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, October 28, 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 October 28, 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 (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 24, 2024 AS LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN).

VII PRESENTATIONS (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. A PRESENTATION FROM JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSTON).

Attachments: Presentation A - Lauderhill Impact Report (As Referenced Within Minutes)

B. LAUDERHILL EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: Presentation B - October Teacher Appreciation PPT (As Referenced Within Minutes)

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-10-152: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, THE LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND GJ LAUDERHILL, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES IN THE FORM OF TAX REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED-USE COMMERCIAL MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT COMPRISED OF 245 HOUSING UNITS AND 7,000 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL CONSISTING OF THREE (3) MID-RISE APARTMENT BUILDINGS, AT APPROXIMATELY 52 + UNITS PER ACRE ON A 4.65 + ACRE SITE IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND WITHIN THE TRANSIT ORIENTED CORRIDOR, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT "A" LAUDERHILL SHOPPES NO. THREE, ACCORDING THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 82, PAGE 3 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, INCLUDING FOLIO NUMBERS 494125320030 AND 494125320010, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: Ord-24O-10-152-CC-Arthouse 441- Development Agreement.pdf

AR 24O-10-152

Arthouse 441-FINAL 10-30-24.pdf

Exhibit A - Arthouse Legal Description-Unity of Title.pdf

Exhibit B - RES 22R-06-129 SEU 441 Arthouse Matthew Jacocks

Exhibit C - RES 23R-08-214 Arthouse Site Plan

Exhibit D - Formulary.pdf

Exhibit E - Project Schedule.pdf

City Attorney Rosenberg noted for the record the subject item was pulled to state what was previously stated in the CRA meeting; that is, on page six, an amendment to section 4.2.3 to add language to change the construction start date to be no later than June 15, 2027. Additionally, language would be included regarding changes to the language requiring the hiring of local businesses from "…when feasible…" to more specific wording that the developer and city staff would draft as previously discussed.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public.

Varion Harris, Lauderhill resident, mentioned the subject development, the 441 Arthouse project, was scheduled to make a presentation at his upcoming homeowners' association (HOA) meeting on November 12, 2024. He thanked the developer for bringing their project to his neighborhood, but it was important for them to give back to the surrounding community, asking if the developer entered into a community benefit agreement with the City of Lauderhill, stipulating what they would do for the community. The last time he spoke with the subject developers, he suggested they help with some park improvements; with the existing homeless issue in the area, the subject development would infringe on persons with mental issues in the area who might receive citations, fines, and possible imprisonment for failure to pay a fine. Mr. Harris wished to see the developers of both the 441 Arthouse, and the old Kmart site property take into consideration devising an arrangement with the City to see if there was any available land on which to build a facility where homeless persons could get help/services. Homeless persons were a major issue in all municipalities.

Mayor Thurston received no further input from the public.

Vice Mayor L. Martin asked the public to keep in mind the particular area in which the subject developer's project was located was sitting dormant for a very long time; it abutted, probably, one of the more challenging areas in the Lauderhill community. The hope was the proposed development would be the catalyst to raise the surrounding to community to the next level. The goal was for the presence of new, and existing residents to increase the patronage of the businesses along the NW 38th Avenue corridor, and that that would spark redevelopment in other nearby areas, thereby, changing the dynamic of what NW 19th Street/441 had been for a long time. He said the intent of the live, work, and play options brought to the area with such developments was expected to attract artists, etc. to enhance the area's activation; it was a global plan, and the communities of east Lauderhill would be the immediate

beneficiaries of such development. All stakeholders the City, County, community, etc. had to pitch in, and do their part in a solution for the homeless issue; this could not be placed solely or mostly on new developers coming to the area. He urged residents to remain open minded when developers attended HOA meetings to present proposed development in their area.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor L. Martin, seconded by Commissioner M. Dunn, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 11/25/2024. 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

2. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-10-153: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, RETIREMENT, PART 3 POLICE PENSION PLAN AND TRUST FUND, SECTIONS 2-87.1(c) AND 2-87.1(g), DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN, (DROP); AMENDING SECTION 2-87.2, COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-87.3, POST RETIREMENT SUPPLEMENT TO ADD A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH (d); TO AMEND THE DROP PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND FLORIDA STATE LODGE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #161; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: ORD-24O-10-153-Code 2-87.1 & 2-87.2 & 2-87.3-DROP.pdf

AR 24O-10-153

LP AIS Rev 7 yr DROP, COLA, and PRS updates.pdf

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 11/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

3. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-10-154: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, RETIREMENT, PART 3 POLICE PENSION PLAN AND TRUST FUND, SECTION 2-87.1(b), DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN, (DROP) TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR REGARDING ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER INTO THE DROP PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF

LAUDERHILL AND FLORIDA STATE LODGE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #161; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: ORD-24R-10-154-Code 2-87.1- 15 year DROP Ordinance.pdf

AR 24O-10-154

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 11/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

4. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-10-155: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5213 N.W. 23RD STREET #166, 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-10-155--Deed City to CRA-5213 NW 23 St#166.pdf

AR 24O-10-155

Deed CITY TO CRA - 5213 NW 23 Street Unit 166.pdf

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 11/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

5. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-10-156: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 5406 N.W. 25th STREET #7, 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-10-156-Deed City to CRA-5406 NW 25 St#7.pdf

AR 24O-10-156

Deed CITY TO CRA - 5406 NW 25 Street Unit 7.pdf

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 11/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

5A. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-10-157: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14, OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, CREATING ARTICLE IX,

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING AND PUBLIC SLEEPING, PROHIBITING PUBLIC CAMPING AND PUBLIC SLEEPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 125.0231; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING METHODS OF ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: ORD-24O-10-157-Lauderhill-Draft Homelesss Public Camping Sleeping Ordinance.pdf
AR 24O-10-157
Broward County Final Passed Ordinance 2024-37.pdf

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda on first reading to the City Commission Meeting, due back on 11/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

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

6. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24O-09-151:

ORDINANCE NO. 24O-09-151: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE HILL DISTRICT, LLC, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GATEWAY DESTINATION COMPLEX AS CONCEPTUALIZED IN THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL TO BE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY +/- 13.9 ACRES GENERALLY LOCATED AT SUNRISE BOULEVARD AND STATE ROAD 7 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 178, AT PAGE 161, OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FORMER K-MART SITE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: ORD-24O-09-151-The Hill Comprehensive Agreement.pdf
AR 24O-09-151
The Hill Comprehensive Agreement - 10-15-24 CLEAN FINAL.pdf
Exhibit A Legal description.pdf
2024-09-23_LAUDERHILL CONCEPT PLAN Exhibit B.pdf
BID RESULTS_RLI 2022-014.pdf
Cancellation Notice.pdf

