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**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**April 26, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hazelle Rogers called the April 26, 2021 Hybrid City Commission Workshop to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the virtual meeting procedures into the record.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Hazelle Rogers  
Vice Mayor Beverly Williams  
Commissioner Marilyn Davis  
Commissioner Veronica Edwards Phillips  
Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams

**ALSO PRESENT**

City Manager Phil Alleyne  
Assistant City Manager Treasa Brown-Stubbs  
City Attorney Sidney Calloway  
City Clerk Venice Howard  
City Staff

**3. DISCUSSION**

**REVIEW OF THE APRIL 27, 2021 CITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

City Manager Phil Alleyne reviewed the following agenda items:

**ORDINANCE 2021-005**

**AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 ADOPTED BUDGET, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS OF APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWO AND 53/100 (\$1,824,602.53) DOLLARS**

Financial Services Director, Asheley Hepburn, stated that this item is to amend the current budget of \$48,729,115, increasing it by \$1,824,602. This increases the various fund budgets throughout the operating budget. The general fund will increase by \$530,000; \$80,000 in contractual services for code enforcement; and \$450,000 in reimbursement funds received from the CARES Act, in a mortgage assistance program to support residents impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Additionally, the grant funds increased by \$19,761 for the coronavirus emergency supplement funding,

which is part of the Department of Justice grant. The City initially received an award of \$64,214. The difference was spent in fiscal year 2020. In order to spend the \$19,761, it has to be appropriated and budgeted.

There was a decrease of \$364,688 in the Community Development Block Grant. This reduction is a result of the re-obligating those funds from the City to Broward County; therefore, the budget needs to be reduced for years 44 and 45.

There was an increase of \$115,366 in the hurricane loss mitigation program to appropriate the balance of those funds originally awarded in December 2020.

There was an increase of \$100,000 in the General Funds CIP for park bleachers. This was budgeted in fiscal year 2020 but due to the pandemic, getting the project scheduled was a challenge.

Lastly, five projects totaling an amount of \$1,424,163 was appropriated to the transportation surtax program.

Discussion ensued as to who would receive assistance for the mortgage assistance program and what the funding will be used for as it relates to code enforcement.

Mayor Hazelle Rogers asked that the City document all funding of dollars relating the CDBG program.

Development Services Director, Tanya Davis Hernandez, stated that the City has a waiting list of residents who did not receive the grant initially. As for code enforcement, two temporary code enforcement officers will be hired to handle parking issues throughout the city.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-041**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE DRM12, 12" CAPACITY DRUM STYLE CHIPPER WITH A 74HP KOHLER DIESEL ENGINE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 82-358(D) OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES' PROCUREMENT CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT NO. 012418-ALT COMPETITIVELY SOLICITED AND AWARDED BY SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE TO ALTEC INDUSTRIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND NO/100 (\$40,786.00) DOLLARS**

Public Works Director, Ron Desbrunes, stated that the City budgeted funds for the purchase of one forklift in the 2021; however, the chipper broke down and is a very valuable piece of equipment in terms of storm preparedness and recovery.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-042**

**CREATING THE NON-STATUTORY FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Director of Financial Services, Ashley Hepburn, stated that this item is to establish the budget advisory committee to assist with the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-043**

**RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S FILING OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2021, PERIOD 6 (MARCH); FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORTS, AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Financial Services Director, Asheley Hepburn, provided the financial activity report for the month of March 2021.

**General Fund**

Revenues - at 67% of the budget

- Ad Valorem – at 93% of the budget or \$8.7 million
- Sales Tax Revenue – at 89% of the budget or \$3.3 million
- Fines and Forfeitures – at 247% of the budget. Much of this revenue is associated with the receipts that were collected as part of the lien settlement for the bowling alley property.

Expenditures

- BSO EMS – at 57% of the budget or \$1,530,544
- COVID – at \$923,000. There is no budget for this item as it was implemented as a result of an emergency activities due to COVID-19
- BSO Police – at 58% or \$4.8 million
- COVID – at \$923,000. There is no budget for this item as it was implemented as a result of emergency activity due to COVID-19. About \$400,000 plus was incurred in 2020 through March 31st and \$923,000 was incurred in 2021

Additionally, the CRA has been added as a line item of major revenues. This will be reported on both the City and CRA financial activity reports.

