

City of Lauderhill

*City Commission Chambers at City Hall
5581 W. Oakland Park Blvd.
Lauderhill, FL, 33313
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, February 26, 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: 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
Nadia Chin, Deputy 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 Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner D. Grant, to ACCEPT the Revised Version of the City Commission Meeting Agenda for February 26, 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

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 JANUARY 29, 2024.

Attachments: [Janaury 29, 2024 - City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- B. MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2024.

Attachments: [February 12, 2024 - 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)

- A. A PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL ACTS OF VALOR AWARD TO EMMANUEL URBINA (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).
- B. JUSTICE DEFENDER RECOGNITION PRESENTED TO SERGEANT PARYS THOMAS (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT).
- C. ITEM REMOVED

VII GENERAL PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

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

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-109: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) AMENDING SCHEDULE A, LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS TO AMEND DEFINITIONS OF "CHECK CASHING" and "PAY DAY LOAN STORE"; AMENDING ARTICLE III., ZONING DISTRICTS, PART 5.0., SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, SECTION 5.11, CHECK CASHING; AMENDING SCHEDULE B, ALLOWABLE USES, SCHEDULE B-2, NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO ADD CHECK CASHING ACCESSORY USE DESIGNATIONS IN PERMITTED ZONING DISTRICTS; AMENDING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 12-53, LOCAL BUSINESS TAX, TO ADD RATE FOR NON-CONFORMING PAY DAY LOAN STORE USE; PROVIDING FOR

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [REVISED ORD-24O-02-109-Code-LDR-Check Cashing Text.pdf](#)

[AR 24O-02-109](#)

[Attachment A - DRR - Check Cashing](#)

[Attachment B - ORD 13O-05-119](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 03/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

- 1A.** 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](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 03/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

- 1B.** ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-111: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING A CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED OF \$79,912.00 REFLECTING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING VARIOUS BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO PAY FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PHASE CHANGE ORDERS FROM AHRENS COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY HALL ANNEX GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-24O-02-111-Budget Adjustment Capital 2024-City Hall Annex.pdf](#)
[AR 24O-02-111](#)
[Cityhall annex change order budget adjustment.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 03/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

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

2. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-105: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, CITY COMMISSION, SECTION 2-159, ORDER OF BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR, LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

Attachments: [ORD-24O-02-105-Code-2-159-Order of Business on Agenda.pdf](#)
[AR 24O-02-105](#)

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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-106: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, CITY COMMISSION, SECTION 2-166, CODE OF ETHICS/CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CITY PUBLIC OFFICERS AND CHARTER OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-24O-02-106-Code-2-166-Code of Conduct Public Officers.pdf](#)
[AR 24O-02-106](#)

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-107: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8, ELECTIONS, SECTION 8-10, CODE OF ETHICS FOR CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-24R-02-107-Code 8-10-Code of Ethics for Candidates.pdf](#)
[AR 24O-02-107](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda. (See Consideration of

Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

5. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-02-108: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE COMMERCIAL CONTRACT AMONGST THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, THE LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND TOBOLSKI, LLC. FOR THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1451 N.W. 31ST AVENUE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA INCLUDING THE EQUIPMENT AND FIXTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,150,000.00 PLUS THE SELLER'S CLOSING COSTS CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF THE DUE DILIGENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE ANY MODIFICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY DEPENDING UPON THE RESULTS OF THE DUE DILIGENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY FINDINGS; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY MANAGER AND CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [ORD-24R-02-108-CC-ORD-Commercial Contract-Tobolski.pdf](#)

[AR 24O-02-108](#)

[Commerical Contract-=Tobolski.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT A \(Legal Description\).pdf](#)

[LOI for Tobolski \(2\).pdf](#)

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

X RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

6. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-02-29:A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION FO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE PUBLIC ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 102 (SB 102), ALSO KNOWN AS "THE LIVE LOCAL ACT" CONTAINED IN FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 166 MUNICIPALITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-24R-02-29-HB 102 Implementation.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-02-29](#)

[Attachment A - DRR - SB102](#)

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-02-30: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL YOUTH COUNCIL BY INDIVIDUAL CITY COMMISSIONERS AS INDICATED TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A ONE (1) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-24R-02-30-BRD-Youth Council 2024 various.pdf](#)
[AR 24R-02-30](#)

Commissioner Dunn asked young applicants present in the Chamber to introduce themselves, give their school and grade, and state why they wished to serve on the Lauderhill Youth Council (LYC).