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

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

7. ORDINANCE NO. 24O-09-145: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA MODIFYING CERTAIN OF THE PARK, RECREATIONAL, LEISURE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017 TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR A NEW PROJECT WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF PARK, RECREATIONAL, LEISURE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS, IN EACH CASE, THE COSTS OF WHICH WILL BE PAID, ALL OR IN PART, FROM CERTAIN AVAILABLE AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN THE 2017 PARK, RECREATIONAL, LEISURE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER CITY ORDINANCE NO. 16O-12-154 ENACTED ON JANUARY 9, 2017 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017; MODIFYING CERTAIN OF THE PARK, RECREATIONAL, LEISURE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2018 TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS THEREOF, THE COSTS OF WHICH WILL BE PAID, ALL OR IN PART, FROM CERTAIN AVAILABLE AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN THE 2018 PARK, RECREATIONAL, LEISURE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER CITY ORDINANCE NO. 18O-07-124 ENACTED ON AUGUST 27, 2018 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2018; APPROVING THE FORM, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE CITY FOR PURPOSES OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, EVIDENCING CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE PARK, RECREATIONAL, LEISURE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO DO ALL OTHER THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTERS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: ORD-24O-09-145-REVISED FINAL THIRD READING Ordinance Modifying GOB Projects - Lauderhill General 2024.pdf
AR 24O-09-145

REVISED First Addendum to Tax Certificate GOB Projects - Lauderhill General 2024.pdf
REVISED Third Addendum to Tax Certificate GOB Projects - Lauderhill General 2024.pdf

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

XI RESOLUTIONS (IF NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA)

8. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-241: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS #1 AND #2 FROM ALPHA SECURITY TO ADD TO THEIR SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $39,152.26; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM BUDGET CODE NUMBER 307-338-06212; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-241-change order-alpha security-city hall annex.pdf

AR 24R-10-241

862_Change Order #1 For Annex Cameras and WAPs_08-20-24

862_Change Order #2 Conduit for Access Control and Point to Point Antennae, Cashier camera_08-20-24

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-242: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE PIGGYBACK OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT (56120000-24-NY-ACS) TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE FROM EMPIRE OFFICE TO ENABLE THE CITY TO FURNISH THE NEW INVERRARY COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $142,121.40 FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-242-Piggy-State-Furniture.pdf

AR 24R-10-242

Empire Furniture Quote

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-244: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PROVIDING THAT THE BOXING GYM FACILITY LOCATED IN BROWARD ESTATES MAYE FRANCES BROOKS JENKINS PARK BE NAMED AFTER SERGEANT COREY PENDERGRASS IN HIS HONOR; PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE IN A PROMINENT LOCATION WITHIN THE FACILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE “JABBOW” MARTIN).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-244-Naming boxing gym-Pendergrass.pdf
AR 24R-10-244
BESG_Naming of Public Areas_120621.pdf

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-243: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF ASHLEY ROACHE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD, HAVING BEEN APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE, DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE AT SUCCESSIVE MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-243-BRD-Young Professional Advisory 2024 Removal Ashely Roache.pdf
AR 24R-10-243
Young Professional Advisory Board List
YPAB Board Member - Ashley Roache

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-245: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND JUAN LOPEZ AND OLGA TEJADA IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $40,000.00 AS FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS RELATED TO BOTH PLAINTIFFS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-245-SETT-AGT-Lopez.pdf
AR 24R-10-245

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-246: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE PIGGYBACK OF THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE GROUP BID WITH THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ACTING AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION SUPPLIES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE CITY FROM VARIOUS VENDORS (ITB 12391-502-C19); PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER(S) ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-246-PIGGY-SoFla.various vendors-irrigation supplies 2024.pdf
AR 24R-10-246

12391-502 co-op-award renewal

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

14. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-247: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDED ANNUAL CALENDAR OF CITY HOSTED SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-247-Calendar-City Hosted Events 1st Amended 2025.pdf

AR 24R-10-247

Updated Commissioner Events (First)

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

15. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-248 : A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE ELECTION OF TORRANCE GARY TO SERVE AS AN EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT TRUST FUND BOARD FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2028; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-248-Brd-Police Pension Election-Torrance Gary 24.pdf

AR 24R-10-248

Police Retirement Trust Fund Board List

NOTICE OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION RESULTS 10-07-2024

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

16. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-249: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, APPROVING THE AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $758,175.00; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE (REQUESTED BY DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-249-Agrmt-HUD-CDBG Award.pdf

AR 24R-10-249

HUD-City of Lauderhill 2024 CDBG Award Agreement

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

17. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-250: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS FOR COMBINED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND FY 2022-2023; PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF TOTAL COMBINED FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $494,767.22 FOR THE PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-250-Agrmt-HOME FY 21-22 & FY 22-23.pdf

AR 24R-10-250

FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 Broward-Lauderhill-HOME DPA Agreement

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

18. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-251: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE OF AND APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE 2024 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL SOLICITATION GRANT (JAG) IN THE NET AMOUNT OF UP TO $42,749.10 AFTER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; PROVIDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS ARE REQUIRED; APPROVING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-251-GRANT-JAG- FY 2024 MOU.pdf

AR 24R-10-251

2024 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL SOLICITATION GRANT (JAG)

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

19. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-252: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PROVIDING THAT THE NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER LOCATED IN THE CITY HALL COMPLEX WILL BE NAMED THE "KEN THURSTON INVERRARY COMMUNITY CENTER AND PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITY" IN HIS

HONOR IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE IN A PROMINENT LOCATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-252-Naming-Ken Thurston Center City Hall.pdf

AR 24R-10-252

Commissioner S. Martin suggested removing the word "Inverrary" to be more inclusive of the whole city; that is, changing the name to the Ken Thurston Community Center.

Commissioner Dunn expressed excitement to honor Mayor Thurston for his 14 years of service to the City, first as a commissioner, and then, historically, as the first African American Lauderhill mayor. It was only right for the facility to be named after him.

City Manager Giles-Smith explained the reason "Inverrary" was placed in the title was that Inverrary was the only area of the City without its own recreation center.

Mayor Thurston felt honored and almost speechless at so great a distinction. He opened the discussion to the public.

Mr. Harris thanked Mayor Thurston for his years of service to the City of Lauderhill; he would be greatly missed.

Karen Grey, Lauderhill resident, remarked Mayor Thurston was the epitome of dignity and grace; he led the dais in what it meant to be a true servant to the people he represented. She thought he was the example new commissioners should follow. Earlier speakers expressed disappointment in some negative experiences they had in the City that gave Lauderhill a bad mark, as such behavior was unacceptable. She thanked Mayor Thurston, wholeheartedly, for his service, and residents hoped to see a high quality coming to the Lauderhill Commission with the newly elected officials.

Mayor Thurston thanked Mr. Harris and Ms. Grey. He received no further public input.

