there would be a sky bridge to connect from the parking garage to the LPAC
- The layout of the site showed the hierarchy of where pedestrian flow would go, and vehicular circulation, focusing pedestrian safety via broader sidewalks to allow for safer passage, and comfortable movement within those spaces; key on-street parking, narrowing down streets to slow down traffic within the site
- The landscape design would be natural, such that it would take in rainwater, including harvesting and storing the water for irrigation purposes, along with porosity within the site; the greenspace within the central court could be activated; using vegetation that helped clean up area water on the streets, etc.
- The overall design would include outdoor café seating areas; street art, inviting local artists and youths to participate; spaces that could be programmed for a variety of entertainment, such as live bands, and other forms of cultural celebration
- With fast changing technology, the developer would explore how the latest technology could be incorporated into various areas of the site; a video was shown to illustrate some of the technology and ideas the developer proposed bringing to the site
- They planned to partner with Smart Ink to incorporate the previously mentioned designs and technology to the subject site.

Mr. Milledge urged the Commission to approve the resolution, so advertising for the proposed development could be created, and brought back to the Commission for approval, to facilitate the project process commencing.

Commissioner S. Martin sought clarification on the project structure, and its relation to The Hill, asking if they were the overall project manager that would advertise for companies to come in, and fulfill the proposed vision, or was The Hill doing the entire project themselves.

Mr. Milledge replied The Hill would be the project manager/developer, so they would retain the various disciplines necessary to build the project, including

architects, contractors, etc., the names of which they were prepared to discuss as being part of what they would consider an A team.

Commissioner S. Martin sought clarification as to the intent of the agreement asking the City Commission to approve a five- or ten-year agreement.

City Attorney Rosenberg explained the proposed resolution was not specific as to the project's site plan details; the resolution was to authorize the City to move forward to publish the solicitation. Therefore, the Commission could provide feedback on all the details presented by the applicant's team, but an approval would authorize staff to advertise the proposed development to the public, giving 60 days for anyone to submit their concepts of plans on what they proposed to put on that site that met certain requirements according to the scope that would be published. After the 60 days, the City Commission could analyze everything submitted to decide what they thought they wished to move forward with, in order to direct staff, as far as plans, and what aspects needed to be changed prior to a final decision.

City Manager Giles-Smith thought the language in the resolution asked the Commission to choose one of three actions: accept the proposal for publication of the solicitation, allowing for the acceptance of other proposals for a 60-day period, directing City staff to publish and solicit in accordance with Florida statutes; reject the proposal; or extend the evaluation period for a length of time and make a recommendation at a later date. She said staff recommended the City Commission take the first action, as it did not necessarily accept the applicant's proposed development, but it allowed the City to move forward in the process based on Florida statutes regarding unsolicited proposals.

Commissioner Dunn requested a presentation of the project on the record, so Lauderhill residents would know what was possible, as there were a number of homeowners' associations (HOA) in the Chambers that the development on the subject property would impact more directly.

Commissioner Grant commended the applicant's team for a very thoughtful presentation, as they covered many aspects of development, including elements related to the environment, and possible impacts. She was pleased with the level of industry experts mentioned, so the City could be assured that in the proposed development Lauderhill would be in good hands. Considering the City Commission's vision for Lauderhill and its future, the proposed development complemented that vision, so she found the presentation quite impressive. Staff's recommendation was imperative, as this meant the various elements and details of the proposed development had been vetted, including discussions with the community most impacted by the development, and with the Commission. In moving forward, and opening up the development of the subject site to other entities, in the event the present developers were selected, she wished to know if they would consider working with local contractors as a part of the project process.

Mr. Suiter affirmed they made an effort to work with local contractors.

City Manager Giles-Smith added, in accordance with the City Commission's

approval, if given as staff recommended, the HOAs surrounding the development would participate in the process; however, as the present review of the proposed development was a very preliminary stage, the City was not accepting anything specific.