- Stormwater – at 46% or \$1,032,000 in revenues and approximately 22% or \$489,000 in expenditures
- Building Fund - at \$474,000 in revenues against \$335,000 in expenses
- Cash - at \$15,214,461; investments - \$14,827,320 for a total of \$29,047,855

Discussion ensued regarding the stormwater fees and how they are collected. There was further discussion regarding the collection of past due stormwater fees from The Colonies in addition to fees collected from liens and how those additional funds are reflected in the budget.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-044**

#### **IMPLOING THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND AND TERMINATE ALL GOVERNMENT SANCTIONED OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING EXPLORATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Commissioner Marilyn Davis advised that the Bahamian government had started an exploration project off the coast of the Bahamas which will affect the state of Florida. Her concern is whether the site was closed properly and if there will be residual issues coming from the offshore drilling site. An organization called Our Islands Our Future has taken the Bahamian government to court and had petitions signed to ask the government to permanently ban any offshore drilling in the Bahamas. She asked that her colleagues support her in adopting this resolution.

Discussion ensued amongst the Commission regarding incorporating additional language to this resolution. There was a consensus to move this resolution to a future date so that the amendments can be made as required.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-045**

#### **OPPOSING SENATE BILL 856 AND HOUSE BILL 839 WHICH PREEMPT FUEL RETAILERS AND RELATED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROHIBITS MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS**

Vice Mayor Beverly Williams stated that municipalities should continue to have the power to decide what is consistent with the needs of their own communities. She expressed that the City Commission advocates for the protection of home rule powers and opposes Senate Bill 856 and House Bill 839. She asked her colleagues to support her in adopting this resolution.

Mayor Hazelle Rogers reminded her colleagues that that session ends on Friday and advised them to begin making phone calls.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-046**

#### **OPPOSING SENATE BILL 284, PREEMPTING THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE DESIGN REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS**

Vice Mayor Beverly Williams stated that Senate Bill 284 regulation prevents municipalities from performing municipal functions and rendering municipal services for the unique benefit of the people who live and work in its city. She asked her colleagues to support her in adopting this resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-047**

#### **OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 945, PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY ORDERS AND FOR THE EXTENSION OF SUCH ORDERS BY REFERENDUM**

Vice Mayor Beverly Williams stated that House Bill 945 would limit the duration of significant emergency orders issued by local governments to 30 days, allowing issuance and allowing a stitching of such orders by referendum approval by the voters. She asked her colleagues to support her in adopting this resolution.

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S)**

#### **5. ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP ITEMS**

##### **A. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION CARDS - TIME CERTAIN 5:30 P.M. (COMMISSIONER KARLENE MAXWELL-WILLIAMS)**

This is a discussion regarding the City of West Palm Beach's resolution and the City of Belle Glade's resolution regarding community identification cards.

Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams, stated her support for the community ID program in the City of Lauderdale Lakes. She believes the program will provide residents with a form of identification for going to school, the hospital, businesses and government agencies. She stated that many undocumented residents do not have an official state ID or driver's license and the community ID may assist in helping them get the goods and services that they need; however, she is aware that the community ID does not replace an official ID or driver's license. She introduced Thomas Kennedy, national campaign manager for United We Dream, to explain in more detail about the program.

Mr. Kennedy stated that United We Dream is the largest youth immigrant network in the country. The community ID program was passed at the county level by a unanimous vote, Commissioner Dale Holness being the sponsor. Community IDs are going to provide vulnerable groups with the opportunity to access a form of identification that is valid within the municipality. This new form of identification expands eligibility for vaccines, identifies an individual's address and will be accepted by the Broward Department of Health. Several local organizations, the Broward Sheriff's Office and cities in other states support this program.

Discussion ensued as to why the city needs to promote this program if Broward County already supports the program. Mr. Kennedy's response was that it is for municipal purposes only and it helps legitimize the program.

