

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2003**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

2. ROLL

Council present: Christensen, Giannetti, McCloskey, Gill-Gerbig and Mayor Dains

Staff present: Administrator Getschow

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda. Motion by McCloskey, second by Giannetti to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2003 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$23,776.71. Motion by Giannetti, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the claims totaling \$23,776.71. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. CONSENT

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. *Snow Commotion.* Mayor Dains stated that Snow*Commotion was a successful event this year with good weather. The horse-drawn hayride was a success in its second year. The Mayor thanked the Committee and the staff involved in planning the event.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. ACTION

A. *Resolution 021103A: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering an Advertisement of Bids for 2003 Street and Utility Improvements.*

Tom Kellogg, consultant engineer, provided a review of the plans and specifications for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements. The Council discussed the closing of Summer Street at Highway 280. The current draft of the plans calls for reconstructing Summer Street between Highway 280 and Walnut Street. However, with the potential Highway 280 reconstruction and the consensus on the City Council to eventually close this access – does it make sense to close it now? Is it worth spending the dollars and assessing part of the cost to the adjacent homeowners if the road will be closed within 2-4 years after the road is reconstructed?

The City Administrator stated that the two property owners adjacent to Summer Street have stated that they favored a closing of this portion of Summer Street. An alley would be created within this right-of-way to provide driveway and garage access for the two properties. The City Council directed the Engineer to include the street closing of Summer Street between Highway 280 and Walnut Street and to create an alley in this right-of-way in the plans and specifications for the project.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve Resolution 021103A: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering an Advertisement of Bids for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the Year-End 2002 Financial and Investment Report. The City Administrator stated that Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik completed this report that highlights revenue and expenditure activity in 2002 prior to the completion of the financial statements and the audit. The report also included investment information for the year 2002.

The Administrator also discussed the budget deficit and the impending cuts on Local Government Aid (LGA) and the impacts on the City of Lauderdale.

Motion by Christensen, second by Giannetti to approve the Year-End 2002 Financial and Investment Report. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. REPORTS

A. Refuse Collection Task Force Update. The Mayor stated that the Task Force met earlier this evening with the Lauderdale refuse haulers. There was a discussion on the plans in the City for organized collection. While it is apparent from the meeting, and mailings/advertisements from the haulers that they oppose organized collection, the Mayor wanted to make it clear that organized collection does not mean that refuse collection would be undertaken by the City. It may mean that the City could regulate certain aspects of the collection such as only having a hauler on one street on one day of the week. The Task Force has been studying organized collection for approximately two years, and there are many benefits to the idea that include lower costs and preferred environmental practices in addition to protecting the city's investment in its infrastructure that are part of the goals of the Task Force. These goals would be the basis for an organized collection plan that could be drafted.

The Mayor stated that Council members may be contacted on this issue because the haulers have placed their phone numbers in the organized collection literature.

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

14. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Deputy Clerk position vacancy
2. 2003 CDBG Application
3. Council Meeting Time Ordinance Revision
4. Development of the Mini-Park at Ione and Walnut

A break was taken at 8:17 p.m. to transition into a work session discussion.

15. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m. The Council discussed meeting at an earlier time than 7:30 p.m.

The Council also discussed the enforcement of the driveway ordinance as a part of the 2003 Improvements.

Finally, the Council discussed generating alternative revenue sources. One specific option that was discussed- supporting a charitable organization that could conduct lawful gambling- was not viewed as an option to pursue at this time.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn at 9:13 P.M. Ayes: All.