

# City of Lauderhill

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Monday, April 29, 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 6:00 PM.

**II ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, Vice Mayor Lawrence Martin, Commissioner Sarai Martin, and Mayor Ken Thurston  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Denise D. Grant

**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 CITY MANAGER RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE TIME PERMITS DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION)****IV ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 6:30 PM)****I CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING****II HOUSEKEEPING**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, to **ACCEPT** the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for April 29, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner D. Grant  
**Abstain:** 0

**III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY GOOD AND WELFARE****IV CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner D. Grant

Abstain: 0

## **V APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **VI PROCLAMATIONS / COMMENDATIONS**

- A.** A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY ZETA CHI CHAPTER (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).
- B.** ITEM REMOVED
- C.** A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE I AM HOPE FOUNDATION (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).

## **VII PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** A PRESENTATION FROM THE UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY ON THE BORN LEARNING TRAILS ADULT AND CHILD LEARNING MODULES FOR CITY PARKS (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).
- B.** A PRESENTATION OF THE PEACE365 CAMPAIGN LAUNCH (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).
- C.** ITEM REMOVED
- D.** A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY TRASH ART AWARD RECIPIENTS (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).
- E.** A PRESENTATION FROM THE FAMILY SUCCESS ADMINISTRATION (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).
- F.** COMPASSION IN ACTION: LAUDERHILL'S HUMANITARIAN DISCUSSION (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).
- G.** A WORLD CUP CRICKET UPDATE PRESENTATION FROM DAN WEST (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

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

- 1.** ORDINANCE NO. 24O-04-115: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5730 N.W. 28th STREET, AS

MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [Ord-24O-04-115-Deed 5730 NW 28 St.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-04-115](#)  
[Deed-5730 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 05/13/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

2. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-04-116: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5740 N.W. 28th STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [Ord-24O-04-116-Deed 5740 NW 28 St.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-04-116](#)  
[Deed-5740 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 05/13/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

3. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-04-117: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5800 N.W. 28th STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [Ord-24O-04-117-Deed 5800 NW 28 St.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-04-117](#)  
[Deed-5800 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 05/13/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

4. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-04-118: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5810 N.W. 28th STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE CRA; APPROVING THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [Ord-24O-04-118-Deed 5810 NW 28 St.pdf](#)

[AR 24O-04-118](#)

[Deed-5810 NW 28 St City to CRA.pdf](#)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 05/13/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)**

5. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-04-119: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, CITY COMMISSION, SECTION 2-159, ORDER OF BUSINESS TO REQUIRE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA SHALL COMMENCE NO LATER THAN 7:30 P.M.; AMENDING SECTION 2-163, DEBATE AND DECORUM TO PROVIDE TIME LIMITS FOR PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS AND TO AMEND THE TIME LIMITS FOR PRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

**Attachments:** [ORD-24O-04-119-Code-2-159 & 2-163 Order of Business on Agenda](#)

[AR 24O-04-119](#)

Vice Mayor L. Martin sought confirmation the timeframe settled on was ten minutes, and 15 minutes.

City Attorney Rosenberg affirmed the allotted timeframe was ten minutes for proclamations, and commendations.

Vice Mayor L. Martin recalled that in the conversation regarding how these items would be listed on the agenda, the order was the Mayor's items first, the Vice Mayor's next, and then the rest of the Commissioners in alphabetical order.

City Attorney Rosenberg answered right, and then the City Manager's items. She would add a sentence to state this order, so the motion to approve the proposed ordinance as amended with this change. However, once the agenda was published, anything added would be listed on the agenda in the order received. She noted another change was if a member of the Commission wished to change the order of an agenda item; this would require a vote by a majority of the Commission to approve the change of order.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public; he received no input.