Further discussion ensued regarding document requirements to obtain the ID and who will issue the ID. Mr. Kennedy explained that an undocumented person can go to his/her country's consulate to get proof of his/her identity, show a foreign passport or birth certificate as a form of identification to obtain the community ID. Legal Aid will be the issuing authority of the IDs.

Additionally, Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the IDs can be used at public schools, check cashing stores, local credit unions, for law enforcement purposes and to access resources during natural disasters. He explained the difference between the community ID, which is a non-real ID and a

government issued ID, which is used for federal purposes. He also added that the community ID does not require someone to submit a social security number, as does a government issued ID.

He spoke about the outreach being done to inform the community about this program. Lastly, he discussed that undocumented persons applying for the community ID will not be at any risk of being in the country illegally. Some of the reasons he pointed out were 1) the county attorney stated that the pool of applicants is too large and is not just undocumented immigrants requesting IDs; 2) it is safe because the IDs are housed with a third party entity (Legal Aid) and are somewhat shielded from public records requests to a certain degree; 3) Florida statute outlines that only proof of age needs to be documented, no addresses.

Lastly, Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams added that she supports this initiative because it would allow residents to live a little better. The cost is \$20 per ID and vouchers are provided to persons who are indigent.

In conclusion of this discussion, some of the Commissioners wanted additional information regarding this program because the scope of the IDs is limited.

**B. SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION'S DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INCREASE IN ELECTION COSTS - TIME CERTAIN 6:00 P.M.**

Supervisor of Elections, Joe Scott, spoke about the annual high school voter registration drive. He stated that someone can register to vote at age sixteen but will not be able to vote until age eighteen. He asked the City to promote this effort via social media platforms, signage and the City's website.

Additionally, he spoke about the estimated increase in election costs and stated that the estimate the City received is basically the same as what was given to the cities who have their elections in the month of March, which are much less than elections held in November. Furthermore, he advised that the estimate given on April 1st is not the final bill. A two part formula is being created for the election costs. The first part of the formula will be a fee multiplied by the number of registered voters in the city. The second part of the formula will be a fee times the number of pages added to the ballot. There will be some advantages built into the equation for elections held in November but not nearly as before because costs are exponentially higher in November than they are in March.

**C. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS – 1ST QUARTER**

The following Advisory Boards will present their 1st quarter reports:

- Military Affairs Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- School Advisory Board

**Military Affairs Advisory Board**

Chairperson, John Davis, presented the 1st quarter report. He stated that the City of Lauderdale Lakes has over 1000 resident veterans. The military affairs advisory board continues to serve as a platform to advocate for many services and benefits to veterans and returning veterans. Listed below are some of their activities conducted during this reporting period:

- Veterans in the community were selected for a home makeover through the Montel Williams Foundation
- Back history presentation
- Requested a name change for city parks honoring veterans
- Established social media platforms
- Continues to partner with the Junior ROTC program at Boyd Anderson High School
- Continues to partner with the National Council of Negro Women

He spoke about future projects to include submitting a former request to the CRA Board of Directors to rename the CRA Trailhead Park to the Veterans Purple Heart Park. The board is appreciative of the opportunity that City Commission has given them in supporting the many efforts of the military

and veterans community.

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Board member, Cristal Cotman, presented the 1st quarter report. She discussed the goals of the board. Listed below are some of their activities conducted during this reporting period:

- Assigned officers amongst board members
- Reviewed the parks master plan
- Been informed of safety protocols in place due to COVID-19
- Toured all city parks

The report after the site visits were:

- Willie Webb remains closed to the public due to COVID-19
- Vincent Torres is under construction to add a splash pad and small pavilion
- Small athletic clinics with groups of 10 or less have begun to take place in the evening
- Northgate neighborhood park is closed due to COVID-19 protocols; however, reconstruction of the pavilion and playground is near completion
- Otis Gray and Cypress Preserve Park are open for use of the walking trail
- Lauderdale Lakes swimming pool complex is open for water aerobics, lap swim, and swimming lessons on a modified schedule

Ms. Cotman proceeded to mention some of the current action items and the full operation of all programs by this summer.

