



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	File No.:	Item Type:	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	
3/4/2026	26-033	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Ordinance Reading	N/A	N/A
			Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Advertising Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Quasi-Judicial:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiscal Impact (\$):	Account Balance (\$):		Funding Source:	Project Number:	
See Below	\$8,241.22 Revenue This FY		General Fund #6912-331695	N/A	
Contract Required:	P.O. Required:	RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	Cora T. Daise	Human Services Department	
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure & Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development & Affordable Housing	
Implementation Timeline:					
Estimated Start Date: 7/1/2025			Estimated End Date: 9/30/2026		

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE 2025-26 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF BROWARD AND CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH-AUSTIN HEPBURN CENTER VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH'S HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks the City Commission's approval of the annual Contract between the Early Learning Coalition of Broward (ELC) and the City of Hallandale Beach for the City of Hallandale Beach-Austin Hepburn Center Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program administered by the Human Services Department.

Background:

The City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Center VPK Program enrolls students each school year who have completed the Certificate of Eligibility for the state-funded program. Students are enrolled into the VPK Class, which the state of Florida pays the VPK provider for each child enrolled based on attendance.

Florida's VPK is free to all four (4) and five (5) year olds. The ELC serves as the state agency for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) which is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These funds provide childcare services for low-income family members who work, train for work, attend school or whose children need to receive protective services. VPK gives pre-kindergarten children a jumpstart by preparing them for school, thus enhancing their pre-reading, math, language and social skills development. The only requirement for VPK is that the child must be four (4) and five (5) years old and reside in Florida. To be eligible to deliver the VPK Program, the provider must be either a public school or a private provider (a Licensed Childcare Facility). The City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Center VPK Program is a Licensed Childcare Facility.

Per the attached Memorandum for Approval to Operate a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program (Exhibit 2), the City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Center VPK Program began as a Pilot Project during 2020/2021 School Year and 2021 Summer serving eleven (11) students, pending full implementation.

Contract execution is required annually. As such, the Commission's approval is being requested to authorize an annual Contract between the ELC and the City.

Current Situation:

City Commission's approval is required for execution of the annual Contract between the ELC and the City of Hallandale Beach for the City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Center VPK Program. The current Contract (Exhibit 3) outlines requirements for participation in the VPK Program. The City must agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract in order to be eligible to participate in the VPK Program. This Contract is to engage an eligible provider to provide VPK services to qualified VPK children. The City will receive payment based on Legislative appropriations, the Division's Uniform Attendance Policy for Payment (Rule 6M-8.204, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)), and a child's attendance certified by the parent and provider (Rule 6M-8.305, F.A.C.).

The VPK Program has generated revenue for the City from August 2020 through December 2025 in the total amount of \$96,832.13. As a VPK Site, since commencement, the City was also able to leverage other grant awards to include the ELC – V CRRSA, VI CRRSA, Summer Booster Grant, AARPA Stabilization Subgrant, ELE BONUS Stipends for childcare staff, and the COVID19 Grant. Currently ten (10) students enrolled in the 2025-2026 School Year Program.

Why Action is Necessary:

Approve the annual authorization for the City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Center VPK Program. Since the launch of the Pilot Project VPK Program, it has proven to be a successful program and generates revenue for the City.

The City Commission is aware of the VPK Program and its benefits. This item will ratify and approve the City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Center VPK Program and authorization of the annual Contract. Annual Revenue appropriations are included in the budget.

Cost Benefit:

The City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Center VPK Program, since inception has awarded the City a total revenue of \$96,832.13. The free VPK Program provides high-quality education program designed to prepare Florida's four (4) and five (5) year-olds for kindergarten and build a foundation for their educational success. VPK providers deliver age-appropriate curricula, including early literacy and math standards, in manageable class sizes led by qualified instructors. State data shows overall cost benefits for the VPK Program to include children who participate in VPK are better prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn, have better school attendance rates, develop lifelong social skills, are more likely to advance to the next grade and are more likely to graduate high school.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Exhibit 1 – Resolution
- Exhibit 2 – Memorandum for Approval to Operate a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program
- Exhibit 3 – State of Florida Statewide Voluntary Prekindergarten Provider Contract

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