

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 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 Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
  
4. APPROVAL  
  
*A. Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2003 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.  
  
*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$62,561.90.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the claims totaling \$62,561.90. Motion carried unanimously.
  
5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  
6. CONSENT

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
10. ACTION

*A. Approval of the Final Costs for the 1997 Ramsey County Larpenteur Avenue Reconstruction Project.* The City Administrator stated that Ramsey County has closed out the 1997 Larpenteur Avenue improvement project. The County has sent an invoice for \$32,704.58 that the City owes based on \$31,526.33 worth of construction engineering on the project that was not covered by the dollar amounts paid upfront by the City in 1996. In 1996, and prior to the start of the project, the City paid to the County \$26,104.51 in our share of preliminary engineering and \$214,819.61 in our city share of construction costs. Of this approximate \$240,000 city cost, \$125,000 of CDBG funds were received and applied as part of that cost. An agreement between the city and Ramsey County on this project specifies that the city shall pay any remaining amounts due following the completion and closing out of the project. The Administrator stated that the final payment for this project would come from the Street Improvement Fund (401), while other invoices related to water utility improvements would come from the Water Improvement Fund (409).

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the final costs, and in this instance, the final invoice in the amount of \$32,704.58 to Ramsey County for the Larpenteur Avenue Reconstruction Project. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. REPORTS

*A. Refuse Collection Task Force Update.* The Mayor stated that the Task Force met once again earlier this evening. The Task Force voted to proceed with drafting a plan for organized collection and wished to move ahead following several discussions with the haulers. At the next Task Force meeting, the group will discuss the plans for organized collection and possibly conducting another neighborhood meeting to take input on the organized collection plan or proposal.

*B. Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization.* Council member Gill-Gerbig updated the City Council on the March board meeting of the watershed organization. She provided an update on the recent activities of the organization such as: the appointment of a new Chair (Minneapolis Council Chair Paul Ostrow), the hiring of full-time permanent staff, the financial management associated with a first time tax levy, and the creation of stewardship and CSO programs of which the City of Lauderdale has received \$50,000 toward street and utility improvements.

A break was taken at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

*A. State Senator John Marty and State Representative Mindy Greiling.*  
Senator Marty and Representative Greiling discussed legislative issues that are of concern to the City with the City Council. The single biggest issue at this time is the proposed state aid cuts and their effect on the City of Lauderdale.

The legislators also briefly discussed other issues of local importance such as the reform of the local government aid (LGA) formula, a proposed property tax levy freeze, levy limits, a proposed salary freeze, and other budget cuts that affect school districts, counties, and state agencies.

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

14. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application
2. Development of the Mini-Park at Ione and Walnut
3. NPDES Phase II Storm Water Permit Application

A break was taken at 8:50 p.m. to transition into a work session discussion.

15. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m. The Council discussed the scheduling for the 2003 Improvements.

The Council also discussed the potential redevelopment of Larpenteur Avenue. There will be further research and discussion on this issue before the Council considers the appointment of a possible task force.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn at 9:50 P.M. Ayes: All.