Vice Mayor L. Martin made a motion to Amend Ordinance #24O 04 119, as discussed above, seconded by Commissioner S. Martin. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Dunn	Yes
Vice Mayor L. Martin	Yes
Commissioner S. Martin	Yes
Mayor Thurston	Yes

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner S. Martin, that this Ordinance be approved as amended on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 5/13/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner D. Grant

**Abstain:** 0

- 5A.** ORDINANCE NO. 24O-04-120: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SIX MONTH BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN THE TOTAL ADJUSTMENT AMOUNT OF \$6,562,774.00; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,189,663.00; AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,288,100.00; AND A CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,085,011.00; REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS AS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED IN THE BREAKDOWN; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-24O-04-120-Budget 6-Months Adjustment & Appropriation FY 2024.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-04-120](#)  
[Copy of Supplemental FY 2024 6 month.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 05/13/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-110 WAS TABLED ON MARCH 25, 2024**

- 6.** ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-110: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) AMENDING ARTICLE III., ZONING DISTRICTS,

PART 5.0., SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, SECTION 5.3, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USES, TO CLARIFY THE METHODOLOGY TO MEASURE DISTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 5.49, TOBACCO STORE, TO ESTABLISH A NEW METHODOLOGY TO MEASURE THE DISTANCES BETWEEN TOBACCO STORES AND OTHER USES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [ORD-24O-02-110-LDR-Art. III-Tobacco & Alcoholic Beverage Use Distances.pdf](#)  
[AR 24O-02-110](#)  
[Attachment A - DRR - Distances](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner S. Martin, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**No:** 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner D. Grant

**Abstain:** 0

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-64: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE AWARD OF BID TO FG CONSTRUCTION (RFP 2024-008) TO PROVIDE REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FIVE (5) EXISTING BRIDGES SERVICING WITHIN THE COLLECTOR ROADWAY SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$562,275.00; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-64-BID-FG Construction-Bridges.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-04-64](#)  
[FG Construction RFP No. 2024-008.pdf](#)  
[REVISED -BID RESULTS.pdf](#)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-65: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL

AND BABSIANA SAMUELS TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5871-5879 N.W. 20TH STREET, 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-24R-04-65-Agrmt-Rem-5871-5879 NW 20 St.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-65](#)

[REMETERING AGREEMENT APPLICATION 5871-5879 NW 20 ST.pdf](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-66: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMETERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND FORTUNE FIRST 51, LLC. TO ALLOW SUBMETERS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5630 N.W. 15TH STREET, 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-24R-04-66-Agrmt-Rem-5630 NW 15 St.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-66](#)

[REMETERING AGREEMENT APPLICATION 5630 NW 15 St](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-67: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TENTH 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-04-67-Calendar-City Hosted Events 10th Amended 2024.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-67](#)

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

Vice Mayor L. Martin stated there were a number of items on the calendar that fell outside the 30-day rule discussed at the last meeting, and in his review with the City Manager, and City Attorney, staff was doing research on the two items to determine if they would fall within the timeframe everyone was being held accountable to.

City Manager Giles believed the issue was the EPAFs submitted for two events: the Community Fun Day, and Senior Music Brunch; they were sent a little late.



Parks & Recreation Director Brian Picnic remarked the original EPAF said Senior Jazz Brunch, and this was part of the Parks Department's regular senior programming; it was the name change that gave the appearance of a late submission, when it was actually submitted more than 30 days ago.

City Attorney Rosenberg believed no EPAF was submitted for the Community Fun Day event; there were communications among staff on the event more than a month ago.

Vice Mayor L. Martin assumed this meant that event would be pulled from the subject calendar of events, and possibly revisited at a later time.

City Attorney Rosenberg affirmed this to be the case, the EPAFs for the other highlighted events were submitted more than 30 days ago but the events needed to be rescheduled.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Mayor K. Thurston, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner M. Dunn, Vice Mayor L. Martin, Commissioner S. Martin, and Mayor K. Thurston

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner D. Grant

**Abstain:** 0

11. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-68: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AWARDING THE BID TO M&M ASPHALT D/B/A ALL COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$304,764.90 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP 2024-011 FOR THE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3, ACTING AS THE PURCHASING AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE MANORS OF INVERRARY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 155-155-6383; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-68-bid-Manors SND-Asphalt Phase 3.pdf](#)  
[AR 24R-04-68](#)  
[MANORS ROADWAY PAVING AND MILLING 2023.final](#)  
[ALL COUNTY](#)  
[Manors SND Minutes 03 06 2024](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO 24R-04-69: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE YEARLY ADOPTION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS/TITLE VI COMPLIANCE PLAN RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL BUS

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

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-69-Bus Civil Rights Compliance Adoption.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-69](#)

[City of Lauderhill - Title VI Compliance Plan](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-04-70: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #5 FROM AHRENS COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY HALL ANNEX GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,604.72 FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS DUE TO INTERIOR DESIGN UPGRADE FINISH SELECTION AND ADDITIONAL TILE PRODUCT REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER(S) UTILIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES SMITH).