Vice Mayor L. Martin echoed commendations for Mayor Thurston's service.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner D. Grant

Abstain: 0

20. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-253: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE NORTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT D/B/A BROWARD HEALTH AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL REGARDING THE "STAY HEALTHY TOGETHER" MOBILE HEALTH PROGRAM TO HELP MEET THE PREVENTATIVE AND PRIMARY MEDICAL NEEDS OF QUALIFIED LAUDERHILL RESIDENTS; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN)

Attachments: RES-24R-10-253-MOU-Authority to Negotiate-Broward Health & City.pdf
AR 24R-10-253

Broward Health-MOU Agreement APR 10-27-24.pdf

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

21. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-254: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL REGARDING THE SAVE PROMISE CLUBS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAUDERHILL PEACE 365 INITIATIVE TO HELP PREVENT VIOLENCE WITHIN SCHOOLS AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-254-MOU-Authority to Negotitate-SBBC & City-SAVE Promise Clubs.pdf
AR 24R-10-254

Lauderhill MOU -SBBC Peace 365-SAVE Clubs.pdf

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

22. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-255: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAUDERHILL HEALTH AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP, INC. TO APPLY TO BE CREATED AS A 501(c)(3) TAX EXEMPT CORPORATION WITH THE INTENT TO PROMOTE CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK ADDRESSING ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL FACTORS SHAPING HEALTH OUTCOMES TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, HEALTH, LIVING ENVIRONMENT, AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF LAUDERHILL RESIDENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL STEPS AND PREPARE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CREATE THE NON-PROFIT TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING FOR AN

EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-255-LHPP_501-c-3.pdf

AR 24R-10-255

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

23. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-256: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2028 TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-256-Brd- appt as whole 2024 #2-blank.pdf

AR 24R-10-256

Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee List

Horat, Cynthia - LAHAC Application

Parry, Sharon - LAHAC Application

Stuart, Tania - LAHAC Application

Willingham, Kristian - LAHAC Application

City Attorney Rosenberg referred to the backup that showed the resumes of four candidates, noting state statute established categories for the seats on the subject board, for which the four individuals were qualified to fill: Cynthia Horat - serving as citizen actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing; Sharon Parry - serving in the same category as Ms. Horat; Tania Stuart - serving as a citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing; and Kristian Willingham - a citizen residing within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner D. Grant

Abstain: 0

24. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-257: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY RIA CHATTERGOON REGARDING COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THOSE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS;

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-257-Adopt Finding of Investigation-Grant 2024.pdf

AR 24R-10-257

Cover Letter and Report of Findings.pdf

Ex. A-GA-13-Vehicle_Use-Policy_10-24-19.pdf

Ex. B - GA23_Travel_Policy_Complete_2-13-23_Existing.pdf

Ex. C Sec._2_22._____Travel__entertainment_and_subsistence_allowance..pdf

Ex. D - ORD_24O-02-106_Code_of_Conduct_for_Public_and_Charter_Officers.pdf

EX. E - Turnpike_Statements_1.17.22_-_1.21.22.pdf

Ex. F - 2022_Tallahassee_Reimbursement.pdf

Ex. G - Turnpike_Statements_3.18.23_-_4.6.23.pdf

Ex. H- Mileage Reimbursement.pdf

Ex. I - Hotel reimbursement.pdf

Ex. J - Reimbursement_Checks from CG.pdf

Grant Public Reprimand October 2024.pdf

City Attorney Rosenberg mentioned the results of a previous criminal investigation conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) revealed various activities and actions the City Commission determined were of concern, and that might amount to violations of either city policy, city code, and/or city charter. The Commission directed the City Manager to hire an independent investigator to make a determination as to whether or not there was a finding of any such violations. Ria Chattergoon was subsequently hired, and she was present to give a summary of the findings of her investigation. Once this was done, there would be two steps: first, the Commission would vote to accept or reject the findings; 2) after that vote, the Commission would make recommendations for staff on how next to proceed.

Ria Chattergoon reiterated she was hired by the City Commission to conduct an independent investigation regarding the use of city vehicles, various reimbursement requests submitted to the City, and determine whether any city policies, codes, and/or charter was violated. The Commission's decision to proceed with an independent investigation stemmed from the FDLE's criminal investigation that arose from a complaint by the Lauderhill Police Department (PD). She said the findings were detailed in her report, as provided in the backup; she highlighted the following:

- Commissioner Grant submitted requests for reimbursement to the City for the following: mileage when driving a city vehicle; a hotel stay that the City already paid for that was caught by the City Clerk's office
- During that investigation, it was revealed that Commissioner Grant used a city vehicle for some of her travels, then submitted receipts for reimbursement

as though she used her personal vehicle

- Going back to 2022, Commissioner Grant utilized the City's 2020 Explorer to travel to Tallahassee for a trip labeled "Broward Days"; a receipt for that trip was later submitted by Commissioner Grant for personal mileage; the City's policy at that time stated commissioners had to use their personal vehicle in order to seek reimbursement for personal mileage; that reimbursement was paid to Commissioner Grant in 2022
- In 2023, she found Commissioner Grant used the City's Explorer on a number of occasions; one was using the city vehicle on March 25, 2023, for a personal trip out of state to Tennessee
- A week after the Tennessee trip, Commissioner Grant used the Explorer to attend an event in Tallahassee, for which, again, Commissioner Grant submitted receipts for mileage reimbursement; a hotel stay receipt was submitted for reimbursement that was altered in a manner that showed she already paid the bill; the City Clerk noticed two receipts for the same transaction, one from the hotel, and one from Commissioner Grant; upon advisement, the City Clerk reimbursed Commissioner Grant for neither the mileage, nor the hotel stay
- During the FDLE investigation, Commissioner Grant claimed she was using the vehicle of a personal friend, which later was found to be untrue, as she used a city vehicle; Commissioner Grant previously requested to use the vehicle from Finance Director Kennie Hobbs, and he gave her the keys to the vehicle, believing she was paid on a W-2; on a later request to use the vehicle, the fleet manager left a key in that vehicle for Commissioner Grant's use
- The key to the abovementioned vehicle was kept by Commissioner Grant; evidence was found that she used the same vehicle a number of times; the car was meant to be parked in the City's parking lot, as it was not a take-home vehicle, as the vehicle was available for use by commission aides, and other city staff members
- Mr. Hobbs placed his personal SunPass in that car, resulting in his SunPass being charged for the trips to Tallahassee, for which he was not reimbursed
- In her investigation, she spoke with a number of individuals, including Mr. Hobbs, and City Clerk Anderson, but she was unable to interview Commissioner Grant; however, Commissioner Grant gave a sworn statement to the FDLE that was recorded, and she was able to listen to that statement
- She found that Commissioner Grant violated the City's 2019 travel policy, 2023 travel policy, and Florida Statute 112313, specifically, when she used the city vehicle to go out of state for personal, not city business; specifically, she used the vehicle to take her son to a soccer tournament, then she submitted receipts for reimbursement for travel using a city vehicle, not her personal car
- Following the notification of the FDLE's investigation, Commissioner Grant attempted to reimburse the City by submitting checks for the Tennessee trip, and for one of the Tallahassee trips; this clearly indicated she knew she used a city vehicle, not her personal vehicle, or Mr. Hobbs's personal vehicle
- Commissioner Grant contacted Police Chief Constance Stanley to inform her that she had the car after Mr. Hobbs informed Commissioner Grant that the car was transferred to the building official; this was further evidence she was fully aware she was using a city-owned vehicle
- There was no finding that Mr. Hobbs or City Clerk Anderson violated any policies; added to that, if a member of the Commission requested something of

a city employee, they usually felt it was their duty to acquiesce to that request