Emory Thomas stated he was a junior at Nova High School; he was, fortunately, selected by Commissioner S. Martin to serve on the Lauderhill Youth Council; he wished to pursue a career in the technology industry. He believed serving on the LYC would help him learn more about what was happening in his city, and he could play a part in the City's efforts to help Lauderhill youth develop into great citizens.

Zaria Guerrier said she was a sophomore at Lauderhill 6-12 and her future aspiration was to be a pediatric cardiologist. She was appointed to the LYC by Commission Dunn and she looked forward to serving, as she wished to help Lauderhill's youth realize their aspirations, and community service was a big part of what she did, and serving on the LYC would allow her to help others in way she was unable to before. She thanked Commissioner Dunn for appointing her to the LYC, as she was a very good mentor and role model for the last three years.

Kyndall Colston indicated she was in 12th grade at Coconut Creek High School; she thanked Vice Mayor L. Martin for appointing her to the LYC. Her future aspiration was to become an orthodontist, and she was presently a certified dental assistant. Serving on the LYC would help her assist young people in Lauderhill, as she believed there were a number of issues in the Lauderhill community, and she wished to see personal change in everyone.

Samara Rawls stated she was a senior at Piper High School, and she thanked Mayor Thurston for appointing her to the LYC; she wished to become a physical therapist, and, eventually, own her own practice. She wanted to serve on the LYC, as it would help her serve her community, and get her peers involved in that service.

Commissioner Dunn thanked the LYC board members for speaking, stating their voice was very important to the City Commission and staff, as the City faced numerous challenges, and she believed giving Lauderhill's youth a voice was an important part of city government; it was a voice city administration needed to hear in making policy decisions. The members of the LYC were, literally, representatives whom city government would rely on when there were important issues, such as those around peace, community violence prevention, homelessness, and other factors important to young people. She thanked them in advance for their leadership, as they were today and tomorrow.

Vice Mayor L. Martin invited Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Daphne Dyer to state what she did in her work with the LYC members, how often they met, etc.

Ms. Dyer thanked the City Commission and the administration for being so supportive of everything staff did in their work with the LYC. Their comments were a testament to who they were as young leaders, noting staff was able to align the LYC with Youth Excel, an amazing partnership that enabled young people to focus on government, civic duties, and community service, as well as working on achieving STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) careers. She urged parents and caregivers with teenagers who might be interested in participating in the LYC, they could contact city staff to let them know. She thanked her amazing team consisting of Sam Munroe, Tawanna McKinnon, and Ashley Johnson, all of whom were dedicated to the young people, making sure they grew up to be responsible citizens.

Vice Mayor L. Martin acknowledged the parents, guardians, or family members of the LYC members present in the Chambers, as it took a village; he invited them to come to the front of the dais for a photograph.

Commissioner Grant mentioned having to leave the meeting after the vote on the subject item, as she was flying to Tallahassee with members of the LYC early in the morning.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, 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-02-31: A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID TO WESTWAY TOWING, INC. (RFP 2023-006) TO PROVIDE VEHICLE TOWING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO BE COLLECTED BY WESTWAY TOWING, INC. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; 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-02-31-BID-WESTWAY TOWING.pdf](#)

[AR 24R-02-31](#)

[DarrenWellsFile](#)

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-02-32: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE WAIVER OF

COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE LIST OF SOLE SOURCE DESIGNATION OF VARIOUS SOLE SOURCE PROVIDERS AND/OR DISTRIBUTORS OF VARIOUS ESSENTIAL SERVICES CITYWIDE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-24R-02-32-Sole Source List-Citywide essential services.pdf](#)
[AR 24R-02-32](#)
[sole source fencing removed.pdf](#)

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-02-33: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE SEVENTH 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-02-33-Calendar-City Hosted Events 7th Amended 2024.pdf](#)
[AR 24R-02-33](#)
[Updated Commissioner Events \(Seventh\)](#)