**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-70-change orders construction- Arhen's Co-City Annex](#)

[#5.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-70](#)

[Change Request #5.pdf](#)

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

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

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

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**Attachments:** [RES-24R-04-71-Special X - Christos Doctors.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-04-71](#)

[Attachment A- Development Review Report](#)

[Attachment B - SEU Conditions Affidavit \(SIGNED\)](#)

As part of housekeeping, this Resolution was tabled to the City Commission Meeting with a date certain that it be due back on 5/13/2024.

## **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 reminded the Commission members that when they worked with other entities to cosponsor events, and flyers were done to market those events, if the City was not the entity preparing the flyer, that Leslie Johnson, Director of Public Relations and Cultural Arts, and her administrative team needed to see any flyer before it was sent out to the community. She kept seeing repeated incidents where flyers were sent out with the City of Lauderhill logo, and incorrect information, such as addresses of parks, and things were being promoted incorrectly. When promotional material was sent out with the City logo without Ms. Johnson and her team's approval, it exposed the City to liabilities, because the logo meant the City approved of any language on the material. She said Statute 165.043 clearly stated the Municipal Seal for the City of Lauderhill was not to be used by anyone unless the City gave its consent. Violating this regulation by using Lauderhill's logo without City approval could result in a penalty of second degree misdemeanor. She said sometimes city staff would come across a flyer with the City of Lauderhill's logo for an event or initiative city staff was unaware of, such as by an LHPP sponsor, adding that she saw this happening across the board with a wide variety of events, etc. Elected officials were urged to be cautious on what took place; if they were preparing flyers themselves, rather than using Marketing staff, they should run the material by the Marketing Department if the City of Lauderhill logo would be displayed anywhere on the promotional material, finding out if the logo should even appear on the flyer.

Commissioner Dunn mentioned the example Ms. Rosenberg spoke of came about as part of the work of the LHPP design team, and they had since addressed the matter, working with CSC to devise a strategy to ensure there was open communication with Niah Washington, and others.

City Attorney Rosenberg reiterated the incidents were not only related to Commissioner Dunn's initiatives, they were being seen with all elected officials. She commented there was material going out where the City's park address was incorrect, so Marketing, and Public Relations staff needed to see the material before it was sent out to ensure the information provided was correct, and determine whether or not it was something the City wished to sponsor. Also, when members of the Commission were attaching their individual name and face, in combination with City of Lauderhill events/initiatives, they should be cautious about the material they were publicly associating themselves with.

Vice Mayor L. Martin provided the following update:

- A solar eclipse was witnessed in Lauderhill in the interim of the last meeting; House Representative Sheila McCormick, Commissioner Dunn, and he went to Lauderhill's local library, and witnessed the moon crossing over the sun
- He sat in for Commissioner Dunn on one of her Dine In Lauderhill events at Jamaican restaurant, Peppa Seed; he learned a lot from the information provided by Broward County at the event; a good time was had by all
- His fraternity members and he gave back to the community by volunteering in the rehab of a Lauderhill resident's house; they thoroughly enjoyed fried fish cooked by the homeowner
- He spoke at Career Day at the Gateway Christian Academy located at Osswald Park in Fort Lauderdale, though 80 percent of the class lived in Lauderhill, and they were generational; it was very encouraging to speak with the young people; the principal was a Kappa, who sent him a thank you bag containing a \$1.00 picture frame; he offered the bag to anyone who liked red
- Coffee with a Cop was a Lauderhill Police Department (PD) initiative for outreach to the Lauderhill community; the most recent event took place about a week ago at the McDonald's restaurant on 441; it was a wonderful event, at which free sandwiches were provided
- The representatives that were members of the Broward League of Cities (BLC) attended an event at Lauderhill's City Hall, where scholarship applicants were interviewed, and four young people received BLC scholarships; it was encouraging to see young people so civically involved, who wished to be a part of city government; he hoped to see Lauderhill students more involved in 2025, as there was no representation from Lauderhill students
- The Sweet 16th Annual Fore Life Throwback Lawrence Taylor Tournament, in partnership with Paula Pearson-Tucker took place a few weeks prior; this was the final year Mr. Taylor would be involved with the tournament, as he was moving on to do something different
- Jammin' in the Park was an enjoyable event, based on feedback given by several residents; the event was well attended
- Every year he did a seven on seven football tournament with the City's youth; they calculated close to 2,000 children passed through the Lauderhill Sports Park; they had 26 teams of 15 to 18 children each, plus coaches, parents, and others; the games began about 8:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m., and they finished at about 8:00 p.m.; everyone had a lot of fun, though there were a few minor issues
- Photographs of students celebrating Earth Day at Larkdale Elementary School were shown; the children enjoyed planting trees, commending Ms. Washington

