



City of Lauderhill

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NEWS RELEASE – COVID (Coronavirus) #32 **City of Lauderhill Officials Concerned with COVID-19 Positive Recovery Center in City Limits**

Lauderhill, FL – June 10, 2020 – 12:00 PM – The Commission at the City of Lauderhill held an Official City Workshop on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 surrounding concerns about the “NSpire Healthcare Lauderhill” assisted living facility.

Prior to the City Workshop, complaints from the family members of NSpire’s patients, along with high numbers of COVID-19 positive cases, prompted the attention of not only the City, but several media outlets to investigate and report on the issues facing the facility.

The City’s Fire Department, whose responsibility includes treating and transporting all Emergency Medical calls in the City, has no medical oversight over the facility. The 108-bed capacity facility was already a concern to City officials. They began asking questions of NSpire’s Administration regarding their policies to care for the healthy patients, as well as their mitigation plans to minimize further spread to staff and patients in the facility.

Before the City Workshop began, the City was informed that the NSpire facility became what is called a COVID Positive Recovery Facility. NSpire’s parent company moved all of their healthy patients out of the Lauderhill facility and moved all the COVID positive patients from other cities in.

NSpire’s administrators claim the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) designated NSpire Lauderhill to become a COVID Recovery Facility. The City has asked NSpire to share any and all documents, correspondence, emails or agreements with any Federal, State, or Local agency regarding the COVID designation. NSpire has declined to forward any information.

City Commissioner Richard J. Campbell exclaims, *“I am opposed to the process and placement of the COVID positive facility here in the City of Lauderhill. It is totally unacceptable.”* The City of Lauderhill does not govern or regulate the operations of NSpire.

****City Commissioner Richard Campbell is available address questions regarding the NSpire Lauderhill facility.**