- There was no finding that Fleet Manager Emanuel Cerezo violated any policies, as he was following a directive to leave a key in the car for a city commissioner
- She did an investigation for the City in February 2024, and she recommended at that time that a code of conduct be implemented; that was subsequently approved by the Commission; the code included several remedies/penalties that the Commission needed to decide on
- She recommended for Commissioner Grant's February 2022 trip that the mileage for $507.36 already paid to Commissioner Grant should be paid back to the City by Commissioner Grant, either via a paycheck deduction or by personal check
- Commissioner Grant was found to owe the City for reimbursements for the use of the city vehicle to go on her personal trip to Tennessee; she was unaware of where in Tennessee Commissioner Grant went, so she could not determine the exact amount she needed to repay the City; she believed Commissioner Grant was issued a check in the amount of $1,100.00, so she needed to pay at least this amount back to the City
- The tolls for Commissioner Grant's trips that were charged to Mr. Hobbs's SunPass should be reimbursed by her to him; she calculated the amount owed to him to be around $86.47; there were additional charges on his SunPass, but as she did not have those statements, City staff was urged to total those charges, and reimburse Mr. Hobbs, as he was a city employee, and his personal finances should not be impacted by Commissioner Grant's actions.

Commissioner Dunn referred to Exhibit "D", Ordinance No. 24O-02-106, specifically Section C: Conduct Guidelines, where it stated: All public officers, and Charter officers shall …, listing how Lauderhill's elected officials were expected to conduct themselves. She asked, for the record, that the subject section be read, as it was based on this section that Commissioner Grant's behavior was categorized as violations of city code.

City Attorney Rosenberg read the following as requested: The conduct guidelines for public officers, and charter officers shall be: 1) Work to foster an atmosphere of respect, and civility among colleagues, city employees, and members of the public. 2) Be professional, and be respectful in all interactions with each other, city staff, and members of the public, including oral, and written transactions. 3) Work to promote in the general public an understanding of the role of public officers, and accurate information regarding city matters. 4) Attempt not to abruptly interrupt each other, or members of the commission during public meetings; only the mayor, or chair of the meeting, not individual members, are permitted to interrupt a speaker during a public meeting. However, a member may ask the mayor, or the chair of the meeting for a point of order if the speaker is off topic, or exhibiting behavior or language that members find disturbing or disruptive to the decorum of the meeting. 5) Refrain from using profanity, intimidation, making disparaging remarks, or using ad hominem attacks toward each other, or toward members of the public in any setting, including, but not limited to, public meetings, and on social media. 6) Refrain from yelling, or screaming at each other, city staff, or members of the public in any setting, including during public meetings.

Vice Mayor L. Martin explained for the public that, effective at the present meeting, all information contained in Ms. Chattergoon's report was public record; interested persons could make a public records request for the information from the City Clerk's Office. Such behavior, in his work experience, was grounds for dismissal; for 99 percent of jobs in the working world, such actions would result in a person being dismissed from their job, possibly jailed. He said, unfortunately, when someone was put in a place of public trust, and that person chose not to appear to explain to the public, accept, apologize, etc. for their actions, it multiplied the level of disrespect the person showed to the people they were supposed to serve. These behaviors occurred on multiple occasions, and, as adults, in such situations, regardless of the reasons, they should be recognized by the person, as this was the way to teach young people how to accept the consequences of their behavior. For unknown reasons, Commissioner Grant chose not to do this. Vice Mayor L. Martin asked Ms. Chattergoon to explain how her efforts to interview Commissioner Grant failed.

Ms. Chattergoon replied she tried to meet with Commissioner Grant for almost a month and a half; there were a number of scheduling conflicts after she retained an attorney; the investigation was opened on June 21, 2024.

Vice Mayor L. Martin observed, as a result of the past, and the current investigations, Ms. Chattergoon recommended the City put in place new human resources (HR) policies to close loopholes that led to the State Attorney's final ruling, of which there were those who disagreed. The State Attorney's decision not to pursue criminal charges was less about a dismissal of the claims of wrong actions by Commissioner Grant, and more about the vagueness of some city policies that it was claimed made it challenging for the State Attorney to pursue prosecution. He believed some actions were cut and dry: Commissioner Grant took the city vehicle; she turned in a fraudulent receipt that was obviously altered; and she receive reimbursement for receipts she submitted to which she was not entitled to; these facts were not made up. All elected officials were required to do code of conduct training based on the new ordinance passed in February 2024, asking if this was done by all members of the Commission.

HR Director CiCi Krempler answered no; Commissioner Grant came late, and left early during one training session conducted by the City's labor attorney.

Vice Mayor L. Martin commented that not only did the issues originate with Commissioner Grant, she chose not to attend the training that all other members of the Commission sat through. Now the matter was again before the City Commission, costing the City more time and money, as well as embarrassment; he observed 14 people watching the present meeting, yet such actions affected over 70,000 Lauderhill residents who relied on city administration to manage their taxpayer dollars.

Mayor Thurston requested a motion to accept the report as presented. He opened the discussion to the public.

Mr. Harris asked what the FDLE findings were against Commissioner Grant.

City Attorney Rosenberg clarified FDLE's investigation was already concluded; it was a separate, independent investigation from any investigation conducted by the City; the present investigation conducted by Ms. Chattergoon was not a criminal investigation, it was to determine if any city regulations or policies were violated by Commissioner Grant. Based on the results of the FDLE investigation, it was determined by the State Attorney that there were no findings of criminal violation.

Ms. Grey found it reprehensible that no criminal charges were brought against Commissioner Grant in light of the evidence; fraud was a criminal act, and for the State Attorney to recuse himself, and not take up the case was unacceptable on any level. She asked if an act of fraud had a statute of limitation.

City Attorney Rosenberg replied that it depended on the fraud.