Vice Mayor L. Martin remarked, as a resident living in the general area of the subject site, residents of the surrounding community had been looking at the parking lot for too long. Though the proposed development was in the very preliminary stages, it was a scenario in which the present developers were putting their best foot forward, so the onus was on any other interested parties to keep up with their standard of product. He believed Lauderhill's eastern CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) area had been one of those "left-behind" communities for the past ten, 15 years, and eastern Lauderhill was now the focal point, destination, leading to economic activity becoming more mobile between east, west, north and south Lauderhill.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public.

Sam Wilkerson, 610 NW 38th Avenue, Lauderhill, sought clarification that the property being discussed was actually in Lauderhill, as he knew the subject developers were also developing the site the trash incinerator business once occupied.

City Attorney Rosenberg affirmed they were developing that site too, but the site being discussed was the former Kmart site in Lauderhill.

Frantz Duberceau, 4841 NW 22nd Court, Lauderhill, stated she liked the project very much; she sought clarification that the project would be solar and wind powered, so as to save the environment, as well as adequate drainage, as the latter was a major problem in Lauderhill.

Mr. Suiter replied the intent was to employ as many smart city practices as possible, implementing them where possible, including solar and wind energy, and rainwater harvesting. This did not mean, however, they would power everything, but it was a start.

Willie Mae Cooper, 1541 NW 32nd Avenue, Lauderhill, and president of the West Ken Lark HOA, remarked she worked at the Kmart before they demolished the building. She thought the proposed development appeared to be an amazing project; the proposed technology was amazing, so she had no objections at the present time, and she hoped when the presentation was made to their HOA, the residents would feel similarly. Residents were concerned about getting nice restaurants in the subject area, and these were included in the presentation, so she thanked the developer for what appeared to be an amazing project.

Verna Johnson, 2230 NW 44th Avenue, Lauderhill, believed the developer's team made a great presentation, though she was concerned that there would be sufficient parking and traffic impacts were addressed at such a major intersection.

Mr. Bruton responded as to the traffic impacts, stating traffic circulation and calming devices were always a part of any development project, and those elements would all be incorporated within the site plan review. They would make every effort to minimize traffic impacts to the surrounding communities, and those traffic studies would be provided at the appropriate time.

Eula Murray-Hylton, 8320 NW 53rd Court, Lauderhill, thought it was a fantastic presentation, but when it was presented to the community she urged the developers to explain to residents how such a project would benefit them. All the proposed technology illustrated in the presentation was phenomenal, and she really hoped the City's youth could have a space where they could truly benefit. She remarked it was all well and good to have a new shiny place, etc., but the community should feel welcome, particularly the City's young people, so she hoped this was the developer's intention.

Mr. Bruton stated for the record this was something the developer's team was particularly passionate about, as he was a product of Lauderhill; they were mostly concerned with how they would bring opportunities to the community. The training room shown in the video was designed to engage Lauderhill's young people, get them acclimated to the profession they desired; this was part of their thought process in choosing various elements in the project. He thought if their team was selected to develop the subject site, as presented, the City would be proud of the manner in which they made sure they brought the community together as a part of the project.

Vice Mayor L. Martin commented the developer should keep in mind that the subject development would be in the heart of some of the best performing art schools in Broward County, such as Parkway Middle School and Dillard High School. Thus, the subject area was surrounded by some very talented young people, and he would demand, as the project moved forward, that the City's youth had access to something that could support their endeavors.

Commissioner Dunn said she already observed Mr. Milledge and his teams work around the Broward community; thus far, she felt they proved themselves to be men of integrity, so she appreciated Mr. Bruton's comment on them being passionate about serving the community, and ensuring the community was engaged. This was a very important factor for all members on the Commission, hence the importance of having the subject presentation made at the present time with a number of Lauderhill's HOA presidents in attendance at the meeting. She noted it was not only about engaging youths, but creating opportunities for local participation, contracting opportunities for jobs, hiring local; knowing it was very premature, she mentioned the next step would be advertising the project in order to move to the next stage.

