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CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Commission Chambers

April 28, 2026

7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips called the April 28, 2026 City Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips
Vice Mayor Sharon Thomas
Commissioner Tycie Causwell
Commissioner Easton Harrison
Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams

ALSO PRESENT

Acting City Manager Venice Howard
City Attorney Sidney Calloway
Deputy City Clerk Pav Benasrie-Watson
City Staff

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was provided by Bishop Everton B. Walker from First United Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, Inc.

The pledge of allegiance was recited

4. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION - EARTH DAY RECYCLING POSTER ART AWARDS CONTEST CEREMONY (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR THOMAS)

This is a presentation regarding Earth Day Recycling Poster Art Awards Contest Ceremony.

Vice Mayor Thomas announced the winners of the 2026 Earth Day Recycling Poster/Art Award Ceremony Winners. They were as follows: Kindergarten to second grade 1st Place winner: Sincere Nation, Ft. Lauderdale Prep School; 2nd Place: Darvens Gustavo Dorce Monneus, Oriole Elementary; 3rd Place: Trinity Luna - Kindergarten, Oriole Elementary; 3rd - 5th Grade: Caden Johns, Oriole Elementary; 2nd Place: Isabelle Andre, St. Helen Catholic School; 3rd Place: Grace Octobre, Park Lakes Elementary; 6th - 8th Grade: 1st Place: Wadnisha Lodimis, St. Helen Catholic School; 2nd Place: Walquidia Torres, Lauderdale Lakes Middle School; 3rd Place: Ghea Givens, Fort Lauderdale Prep School; In Honor of Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer Award – Most Student Participation: Park Lakes Elementary

Upon the completion of the presentation, Commissioner Causwell made a motion to adjourn the

meeting for ten minutes so the City Commission can join the winners for a reception.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips requested a roll call:

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 4-0

Mayor Edwards Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A. APRIL 13, 2026 CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

B. APRIL 14, 2026 CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Causwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2026 City Commission Workshop and April 14, 2026 City Commission Meeting

Mayor Edwards Phillips requested a roll call:

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

6. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Former Vice Mayor Mark Spence stated that he does not believe that bounce houses require building and electrical inspections and the fee should not be between \$500 to \$700. He stated churches may have had plans for Easter and graduations and decided against them due to high fees.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

8. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION 2026-034 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GLORIFIED PRINTING, INC. D/B/A MINUTEMAN PRESS FOR LAKES NEWS PRINTING AND MAILING (2ND RE-BID) FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY THREE CENTS (\$18,062.93) PER QUARTERLY PUBLICATION

This is a resolution awarding a contract to Glorified Printing, Inc. d/b/a Minuteman Press in an amount not to exceed \$18,062.93 per quarterly publication.

B. RESOLUTION 2026-035 AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ("JAG") PROGRAM THROUGH THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE ("BSO") IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINE DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$28,809.00)

This is a resolution authorizing the City of Lauderdale Lakes to proceed with a grant application to the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Broward Sheriff's Office for an allocation of \$28,809 to support public safety initiatives.

- C.** RESOLUTION 2026-036 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT #3 TO THE RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT 22SRP23 WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) FOR FIRE STATION 37 HARDENING

This is a resolution authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the Florida Resilient Grant Agreement No. 22SRP23 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for Fire Station 37 Hardening, providing for an extension of the agreement expiration date to June 30, 2027.

- D.** RESOLUTION 2026-037 OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA, STATING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR THE REDESIGNATION OF CENSUS TRACTS 12011050301 AND 12011050308 AS OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 AREAS

This is a resolution supporting the nomination of Census Tracts 12011050301 and 12011050308 as Opportunity Zones 2.0 areas. The Federal Opportunity Zones Program, enacted under Opportunity Zones 2.0, takes effect January 1, 2027.

- E.** RESOLUTION 2026-038 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CULINARY AFFAIRS, INC. TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR THE 2026 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM AT WILLIE WEBB SR. PARK FUNDED THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

This is a resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute an agreement with Culinary Affairs, Inc. to provide nutritious breakfast and lunch for the 2026 Summer Food Program at Willie Webb Sr. Park. This program will be funded through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Summer Food Service Program.

- F.** RESOLUTION 2026-039 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CHILDREN SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2026 "MOST" SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$145,975.00) FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026 TO PROVIDE FOR SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELIGIBLE YOUTH; PROVIDING FOR A CITY MATCH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS (\$9,883.00)

This is a resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into an agreement and accept grant funding from the Children Services Council (CSC) in the amount of \$145,975.00 for the implementation of the 2026 Summer "MOST" Camp Program for the period of May 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026. The Children Services Council agreement requires a City Match in the amount of \$9,883.00.