for putting together a successful event

- A meeting with investors regarding the activation of the cricket stadium, as well as the Fort Lauderdale movie production piece; the ribbon cutting took place at the space that would accommodate the latter to facilitate the construction process for the movie studio; some of the same investors wished to see the cricket stadium at Broward Central Regional Park; photographs were shown of the new stands installed; the investors wished to do some great things post cricket to keep those facilities active
- The Lauderhill PD Awards Ceremony took place recently; it was always good to go out and support the local PD; this was done every year, and represented another opportunity where city administration gave back to its officers who did so much in the Lauderhill community
- The grand opening of Juici Patties in Lauderhill at 5419 N. University Drive, just south of Commercial Drive; he believed this was the second of two recent franchise openings
- Real Men Read initiative took place at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori School Academy; the liveliness of the young students was always welcomed
- Growing Table was an initiative started by a gentleman who started a local farm in his community; the initiative spread all around the country, getting people to start farms in their community, growing fresh vegetables, etc.
- Wingate Oaks Learning Center, a local school, held an Autism Awareness Walk, bringing the students from the school to do the walk; Lauderhill's fire and police were commended for coming out, and supporting the cause
- During the past week, Mentor/Mentee Day was celebrated; his mentee was Carmen who was also a part of the fraternity's Lamplighters Program; he took his mentee to dine at Joy's Roti, which he thoroughly enjoyed; they had a good time spending the day together
- Parkway Middle School had its mentoring program dinner; the principal and her team invested a lot of energy into keeping this program going; they had close to 300 people in attendance; it was amazing what they accomplished, and they had over 120 children enrolled in their mentoring program; volunteers were welcome
- Mothers Against Gun Violence: the coming Thursday, everyone was urged to come out for the event
- The School Board held a meeting on the present day in the City of Hollywood; Broward Estates Elementary School was significantly underenrolled, and was listed as a school for closing; another meeting was scheduled at Dillard High School the coming Wednesday, and he and others would be working on getting residents to attend to voice their objections; he spoke with the new superintendent, Dr. Hepburn, who appeared to take a "rip the band aid off" approach, moving forward with getting some things done that were needed; many Broward schools were suffering from enrollment issues; he understood if Broward Estates Elementary was closed, it could be converted into a pre-K school and/or some education related use, rather than just closing the building; the students at Broward Estates could be split between MLK, Larkdale, and the school by Carter Park on Sunrise Boulevard; the parents of students that might be affected by this change should pay special attention, as he thought the School Board would likely move swiftly on their decisions.