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. 23R-12-316: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE PIGGYBACK OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION BID (FSA223-VEF17.0 SPEC 114, PUMPER LEVEL I CUSTOM 4-DOOR) TO REV RTC D/B/A HALL-MARK RTC FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 E-ONE PUMPER FIRE TRUCK ON AN E-ONE CYCLONE II CHASSIS AND BUNKER GEAR IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,099,401.37; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEASING 2, INC. WITH A UNIQUE FINANCING ARRANGEMENT WHICH DOESN'T REQUIRE THE CITY TO MAKE ANY INITIAL PAYMENTS UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2025 FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE; APPROVING PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER(S); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-316-PIGGY-Fire Vehicles FSA Bid 2024.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-316](#)

[E-One Proposal Fire Truck.pdf](#)

[fire truck specs drawing 3.pdf](#)

[fire truck specs drawing 2.pdf](#)

[Fire truck specs drawing 1.pdf](#)

[E-1 Specs.pdf](#)

[Leasing 2 proposal.pdf](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 23R-12-317: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS #1 AND #9 OF THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT PROVIDED FOR BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE LAUDERHILL LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-23R-12-317-Brd-local housing report final.pdf](#)

[AR 23R-12-317](#)

[LAHAC Annual Report Recommendations FY2023-2024 Final Draft](#)

[Public Notice of Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#)

[\(LAHAC\) Public Hearing 11-16-2023](#)

[LAHAC Annual Report Recommendations FY2023-2024 Final Draft revised](#)

Vice Mayor L. Martin commented, after speaking with City staff earlier, he understood this was an exercise the City went through every year; in past years, existing strategies remained with little change, but after a deeper examination in his discussion with City staff, he thought there were a number of existing strategies he wished to highlight. On one specific strategy that change was being requested from that of previous years was item five that spoke to allowing mother-in-law units that could be constructed from converted storage units, or other types of livable units, for which the City had no present ordinance to regulate such uses. In his discussion with the City Manager and her staff, he was told there were a number of items that were time sensitive that remained unchanged for many years, and they were of concern; specifically, item one, and nine, due to their involvement with SHIP dollars, and the City's receipt of funding from those avenues, so the Commission's approval of the subject item was important to facilitate Lauderhill receiving those funds. Vice Mayor L. Martin made a motion to approve items one and nine, and to table the remaining items for future discussion, due to their association with affordable housing.

City Manager Giles-Smith indicated the other items could be tabled for discussion at the City's next retreat in 2024.

Mayor Thurston expressed concern as to whether such an approval/tabling would be sufficient to satisfy the State's requirement for the City's annual submission of Lauderhill's affordable housing plan.

City Manager Giles-Smith affirmed it was sufficient; approving items one and nine would enable the City to receive its SHIP dollars.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, that this Resolution be approved, accepting items one and nine as presented, and tabling the remaining items for further discussion at the City's Retreat in 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

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

XII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING

XIV UNFINISHED BUSINESS**XV OLD BUSINESS****XVI NEW BUSINESS****A. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CENTENNIAL ROADSHOW (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).**

Commissioner Dunn stated the subject event was to celebrate the League's 100th birthday; thus, the League would be going on a roadshow, and there were opportunities for cities to apply for their location to be a destination at which the roadshow stopped. She would love to see the City submit an application to be such a destination, and this should be a collaborative effort involving the City Commission as a whole, rather than advocated by a single member of the Commission. The application process involved recording a two-minute video, etc., and she wished to get her fellow Commission members' thoughts on the matter.

Vice Mayor L. Martin supported the City applying to be one of the League's roadshow destinations.

Mayor Thurston thought it would be quite an honor if Lauderhill was so selected by the League.

Commissioner Dunn thanked her colleagues for their support, stating it was a time-sensitive matter, so the Commission would need to work with Leslie Johnson's team to execute that process, asking from which City budget line item would the funding of the application be paid.

City Manager Giles-Smith replied the funding would be a collaborative budget item, adding that the application had to be submitted by late January 2024.

XVII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

City Attorney Rosenberg wished everyone happy holidays, as the present meeting was the Commission's last for 2023.