Ms. Grey added that it seemed as though Commissioner Grant had a real challenge with the truth, but no challenge stating lies, and to the people of Lauderhill, those 14 residents watching the meeting, she hoped they would each share the information with 14 more people, etc. Elections had consequences, and the Lauderhill public could not have elected officials who thought they did not have to be held to a higher standard when serving on the Lauderhill City Commission. It was unacceptable that anyone should be allowed to get away with this behavior, and the fact that no criminal charges were brought against Commissioner Grant was sickening. Commissioner Grant did not display the character required of someone elected to serve the City; a city commissioner was a position of service, not one of self-aggrandizement, or self-profit. As a taxpayer of Lauderhill, it incensed her to think Commissioner Grant felt she had the right to use taxpayers' dollars as her personal piggybank; she did not have that right. She believed 50 percent of the people who supported Commissioner Grant, and pushed for her candidacy did not reside in the City of Lauderhill, so she wondered what their endgame was, and what favors they were currying from Commissioner Grant in return for their support. Commissioner Grant showed repeatedly she could not be trusted, so she should not be given the "keys to the piggybank" of the great City of Lauderhill.

Angel de Jesus, 1770 NW 35th Avenue, wished to pose questions to Commissioner S. Martin regarding the City Commission meeting that took place on January 29, 2024, when he voted no on the public censure of Commissioner Grant. He recalled when Commissioner S. Martin began explaining the reason for his "no" vote, no mention was made about city employees, and their feelings, or was any apology offered to them for Commissioner Grant's behavior, as he was one of her supporters. There was no mention of the city employees who were directly affected by Commissioner Grant's behavior; Commissioner S. Martin said it was a personality conflict, stating, "… I think there was some unprofessionalism, and I think all of this started between her and her employee or aide." Mr. de Jesus said Commissioner S. Martin went on to state, "I do not believe that this should be a big public censure, because there was a personality conflict with her and her aide, and my answer is no." He asked Commissioner S. Martin if he felt there was also a personality conflict between

Commissioner Grant and the other 19 city employees involved; thus, it appeared Commissioner S. Martin was more focused on downplaying the issue than on considering the work environment, and the concerns of the city employees, and the concerns of the latter were not taken seriously by him. Mr. de Jesus thought Commissioner S. Martin seemed to place the blame on the aides, rather than holding Commissioner Grant accountable for her role in the situation. He noticed that Commissioner S. Martin and Commissioner Grant appeared to have joined forces in the current election campaign, as evidenced by seeing both commissioners on a flyer together, along with three other candidates, so it seemed they were all running as a team with a goal of being elected together. He asked Commissioner S. Martin if Commissioner Grant promised him anything if she were to win the mayor's seat, wondering if this was the reason he voted no earlier to hold her accountable; that is, was the no vote a down payment of an alliance with her. The people of Lauderhill deserved to know whether personal friendships and political alliances were more important to these candidates than protecting Lauderhill and its citizens, and ensuring accountability from city leaders. He believed the city employees deserved better than such treatment; they deserved respect, and they should not be scared to come to work, or be forced to unbutton their shirt to be searched for a wire if the city official was behaving ethically.

Commissioner Dunn remarked on thinking about the three incidents that led to the subject conversations, both at previous meetings and at the present meeting: first with the harassing behavior toward city employees; the issue of using the city vehicle; and then the reimbursement discrepancies, added to which was the FDLE investigation. Though the independent investigator found no harassment, there was bullying behavior, and that triggered the discovery of the FDLE investigation; she was unaware of the latter until she got the report of the bullying and the intimidating behavior. She noted the new City Code of Conduct went into effect in February 2024, and on Monday, October 21, 2024, she was the victim of harassing, bullying behavior from Commissioner Grant, who publicly called her ugly, told her she needed to go get a man; such behavior was, therefore, a violation of the City's new Code of Conduct put in place due to her behavior toward city employees. Commissioner Dunn said she previously put forth the motion to censure Commissioner Grant, because she believed Lauderhill's employees needed a safe environment where they felt respected, and protected when at work. A true leader was not pushy, did not bully, and was not money hungry; they lived a disciplined life, seeking wisdom, and they were honest and good tempered. She believed good leaders abhorred wrongdoing of all kinds, had a sound moral foundation, and were compassionate; they served, and led with their heart. Lauderhill's leaders did not know everything, and mistakes were made at times, but their intent was always to work in the best interest of Lauderhill's residents, and city employees, who expected their leaders to lead by example. Commissioner Dunn felt it hypocritical of the City Commission to create policies to make the City a safe and peaceful place to live and work, yet there was a member of the Commission bullying other people; this was wrong. She noted, on her part, that she did all she could to reduce the likelihood of such behavior recurring; that is, putting forth the motion to censure Commissioner Grant, and voting for approval, and she attended trainings for the new City Code of Conduct, arriving on time, staying for the duration, paying attention, and asking questions. Where

there was an opportunity for her to be a better leader to the Lauderhill community, she had taken it, so after the vote of the subject item at the present meeting, the rest would be up to Lauderhill voters in whose hands rested the decision on the type of leadership they wished their city to have. This applied to if they no longer wished her to serve on the Commission, as she would continue to serve her community regardless. Commissioner Dunn pointed out that Mayor Thurston travelled regularly, such as to Tallahassee, Washington, D.C., and to various conferences, and leagues to advocate for Lauderhill citizens, and city employees.

Ms. Grey commented when someone with a passive aggressive personality, flexed it, saying things under their breath about other people, that was dangerous. She wished to go on the record that Commissioner Grant told her the past Saturday, “Well, I’m the mob, don’t you know,” as though she was auditioning for Mean Girls. As she did not scare easily, she replied to Commissioner Grant, “Well, I’m from New York, and the mob don’t scare me.” She alleged that Commissioner Grant was spreading rumors, and this was something said by one of her own campaign supporters; specifically, she was spreading a rumor that Vice Mayor L. Martin was shooting up her place; this could cause a dangerous situation if there was a loose cannon in her camp. She pointed out to the person that the City used the ShotSpotter technology, so if shots were really fired at Commissioner Grant’s place, the police would have shown up. Ms. Grey wished it clear on the record that if anything happened to any Commission members at the present meeting, there was now a record of what was said by certain individuals that could lead to endangering people’s lives with foolishness. Anyone who supported such behavior should not be given another chance to serve on the City Commission.

Latoya London, Lauderhill resident, remarked that Lauderhill needed to set an example; it must be the city that set the trend for others to follow, and such behaviors should not be tolerated in Lauderhill. Everyone should uphold peace, and hold themselves to the same standards, whether as commissioners or residents; it was ironic that the same people who claimed to promote the reduction of crime provoked aggression throughout the City. This must stop, as Lauderhill deserved better; residents and employees deserved a respectful, and safe city; people needed to vote to put persons who truly held such beliefs on the City Commission.