City Attorney Calloway read Resolutions 2026-034, 2026-035, 2026-036, 2026-037, 2026-038 and 2026-039 by title:

RESOLUTION 2026-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAUDERDALE LAKES PROCUREMENT CODE, AWARDED AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AWARD TO GLORIFIED PRINTING, INC., D/B/A MINUTEMAN PRESS, UNDER ITB 26-3410-27B, PROVIDING FOR LAKES NEWS PRINTING AND MAILING FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIXTY TWO AND 93/100 DOLLARS (\$18,062.93) PER QUARTERLY PUBLICATION; A DRAFT COPY OF SAID CONTRACT IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; COPIES OF GLORIFIED PRINTING, INC.'S RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED HERETO AS COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B; COPIES OF THE PRELIMINARY EVALUATION TABULATION AND THE FINAL EVALUATION TABULATION IS ATTACHED HERETO AS COMPOSITE EXHIBIT C; COPIES OF WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 2026-035

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ("JAG") PROGRAM THROUGH THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE ("BSO") IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINE DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$28,809.00); A COPY OF THE 2025 FLORIDA LOCAL JAG ALLOCATIONS IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 2026-036

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THAT CERTAIN RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (22SRP23) FOR THE FIRE STATION 37 HARDENING PROJECT; A COPY OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO AGREEMENT NO. 22SRP23 IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; A COPY OF THE STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT (22SRP23) IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT B; A COPY OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 22SRP23 IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT C; COPIES OF EACH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 2026-037

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA; SUPPORTING THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES' NOMINATION OF CENSUS TRACTS 12011050301 AND 12011050308 FOR REDESIGNATION AS OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 AREAS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH NOMINATION TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 2026-038

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES AND CULINARY AFFAIRS BY DOMINICK INC., PROVIDING FOR NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVICES FOR THE 2026 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM AT WILLIE WEBB SR. PARK; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM; A DRAFT COPY OF THE AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 2026-039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY ("CSC") PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$145,975.00) DOLLARS FROM CSC FOR SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELIGIBLE YOUTH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 2026 "MOST" SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026; FURTHER AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CITY MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$9,883.00); A DRAFT COPY OF SAID AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A, A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Thomas made a motion to pull Resolution 2026-038 from the consent agenda and move it to the next scheduled City Commission meeting.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

Vice Mayor Thomas made a motion to approve Resolutions 2026-034, 2026-035, 2026-036, 2026-037 and 2026-039.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS ON REGULAR AGENDA

- A.** RESOLUTION 2026-040 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,411,347.00) FOR THE CITYWIDE TRAFFIC CALMING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT

This is a resolution authorizing the executing of an agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to provide funding in the amount of \$1,411,347 for the citywide traffic calming project - various locations.

City Attorney Calloway read Resolution 2026-040 by title:

RESOLUTION 2026-040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH FDOT TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$1,411,347.00) FOR THE CITYWIDE TRAFFIC CALMING – VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT; A DRAFT COPY OF THE FDOT LAP AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Thomas made a motion to move Resolution 2026-040 to the floor for discussion.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

Ron Desbrunes, Public Works Director, stated that on April 23, 2024, the City Commission approved an agreement with FDOT to provide funding in the amount of \$437143 for design services of the Citywide Traffic Calming – Various Location project. The project consists in the construction and installation of traffic calming devices such as roundabout and speed bumps in several locations throughout the city specifically: on NW 24 Street (Eastgate), NW 34 Street, NW 35 Avenue (Northgate), NW 33 Street (Westgate), NW 41 Street (Oakland Estates). Kimley-Horn and Associates was retained to provide design services for this project. The final design package has been submitted to FDOT for review and approval. This agreement provides funding in the amount of \$1,411,347 to cover construction as well as engineering inspection cost for this project. This agreement expires on December 31, 2028.

Commissioner Causwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-040.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

B. RESOLUTION 2026-041 RATIFYING THE CITY'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

This is a resolution ratifying the City's Financial Report as of February 28, 2026.