Vice Mayor L. Martin updated the Commission, and the Lauderhill public, highlighting the following:

- Kudos to Commissioner Dunn for being elected at Florida's National Black Caucus representative; her job was to recruit and ensure community participation
- The Environ holiday party took place the past weekend, at which Mayor Thurston and Commissioner Dunn made an appearance; there was a significant resident turnout, showing that the City's Canadian friends were here in force in Lauderhill
- The Ansel Davis Foundation for the Blind held their holiday party, where some

participants showed excellent talent in singing, etc.

- In the past week, Mayor Thurston, Commissioner Dunn, City Manager Giles-Smith, and Ms. Johnson went to Tallahassee, Florida, to lobby on the City's behalf; they expected to bring \$3 million to the City; they met with wonderful representatives for six or seven different House and Senate elected officials, from whom they received a very positive response
- The Explain Your Taxes initiative was conducted for the last three years, and he urged all Lauderhill taxpayers to watch the very impactful video; in the present video, City staff, such as Mr. Hobbs, were part of the panel; for anyone wishing to know about taxes, and get factual information about real numbers, he could not stress enough the need to watch the subject video; in this way, some of the rumors about annual taxes could be dispelled
- Two weeks ago the City celebrated its young male football team for winning a league championship; the young ladies in the City's Broncos cheerleading program were not be outdone, as five Lauderhill teams entered the competition, and four returned with a first place win, and they were considered grand champions, and the other team came second. At a 2024 January meeting, the young ladies would be publicly congratulated by the Commission; Lauderhill supported its youth and their activities more than any other city in Broward, if not in the State, that he was aware of; the City would continue to celebrate Lauderhill's youths at every level
- He wished everyone a wonderful and happy holiday.

Mayor Thurston mentioned for the last two or three years, Commissioner S. Martin served as president of Central Broward Kiwanis; this was a branch of the Kiwanis Club that met at West Ken Lark Park; they had been in existence for about 50 years, and Commissioner S. Martin kept the club activities going, even during the COVID 19 pandemic. On behalf of Central Broward Kiwanis, he presented Commissioner S. Martin with a token of appreciation, thanking him for his leadership.

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

- For anyone in the community wishing to serve, on the coming Wednesday, the Lauderhill Health & Prosperity Partnership (LHPP) would hold an in-person meeting hosted by longtime partner, Humana; interested persons could visit the City's website, and type in LHPP in the search bar for more information
- On the coming Friday at 6:00 p.m., the Leading Ladies Circle would meet; any woman of faith was welcome to join them in praying for the City, and working toward having a more peaceful, inclusive community, and activities for the City's youth; additional information could be found on the City's website
- On the coming Thursday, they would be graduating cohort seven in the Lauderhill Shines program; 21 new businesses would be graduating; the graduation would be held in the Lauderhill City Commission Chambers, at which over 50 Lauderhill residents were expected to attend; if the fellow members of the Commission had time to stop in to say hello to the businessowner recipients and their families, it would be great, understanding that the City's Firefighters would be holding their event that evening.

Commissioner S. Martin stressed safety in the Lauderhill community's holiday

activities.

City Manager Giles-Smith noted the City would host its annual Martin Luther King, Jr., (MLK) program in 2024, including the preliminary round of the Spelling Bee competition on January 13, 2024, at which all the City's elementary schools would compete at Parkway Middle School at 10:00 a.m. The Championship round would take place on January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the LPAC. The MLK Art Celebration Concert on February 3, 2024, would include such acts as Tony! Toni! Toné!, Shirley Murdock, the Old Skool Gang, and international-rated artist Hal Anthony; tickets would go on sale within a few days.

Mayor Thurston remarked on the above-mentioned City of Lauderhill delegation that recently visited Tallahassee the previous Thursday to lobby the State Legislature on projects important to the City. If successful, the City would receive funding that would impact the budget, as any state funding received reduced the need to utilize taxpayer dollars to pay for various initiatives. He thanked the Becker team for setting up the appointments, and getting the consent of the legislators to meet with the Lauderhill team; the City would not know the final outcome of these efforts until the State passed its budget, and Governor DeSantis decided whether or not to veto the items proposed for City funding. It would be some time in 2024 before the City knew how successful these efforts were; he thanked the City staff members who participated. Mayor Thurston wished everyone a happy, and safe holiday season.

XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 7:35 PM