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-02-34: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO PROVIDE MODIFICATION TO TERMS INCLUDING AN INCREASE IN PAYMENT TO THE CITY FOR SRO PROGRAM SERVICES FOR TWO (2) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS WITH ANNUAL INCREASES; PROVIDING FOR ONE SRO AT PARKWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ONE SRO AT LAUDERHILL 6-12 HIGH SCHOOL; PROVIDING FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM FROM AUGUST 14, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-24R-02-34-Agrmt-1st Amdt School Resource Officer 2023-26.pdf](#)
[AR 24R-02-34](#)
[SRO 23-26- 1st Amendment KJA LEG SUFFICIENT 2-21-24 OUT clean.pdf](#)

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-02-35: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL GRANTING A TEN-FOOT FOOT WIDE ELECTRIC UTILITY FACILITIES EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FP&L) ON A PORTION OF PARCEL ID 494122020030 LOCATED AT CITY OF LAUDERHILL CITY HALL ANNEX, 5581 WEST OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: [RES-24R-02-35-FP&L Easement - City Hall Annex.pdf](#)
[AR 24R-02-35](#)
[FPLEasementAgreement.pdf](#)
[FPL Easement Sketch Lauderhill City Hall sealed.pdf](#)

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-02-37: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PHASE CHANGE ORDERS FROM AHRENS COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY HALL ANNEX GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$79,904.88 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-02-37-change orders construction- Arhen's Co-City Annex.pdf](#)
[AR 24R-02-37](#)
[Ahrens CHANGE ORDER #1R - PERMIT FEES.pdf](#)
[CHANGE ORDER #3 - CLEAR CONCEALED DEBRIS \(002\) \(1\).pdf](#)
[CHANGE ORDER #4 - CLEAR CONCEALED DEBRIS \(3\) \(1\).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-02-36: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING TO UNLIMITED SMOKE & FOOD STORE, LLC., SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG), ZONING DISTRICT A CONVENIENCE STORE USE IN A +/- 1200 SQUARE FEET UNIT LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS UNITS 1 AND 2 OF B-PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DELARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 34684, PAGE 978, OF THE

OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA;
MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8717 AND 8723 N.W. 50TH STREET.,
LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: [RES-24R-02-36-Special X - Convenience Store-Unlmt Smoke & Food Store.pdf](#)
[AR 24R-02-36](#)
[Attachment A - Application & DRR Report](#)
[Attachment B - Floor Plan](#)
[Attachment C - Special Exception Use Affidavit Executed.pdf](#)

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

Vice Mayor L. Martin provided the following update:

- World Cup Cricket was on the move, with the 800-pound cricket ball on display in Las Olas for the kickoff of the event
- The NAACP Founder's Day & Meet the Black Judges event was held the past week
- A day of prayer was held the previous week at the Christian Community Church of God; it was an awesome spiritual outing; this was a local church at which the pastor was definitely committed to doing his part to help reduce the violence, and support other positive initiatives in the City of Lauderhill; more outreach, more community involvement, and more organizations to partner in advancing these causes
- The CRA Jazz Under the Stars event was a great event at which an awesome time was had by all; the turnout was great, and guest Lawrence Taylor, formerly of the New York Giants, was present, who said it was one of the best events he had ever attended; CRA staff was commended for doing a great job, which they seemed to get better and better at doing, so they should keep up the good work
- The Northwest HOA Movie & Music Night at West Wind Park was a fun event; a Valentine's Day movie was shown, along with music, food truck vendors, etc.; it was a successful effort at pulling the community together, and enjoying a lovely event in the City's park; some of the attendees came from different parts of Lauderhill, and they had never been to this area of Lauderhill; this was what

such events were about, exposing Lauderhill residents to the different sides of the City

- Groundbreaking at the Lauderhill Sports Park, where renderings were displayed to show what the park would look like when the upgrades were completed
- Coffee with a Cop was held the past week at Fresco y Más; the City continued to be big on doing collaborative outings with its vendors and community, yet these were the activities the major media networks never featured and promoted, but the City would continue in these efforts to let people know that Lauderhill was much more than the negative portrayals by the media; he believed, throughout the day, between 75 to 100 people passed through the tent, where they were offered free doughnuts, coffee, and a chance to meet Police Chief Stanley, Fire Chief Robert Torres, and their staff; it was a good-feeling event, particularly for the children.