Maria Munroe, 7120 NW 44th Court, wished to read into the record a message that was posted by a Lauderhill resident that was not only about Commissioner Grant, but about a former police officer, Debbie Banner, who was spreading misinformation. She read as follows: Attention City of Lauderhill voters, Debbie Banner, who does not identify with Broward Democratic Party, is passing out deceptive voter’s guide, and is verbalizing to voters that this is a democratic voter’s guide, deceiving voters by introducing herself as a former Lauderhill PD officer. Is there something that can be done to stop her? Because she keeps talking to people that she is a police officer, or was a former police officer. Please note that the guide was funded by … Ms. Munroe echoed the question of asking what could be done to address this issue.

Mayor Thurston received no further input from the public.

Vice Mayor L. Martin thought enough had been said on the subject issue, and with eight days left before election day on November 5th, voters of Lauderhill were fully aware of the two candidates for mayor: Commissioner Grant, and he. Unfortunately, many people did not pay attention, and/or had little to no knowledge; he hated to see the potential for the City of Lauderhill to go backwards. Though his intent was to win the mayoral race, regardless of the election's outcome, it was mandatory that Lauderhill residents hold accountable whoever the next elected officials were on the City Commission. He said when individuals began dividing the community based on country of origin, and other cultural variables, nothing good would come of it; he felt sure by the end of the day there would be a negative political spin about the present meeting, and its efforts to undermine other candidates. There was a higher power in control, and sometimes it was necessary to go through challenging times first before achieving the goals being sought. He urged listeners and meeting attendees to get the word out to the community that the subject discussion was not an orchestrated effort to cast aspersions on Commissioner Grant, as the evidence presented consisted of factual data gathered by professionals. Vice Mayor L. Martin remarked on his disappointment in the failure of Commissioner Grant to make herself available to respond, neither to Ms. Chattergoon, nor to the Lauderhill public at a Commission meeting with regard to the evidence against her; this, to him, spoke volumes, and was unacceptable. Added to this, there were three or four candidate debates/forums, none of which Commissioner Grant attended. He held the City Manager and her staff in high regard, and though he always held everyone accountable, he was always willing to sit and listen with respect.

Commissioner Dunn read a sentence into the record from page 11 of Ms. Chattergoon's report: City employees should not be financially burdened on an elected official's behalf, and be placed in a difficult position to address the issue. The Commission would now vote on the subject resolution, but the matter was something Lauderhill voters would be voting on as well, so she urged them not to vote for anyone on the dais, but for the 680 city employees. Voters should think about their firefighters, sworn police officers, code officers, Parks staff, etc., and whether they should be in an environment that was respectful, or in one with leaders who, by their example, bully them, and thought it acceptable because those leaders refused to hold each other accountable. The ball was in the Lauderhill voters' court.

City Attorney Rosenberg asked Mayor Thurston to call the vote as to the findings of Ms. Chattergoon's report; she would then give the Commission direction for next steps.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner D. Grant

Abstain: 0

City Attorney Rosenberg explained the previous vote was more of a part A in which the Commission voted to accept the independent investigator's findings of wrongdoing by Commissioner Grant; next was a decision on what subsequent steps to be taken by the City Commission. She noted in her report, Ms. Chattergoon recommended reimbursement of a number of amounts: the reimbursement to Commissioner Grant for mileage on her 2022 trip, for which she used a city vehicle but submitted for reimbursement as though she used her personal vehicle, specifically, $507.36; the 2023 out-of-state trip to Tennessee, again for mileage using a city vehicle but claimed as being for her personal vehicle, specifically, $1,025.00, for which Commissioner Grant sent the City a check in that amount that was never deposited, so as it was over a year old, the check was voided, and Commissioner Grant would be asked to reissue the check; Mr. Hobbs should be reimbursed for tolls accumulated on his personal SunPass, which he personally paid already, an estimated $86.47, and Ms. Chattergoon suggested city staff look at the actual SunPass account to determine if that was the full amount owed to Mr. Hobbs. Ms. Rosenberg stated the City's Code of Conduct passed in October 2024 said the City Commission could impose one or more of the listed penalties subject to a majority vote of the remaining commissioners who were not the subject of the violation(s), and one or more of the penalties could be enforced. The penalties were as follows: 1) oral reprimand, an oral communication delivered in a private meeting; 2) written reprimand, a written letter delivered in a private meeting; 3) public censure via a resolution read at a public meeting; 4) public reprimand via a publication in the newspaper; 5) referral to the Governor of Florida for action; 6) referral to the Florida Commission on Ethics, Office of Inspector General, or any other agency deemed appropriate depending on the nature of the violation; 7) any other lawful penalty deemed to be reasonable, and appropriate by the City Commission. She sought the Commission's recommendation(s) accordingly.

Commissioner Dunn wished to make a motion to approve all recommendations for reimbursement; as well as to impose two of the penalties, specifically number four, public reprimand via publication in a newspaper, and number six, referring the matter to the Florida Commission on Ethics, etc.

Mayor Thurston opened the discussion to the public.

Ms. Grey thought that for the magnitude of Commissioner Grant's listed infractions, the enforcement of all penalties should be considered. She understood, as elected officials in an election season, it was difficult to make decisions that might give the appearance of going after Commissioner Grant, but the findings were factual.

Mr. Harrison further asked that the enforcement of penalty number four include putting the findings in the City's newsletter, the Lauderhill Spotlight, rather than just in Sun Sentinel, or a like newspaper.

Mayor Thurston received no further input from the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner M. Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor L. Martin, that the reimbursements recommended by the independent investigator and the imposition of penalties four and six, as listed in the City's Code of Conduct, per the previous approval of Resolution No. 24R 10 257, 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

Vice Mayor L. Martin wished to know the timeframe for satisfying the reimbursements, and enforcement of the two penalties.

Ms. Chattergoon did not believe timeframe was addressed in the City's Code of Conduct.

City Attorney Rosenberg responded the timeframe was just a matter of her drafting the document(s) for publication. The timeframe for the reimbursement of the funds was the Commission's decision.

25. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-261: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE LOCAL 3080 METRO BROWARD PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS ("IAFF"), FOR FIRE FIGHTERS, INSPECTORS/FIREFIGHTERS, LIEUTENANTS,CAPTAINS, DISTRICT CHIEFS, AND BATTALION CHIEFS, IN EFFECT FOR THE THREE (3) YEAR TERM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-261-CBA - Fire Local 3080 2024-2027.pdf

AR 24R-10-261

Memo to Commission and CM - Re -IAFF CBA - 2024-2027.pdf

IAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement (Final).pdf

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

26. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-262 REMOVED

27. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-264: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CREATING THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION OF UTILITIES ENGINEER; APPROVING THE JOB POSITION OF UTILITIES ENGINEER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-264-JOB-creation-Utilities Engineer.pdf
AR 24R-10-264
Utilities Engineer 2024.pdf

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

28. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-265: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO $166,488.00 AND PROVIDING THAT THE MATCH REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN WAIVED; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-265-Agrmt-VOCA Grant 2024-25.pdf
AR 24R-10-265
VOCA-C-2024-Lauderhill Police Department-00049
NEW VOCA-C-2024-Lauderhill Police Department-00049

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

29. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-266: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AUTHORIZING NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDERS FROM AHRENS COMPANY TO ADD VARIOUS ITEMS TO THEIR SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED OF $249,314.20; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES SMITH).