Mayor Hazelle Rogers shared conversations that she has had regarding the adoption of parks and partnering with another city and/or engaging business to assist with any new park project proposals.

Commissioner Marilyn Davis expressed contacting Ms. Cotman regarding the "Keep Lauderdale Lakes Clean" initiative and partnering with Parks and Recreation and the Beautification Advisory Board in a joint effort .

### **School Advisory Board**

Chairperson, Roosevelt McClary, presented the 1st quarter report. He discussed the goals of the board. Listed below are some of their activities conducted during this reporting period:

- Assigned board members to a local school
- Created an initiative to collect school supplies
- Provided support to the Lauderdale Lakes Middle Kids and the Power of Work (KAPOW) Program
- Attended monthly school advisory committee meetings
- Participated in the city's Black History virtual program

Mr. McClary proceeded to mention the future goals and initiatives of the School Advisory Board. Discussion ensued regarding the school supply initiative.

The Mayor and City Commission thanked all of the Advisory Boards for their presentations.

#### **D. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S RESOLUTION NO. 21R-02-31 URGING THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT TO STOP OFFSHORE DRILLING EXPLORATION (COMMISSIONER DAVIS)**

This is a discussion regarding City of Lauderhill's Resolution No. 21R-02-31 urging the Bahamian Government to stop offshore drilling exploration.

This item was discussed during the review of the City Commission meeting agenda.

#### **E. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF WESTON'S RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37 OPPOSING**

## SENATE BILL 856 AND HOUSE BILL 839 (VICE MAYOR WILLIAMS)

This is a discussion regarding City of Weston's Resolution 2021-37 opposing Senate Bill 856 and House Bill 839, Preempting the Regulation of Energy Infrastructure to the State.

This item was discussed during the review of the City Commission meeting agenda.

### F. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF WESTON'S RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38 OPPOSING SENATE BILL 284, PREEMPTING THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE DESIGN REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS (VICE MAYOR WILLIAMS)

This is a discussion regarding City of Weston's Resolution No. 2021-38 Opposing Senate Bill 284, Preempting the Ability of Local Governments to Impose Design Regulations for Certain Residential Dwellings.

This item was discussed during the review of the City Commission meeting agenda.

### G. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF WESTON'S RESOLUTION NO. 2021-39 OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 945, PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY ORDERS AND FOR THE EXTENSION OF SUCH ORDERS BY REFERENDUM (VICE MAYOR WILLIAMS)

This is a discussion regarding City of Weston's Resolution No. 2021-39 Opposing House Bill 945, Providing for Automatic Expiration of Certain Emergency Orders and for the Extension of Such Orders by Referendum.

This item was discussed during the review of the City Commission meeting agenda.

## 6. REPORTS

### A. UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP ACADEMY OF DISTINCTION AT DAVIE HIGH SCHOOL, INC. - F/K/A CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL

This is an update regarding a parcel of land located at 3020 NW 33rd Avenue, Lauderdale Lakes, FL.

City Attorney, Sidney Calloway, stated that he had discussions with the charter school's legal counsel in reference to repainting the building. As it relates to the dedication of the right of way, he will provide the charter school with a draft form instrument acceptable to the City.

### B. UPDATE ON COVID VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Assistant City Manager, Treasa Brown-Stubbs, advised that the administering of vaccines have begun at Vincent Torres Park from 8:00am to 1:00pm seven days a week. This effort has slowed down to under 10 vaccinations per day; however, the City continues to advertise for the vaccine distributions and continues to partner with churches to get the word out in the community.

### C. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. 3551 NW 24th Street - Storage of derelict vehicles in the rear of property.
2. 4000 N State Road 7 (Sopher Building) - Buildout issues.

Development Services Director, Tanya Davis-Hernandez, provided a brief update on this item. The owner of the property located at 3551 NW 24th Street has to appear before the Special Magistrate on May 12th. The owner of the property located at 4000 North State Road 7 will be on the Special Magistrate's docket for June 9th.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the Workshop was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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HAZELLE ROGERS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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VENICE HOWARD, CMC, CITY CLERK