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

- About a week and a half ago, Parks Director Scott Newton, Ms. Dyer, and she were in Sacramento, California, for the national convening of the National League of Cities Youth Excel Program; they were able to connect with other cities throughout the nation to discuss and learn about best practices for introducing young people to STEM careers, and youth workforce development; she thanked city staff who traveled with her for their exceptional leadership
- The past Saturday, they took a group of young people to Kennedy Space Center, a trip made possible with the grant from National League of Cities; the youths would speak about their experience at a future City Commission meeting
- On February 27, she would be heading to Washington, D.C., as she received an invitation from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to attend their Black Health Summit; representatives from the White House would be there, so the City's delegation of Niah Washington and she would be attending the meeting in person with the hope of establishing meaningful relationships, and getting access to some federal dollars; they had meetings scheduled in the afternoon after the summit, where they would meet with the HHS team, as well as the Youth Excel team; they were invited to participate in a national webinar on which they wished to highlight the City of Lauderhill for its work around the procurement project, as well as its work in the Youth Excel Program; this would result in a conflict in her attending the Solid Waste Authority meeting, for which she emailed Ms. Giles-Smith and Mr. Hobbs in the hope they could attend in her place
- Friday, March 1, 2024, was the first Dine In Lauderhill event for the spring season, at which the special guest would be Mayor Thurston; anyone wishing to spend quality time with Mayor Thurston should go to the City's website: lauderhill-fl.gov/lunchmeetup to register to have lunch with the Mayor
- The elected officials would soon head to the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference; attending would be Mayor Thurston, Vice Mayor L. Martin, and she; the intent was to bring back resources to the City; specifically, they would be lobbying the federal government to bring back dollars to Lauderhill.

Commissioner S. Martin mentioned the funday Community Barbeque at St.

George went well; the next one would be held on March 9, 2024, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Cassa, Georgetown; he said his colleagues were all welcome to attend. It would be a funday with free food, a bounce house, music, and community engagement.

Commissioner Dunn wished to inform her colleagues, and the homeowners' association presidents in the Chambers that there would be filming for the Peace365 communications campaign throughout the present week. They would be filming on Thursday at the Food Truck Roll location, and she invited her colleagues and the community to come out, and stand with them for peace in Lauderhill. She invited everyone to attend the Food Truck Roll at 5:00 p.m., where they could eat, and have a chance to appear in the video; she had Lauderhill Peace365 T-shirts for anyone present at the Thursday evening filming, so they could stand arm-in-arm for peace.

City Manager Giles-Smith said Lauderhill was one of only two cities in the County that had Broadway performances at its theater, something the City was very proud of. The Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC) recently finished showing Chorus Line, a hugely successful show with great singing and dancing. She said, however, patrons had a great opportunity to see Memphis, another Broadway performance about Memphis in the 1950s, and the music of that time, at the LPAC; it was a show about a lady who wanted to become a singer, and the man who loved her. Patrons would be treated to performers with beautiful voices, and great dancing. A commercial trailer video was shown, and there would be shows for Memphis until the end of the week, and after the show, people could enjoy the offerings of the Lauderhill's arts and entertainment district, such as Yeasty Brews, Bliss Bar, Liquid Paradise, etc. She mentioned Jazzin' in West Ken Lark would take place the coming Saturday, March 2, 2024; it was a free event at West Ken Lark Park, so everyone was invited to come out and party to the Melodic Vibrations Band, Careless VibeZ, Lee Kelly and the Dwhas Band, the Junkanoo Band, and DJ Dyzell. Everyone should come out, and have a good time.

Mayor Thurston mentioned everyone was invited to attend the Mayor's Chess Challenge on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Veterans Park, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; participants could challenge anyone they wished to a game of chess. Several cities followed the circuit, so, generally, there was at least one chess challenge per month in a Broward City.

XVIII ADJOURNMENT - 7:19 PM