Attachments: RES-24R-10-266-change order-Ahrens Co-various final.pdf

AR 24R-10-266

C0#10 Sketch Tie In

CO#11 - ADD'LACCOUSTICAL SOUND PANELS-LAUDERHILL CITY HALL
CO#12 - MOVE SEWER TIE-IN LOCATION -CITY HALL ANNEX GYM-GO FUND-LAUDERHILL
CO#014- ADD CONCRTE BTW FCEMAIN & WTRLINE-CITY HALL GYM
CO#15 INSTALL BACKFLOW PREVENTER AND CONTROLLER 8.14.2024
CO#16. - RET. POND CATCH BASIN ELEVATION CHANGE

CO#17- ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT STORAGE COSTS

CO#18 D CURB & SDEWLKS REM. REPL.pdf

CO#19 INTERIOR DESIGN CHANGES TO ADD BLDG DEPT-LAUDERHILL COMMUNITY CTR-GYM

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

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

30. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-258: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING CRAFT LEARNING CENTER D/B/A GREATER HORIZONS ACADEMY A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EXISTING DAYTIME CHILD CARE USE ON AN APPROXIMATELY 4.99± GROSS ACRE SITE, THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT "A" OF THE OAKLAND SHOPPES PLAT AS RECORDED IN THE BROWARD COUNTY OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, PLAT BOOK 82, PAGE 37, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5750 WEST OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-258-Special X - Childcare - Greater Horizons Academy.pdf
AR 24R-10-258

Attachment A - SEU Application

Attachment B - Applicant Narrative

Attachment C - Development Review Report (DRR - 24-SE-016)

Attachment D - Public Notice Affidavit

Attachment E - SEU Conditions Affidavit

Attachment F - Floor Plan

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

31. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-259: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING LAUDERHILL MALL INVESTMENTS, LLC. A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT INCLUSIVE OF 233 DWELLING UNITS AND 14,186 SQ. FT. OF COMMERCIAL USES ON A 3.23± ACRE SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF THE "LAUDERHILL MALL SOUTH OUT PARCELS" PLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 183, PAGE 374, OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1267 N.W. 40TH AVENUE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-259-Special X - Lauderhill Mall.pdf

AR 24R-10-259

Attachment A - SEU Application

Attachment B - Applicant Narrative

Attachment C - 24-SE-011 - DRR (1267 NW 40 Avenue) Lauderhill Village

Attachment D - Public Notice Affidavit

Attachment E - SEU Conditions (UNSIGNED)

This Resolution was tabled on the Consent Agenda, due back to the City Commission Meeting on 11/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

32. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-260: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING LE PARC AT LAUDERHILL, LLC. AN AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE ORDER (RESOLUTION NO. 19R-12-275), SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY (RM-40) ZONING DISTRICT A MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WITH AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS from 330 TO 358 DWELLING UNITS ON A 9.93± ACRE SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT 1 OF "AT&T NO. 1" AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 127, PAGE 18, OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3831 N.W. 13TH STREET, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-260-Special X - LeParc

AR 24R-10-260

Attachment A - SEU Application

Attachment B - Applicant Narrative

Attachment C - Development Review Report (24-SE-017 - Le Parc)

Attachment D - Public Notice Affidavit (LeParc)

Attachment E - SEU Conditions Affidavit (UNSIGNED)

Affidavit Conditions - Le Parc

This Resolution was tabled on the Consent Agenda, due back to the City Commission Meeting on 11/25/2024. (See Consideration of Consent Agenda for vote tally.)

33. RESOLUTION NO. 24R-10-263: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA GRANTING DENTAL BLUSH SUNRISE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE DEVELOPMENT ORDER, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT A DENTAL OFFICE, WHICH INCLUDES A MEDICAL PROVIDER AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, ON A 3.86± ACRE SITE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS "CITY OF LAUDERHILL SECTION 1" A PORTION OF TRACT G, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 81, PAGE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4581 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachments: RES-24R-10-263-Special X - Dental Blush.pdf

AR 24R-10-263

Attachment A - Application Submittal

Attachment B - Narrative

Attachment C - Floor Plan Sketch

Attachment E - Public Notice Affidavit

DRR (24-SE-015) 4581 N. University Dr. - Dental Blush Sunrise.pdf

24-SE-015 SIGNED AFFIDAVIT

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

XIII QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, FIRST READING

XIV QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS, SECOND READING

XV UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XVI OLD BUSINESS

XVII NEW BUSINESS

XVIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

City Attorney Rosenberg restated the present meeting was Mayor Thurston's last meeting after 14 years of service on the Commission; it was an extreme pleasure to work with him, and she would miss him very much. His nice, quiet demeanor in getting things accomplished was a wonderful treat. Her law firm partner, and former City Attorney, Earl Hall liked to write as a hobby; not only did he dabble in writing books, but he wrote poetry as well, and he wrote something for Mayor Thurston, which she read into the record as follows: Mayor Kenneth Thurston, you are a sage; to be a sage is to be wise through reflection, and experiences. To be wise is to have a grasp on the pulse of the City of Lauderhill; to be wise is to understand the importance of the neighborhoods, the many cultures, and, most importantly, to know the distinctions. To reflect is to know the history of the City, from the historical Jewish temples to the historical Charlie's Pastries, and the historical Joy's Roti Shop; to reflect is to know the direction that the City is going in, and to welcome World Cup Cricket. To be experienced is to put in the work, and to lead the City, no matter how big the tropical storm, the hurricane, or the COVID-19 pandemic; to be experienced is to know when it's time to allow spirited debate, and to know when it's time to call the question. Mayor Thurston, the sage, leaves behind a legacy, or a footprint, if you will. Those that come behind will see a trail of honor, ethics, hard work, a balanced disposition, and a fantastic public servant. May you continue to be a sage in retirement; may you share your wisdom, may you reflect on a job well done; may you enjoy plenty of new experiences. So, we wish you well. Ms. Rosenberg stated the message was from Mr. Hall, Mr. Davis-Walker, and her.