Commissioner Dunn provided the following update:

- Congratulations to Ms. Washington, and the Economic Development team in collaboration with the City's communication team; the past week, the City hosted its second annual Small Business procurement boot camp that was well received; business owners learned about government contracting at the federal, county, and local levels; it was a well-executed event with good attendance
- A food distribution was done in partnership with the Joshua's Heart organization; they were able to provide 500 persons with food at Devonhunt, and Lauderhill Pointe; they received a box of groceries, feminine items, and toys for children; Mayor Thurston was thanked for his help on this initiative; a perfect example of communities coming together for the betterment of everyone
- A family dinner night at Lallo's; they were able to invite 40 families to dinner; they played Uno, and spent good family time; this was done at no cost to the City because of a partnership with Broward County Schools; again, another example of bringing resources to Lauderhill for the betterment of its residents
- On the coming Friday, the City would host Dine in Lauderhill at People's Choice restaurant; if someone was an entrepreneur seeking to scale their business with government contracts, the procurement director for the City of Fort Lauderdale would host the lunch; this was an opportunity to build a relationship, as this type of access to the procurement director of such a large city was rare; the event would take place Friday, May 3, 2024, at 12:00 noon at People's Choice restaurant, for which interested persons could register at the City's website; a flyer was shown on the homepage; the direct link to register was [lauderhill-fl.gov/lunchmeetup](http://lauderhill-fl.gov/lunchmeetup).

Commissioner S. Martin announced the following:

- Everyone was invited to Haitian Flag Day on May 18, 2024; a small ceremony would be held in the MPR rooms at City Hall, where Congresswoman Sheila McCormick would share a few words with the attendees'
- On May 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m., a Central Community Meeting would be held at John Mullin Park
- The Inverrary Steering Committee would meet on May 22, 2024
- Everyone was invited to the City's Memorial Service on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

Mayor Thurston asked when Inverrary might be voting on the proposal.

Commissioner S. Martin responded he had yet to receive the latest update. The Inverrary Master Association would hold a vote on whether they wished to proceed with the development, and he was waiting to learn when that vote would be held. He said if they voted to move forward with the development, they would provide a letter to the City Manager to inform the Commission that dialog with the residential community had taken place, and they agreed with proceeding; some of those updates would be providing at the Inverrary Steering Committee meeting.

Commissioner Dunn inquired if the covenant required a vote of all residents, or was it just the decision of the Master Association.

City Attorney Rosenberg replied there had to be a certain majority number of

votes from residents in favor of proceeding based on how their documents were written up; thus, it was not just the Master Association's decision, but the approval of the majority of the residents that was required for the Master Association to vote approval to proceed. She understood that if the community, via the Master Association, voted in favor of proceeding with the development, they would leave the votes in escrow, and move forward with the rest of the procedures to change the covenant, do rezoning, etc.; it was about a yearlong process before any construction could commence. The residents would probably have the Master Association carve out specific language if development was to occur, detailing the type of development that was allowed, with maximums, minimums clearly stated, etc.

Mayor Thurston said he was told the number of residents who had to approve for development to proceed was 66 and two thirds of the Inverrary property owners.

City Manager Giles-Smith stated the Police Memorial was such a nice program; what the Lauderhill police officers were doing as a part of their everyday work was really amazing, so she sent kudos to the PD, and for all the hard work they put into putting on the ceremony; it was well deserved. She thanked Ms. Johnson and her team for Jammin' in the Park; the event was a lot of fun, and the City had a lot of support from city departments: Public Works, Finance, Fire, Police, Parks, and Broward County; their efforts were greatly appreciated. They hoped to make the 2024 event bigger and better. They would work on improving the parking issues.

Mayor Thurston mentioned once a year the City celebrated its teachers; the next Teacher Appreciation event would take place on May 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC). The schools voted each year to determine who would be the teacher of the year, and then they went to a large venue, where the teacher of the year was selected from the County, who went on to the Teacher of the Year Competition for the State, and, ultimately, national. Though each school selected their own choice for teacher of the year, they were rarely recognized as such outside that school. The subject ceremony at the LPAC honored the selected teachers of each Lauderhill school and they would have dinner, City staff got local businesses to provide gifts for the teachers; one year, they went up to about \$600.00 in gifts each teacher received. He said to all the businesses tuning into the meeting who wished to participate in the subject event by providing gifts, staff anticipated teachers from 16 different schools to participate. Thus, the donations from businesses of gifts would be 16 of a particular item that their business specialized in; in the past, the gifts included vouchers for car washes, manicures, etc. For more information, his aide could be contacted, Khya Cummings at 954-777-2040. The dinner was free, but persons wishing to attend had to reserve their space, so they should call Ms. Cummings to do so.

## **XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 9:08 PM**