City Attorney Calloway read Resolution 2026-041 by title:

RESOLUTION 2026-041

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FILING OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY (PERIOD 5) OF FISCAL YEAR 2026, AS PREPARED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SEC.82-327 OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCES, COPIES OF SUCH FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; A COPY OF WHICH CAN BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Harrison made a motion to move Resolution 2026-041 to the floor for discussion.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

Sharon Haynes, Financial Services Director, stated that the financial reports on all funds comparing budgeted revenue and expenditure information to actual on a monthly and year-to-date basis relative to the month of February, 2026. Items discussed were the Revenues in the amount of \$20,026,611 or 43% and expenditures were at 29%. Stormwater is operating at 38% of budgeted revenues; Solid Waste is operating at 33% and Building Services is at 25% of budgeted revenues. Expenses were at 17% of the budget. The Fire Rescue Fund is increased to 78% if budgeted revenues and expenditures at 52%; Alzheimer Care Fund is at 22% of the budget and expenditures are at 34%; Gas Tax are at 94% and Expenditures are at 57%; Debt Service's first payment of the year is due in April.

Commissioner Causwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-041.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

C. RESOLUTION 2026-042 AUTHORIZING AND FIXING THE 2026 ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE ACTING CITY MANAGER

This is a resolution authorizing and fixing the 2026 annual salary adjustment to the compensation and benefits for the Acting City Manager.

City Attorney Calloway read Resolution 2026-042 by title:

RESOLUTION 2026-042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.01 OF THE CHARTER THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE HOME RULE CHARTER AUTHORIZING AND FIXING THE 2026 ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE ACTING CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES ("CITY"); PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPUTY CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Thomas made a motion to move Resolution 2026-042 to the floor for discussion.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

City Attorney Calloway stated that all City employees, including the Acting City Manager, received an automatic three percent (3%) cost-of-living adjustment to their salaries. Further, all employees (except for the Acting City Manager), after an annual evaluation, also received an overall salary increase of 4%.

Commissioner Causwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-040.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

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Motion passed: 5-0

D. RESOLUTION 2026-043 SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 1689 DESIGNED TO EXTEND TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE STATUS (TPS) FOR HAITI (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MAXWELL-WILLIAMS)

This is a resolution supporting House Resolution 1689 which is designed to extend or redesignate TPS for Haiti. It will prevent deportation of eligible Haitian nationals during the designated period and allow work authorization so individuals can legally work in the U.S.

City Attorney Calloway read Resolution 2026-043 by title:

RESOLUTION 2026-043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, FLORIDA; EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 1689 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION 965 OF THE 119TH CONGRESS, URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION TO DESIGNATE HAITI FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS; HOUSE RESOLUTION 1689 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION 965 ARE ATTACHED HERETO AS

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT A; A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Thomas made a motion to move Resolution 2026-043 to the floor for discussion.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

Commissioner Maxwell-Williams stated that this resolution supports House Resolution 1689 which is designed to extend or redesignate TPS for Haiti. It will prevent deportation of eligible Haitian nationals during the designated period and allow work authorization so individuals can legally work in the U.S.

Commissioner Causwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-043.

FOR: Mayor Edwards Phillips, Vice Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Causwell, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Maxwell-Williams

Motion passed: 5-0

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Edwards Phillips thanked everyone for attending and watching the meeting. She congratulated the Earth Day poster winners and stated that she will be visiting the Cypress Chase North community on May 16th as part of the Mayor's Community Engagement walk. She invited everyone to attend the upcoming Relay for Life and the Paint and Glow with the Mayor events.

13. REPORT OF THE VICE MAYOR

Vice Mayor Thomas thanked everyone for attending and watching the meeting. She congratulated the Earth Day poster winners. She spoke on the importance of reduce, reuse and recycle initiative. She stated that she is excited to see the construction taking place at Otis Gray Park and encouraged everyone to join together and keep the community clean.

14. REMARKS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Causwell thanked Vice Mayor Thomas for the Earth Day contest and presentation and encouraged everyone to take care of the earth. She spoke of the upcoming food giveaway at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Commissioner Harrison thanked everyone for attending and watching the meeting. He thanked Vice Mayor Thomas for the Earth Day and congratulated all of the winners.

Commissioner Maxwell-Williams thanked Vice Mayor Thomas for the Earth Day contest and presentation. She invited everyone to attend the upcoming garage sale.

15. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Howard spoke of the upcoming events and provided a status on the various projects and programs taking place in the City.

16. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Calloway stated that he is working with the Human Resources Director on updating 13-14 policies as well as an update of ordinances related to the Civil Service Board.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no other business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

VERONICA EDWARDS PHILLIPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

VENICE HOWARD, MMC, CITY CLERK