Vice Mayor L. Martin commented a few months ago that the City's police and fire departments responded to a call where a young girl drowned; her name was Arihanna Graham. Through quick response from her uncle, and the City's police and fire staff, they brought her back to life. He stated the past weekend, Arihanna and her mother invited him to what they called her rebirth, an official event, and they gave something to the City; he believed the first responders received something similar. They thanked the City, and its staff for the role they played in her life. He read the wording of the dedication as follows: In recognition of the passionate leadership of the City of Lauderhill, commissioners who stood beside us, offered comfort, and ensured our daughter's journey back, and health, and happiness. Thank you. Arihanna Graham and family. He passed it down to Mayor Thurston as the spokesperson for the City. Arihanna was full of energy, and back in the water again swimming; she, along with others, were given free swimming lessons by the City; she was very thankful for her second chances. Vice Mayor L. Martin said, on a personal note, on August 24, 2024, he was accused by a former commissioner, and current Lauderhill election candidate Richard Campbell of assault at a Jamaican Independence event, as well as assault on an elderly person; the intent was to try to have him arrested. He allowed the law to take its course, and the

evidence revealed that Mr. Campbell placed his hands on him first, which was what he reported to the Lauderhill PD. The latter did a diligent investigation, and the State Attorney recently filed a ruling of no charges to be found. In response to Mr. Campbell's filling charges, he filed charges of assault against Mr. Campbell, as assault on a public official was a felony, as was assault on a senior citizen. He noted the issue he had with the whole situation was it was a push, at best, but when one talked about taking someone's civil liberties away, damaging their character, it was serious, as in his 20 years of working with the "Feds", he never had an issue, and he dealt with the worst of the worst at every level. Despite the incident taking place at a Jamaican Independence celebration with numerous attendees, Mr. Campbell was unable to find anyone willing to corroborate his claim; to him, this spoke volumes. Such accusations affected not just the accused individual, but their children, parents, and the community; all those in the community who rallied around him knew he was better than that. He was proud to say the matter was now closed. People in the community should be careful, as no one had the right to put their hands on you, and citizens had a right to protect and defend themselves.

Commissioner Dunn gave a presentation, highlighting the following:

• An Impact Report from August to September 2024 included an acknowledgement of the ABCD group at St. George, and West Ken Lark; this was a project that began two years ago in collaboration with the Lauderhill Health and Prosperity Partnership (LHPP), and the funding came specifically through the Children's Services Council of Broward County
• $10,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds was allotted to the St. George/West Ken Lark communities, and pictures were shown of how they utilized those funds to benefit their youth, such as a project that taught children entrepreneurship
• A grandparent's breakfast celebration was held for seniors; they were provided with a beautiful breakfast, and entertainment, which included a mindfulness workshop led by her
• She hosted a boot camp for nonprofits, bringing in an expert who spoke about capacity building, grant writing, and event planning; some 100 nonprofits were hosted at the boot camp
• The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Board members and she, as the secretary, held a breakfast
• There was a meet up of some of the women from the Network of Elected Women of Broward County, on which she served as co-chair; it was an initiative by the Women's Foundation of Florida; she represented the City of Lauderhill
• She was always grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Lauderhill.

Commissioner S. Martin thanked the Lauderhill community and its residents for having elected him to serve them; he would not be where he was today were it not for Mayor Thurston. The impact Mayor Thurston had on his life was truly amazing, as when he retired from the U.S. Army in 2015, there was an upcoming Lauderhill election in 2016, and he thought to campaign to serve on the Commission, but Mayor Thurston advised him to first serve on a number of Lauderhill advisory boards to learn more about the City. He asked how he could do this, and Mayor Thurston pointed him in the right direction; a few months

later he served as a member of the Lauderhill Affordable Housing Authority Board, where he later became the vice chairperson, serving on that board for about three years. He went on to serve on Lauderhill's Community and Budget Advisory Board, working with city residents and staff, and in 2018, he successfully ran to serve on the City Commission. Commissioner S. Martin added that Mayor Thurston mentioned the Kiwanis Club of Central Broward, the nonprofit he worked with, recommending that he join the organization, which he did, and he ended up becoming the president of the chapter, and remained as such for three years; both Mayor Thurston, and he continued to serve with the Kiwanis Club today. Additionally, in embarking on a new chapter of his life, seeking to join the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., it was with the recognition and recommendations of Mayor Thurston's and his wife's recognition that he was later able to join that organization. He said Mayor Thurston's impact on his life had trickled down to his boys, and to the classroom children he mentored, and came in contact with; it was Mayor Thurston's fingerprint that set the path of his life. He felt from the bottom of his heart that Mayor Thurston would be missed; he loved him, and thanked him for everything he did for him, and in his life.

City Manager Giles-Smith mentioned the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Department was working with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on developing the City of Lauderhill's Transportation Master Plan. This meant looking at the City's streets, roads, and various modes of transportation in the City to create a cohesive plan to take the City to 2030, and plan for the future. She stated this process involved all members of the City Commission, referring to the QR code displayed, asking members of the Commission to scan it to take a brief ten-question survey, stating their priorities, and submitting it before December 15, if possible. Their feedback would go into helping the development of the transportation master plan for the City, as it would make Lauderhill more connected, pedestrian friendly, bicycle ready, and implement a variety of shared ride offerings where residents felt they were needed most. She was pleased to see some residents doing this right now. She played video highlights of a recent event held to honor Mayor Thurston for his 14 years of remarkable service to the City of Lauderhill. Ms. Giles-Smith went on to present Mayor Thurston with tokens of appreciation on behalf of her staff and she.

Fire Chief Robert Torres thanked Mayor Thurston, on behalf of the City's firefighters, for his 14 years of leadership and partnership with the fire department, and for his service to the community; he was an incredible leader to everyone, including his exemplary leadership of the City throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager Giles-Smith added that during Mayor Thurston's years of service on the City Commission, he passed $2.2 billion in budgets for the City of Lauderhill, 5,000 pieces of legislation, gave out hundreds of proclamations, as well as giving out keys to the City, accompanied by thousands of smiles, and Moves with the Mayor in the community. She presented him with bottles of cabernet sauvignon, which she understood was his favorite wine, urging him to enjoy them while sitting on his porch.

Mayor Thurston thanked everyone for their wonderful, heartfelt expressions of

appreciation, and commendation for his time serving on the dais. It had been an absolute pleasure serving the residents of the City of Lauderhill; he enjoyed it immensely, and he was happy he had such great employees to work with, as they accomplished a lot of great things. The City's entertainment district on NW 38th Avenue was unimaginable years ago, and the members of the Commission, and city staff worked to turn the City in a different direction. He noted the City once had no flood mitigation plan, which was needed in order to get money from the State and federal government for water projects, so the city staff and the Commission developed, and put in place such a plan. The pandemic that happened during his administration was very challenging, with people having to wear masks, etc.; it was tough sledding, with many virtual meetings that continued until the Governor rescinded his waiver. Mayor Thurston commented that the City took leaps and bounds over the last 14 years, and city staff did a tremendous job, so whatever credit being accorded to him he shared with city staff, as they did the work, for which he was very appreciative. He was not leaving Lauderhill; he would continue to live in the City, as he had done for almost 30 years, so everyone should look forward to seeing him attend future commission meetings, though he would take a few months off first. Again, he expressed his thanks for the opportunity to work with everyone.

XIX ADJOURNMENT - 8:53 PM