

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 27, 2003**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 Gill-Gerbig 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 May 13, 2003 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$173,724.65.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Christensen to approve the claims totaling \$173,724.65. 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. Refuse Task Force Neighborhood Meeting.* The Mayor announced that the task force is hosting another neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. regarding organized collection.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
10. ACTION

*A. Resolution 052703A: A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of the City's \$990,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2003A.*

John Sander, the city's financial consultant from Springsted, provided the Council with the bids that were received for the \$990,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2003A. The successful bidder provided a bid of 3.2003% (true interest cost). This bid was lower than the estimate that the bond consultant assumed. This lower interest will lower the overall interest costs of the bonds and will produce lower assessments. Sander also discussed the factors inherent in the bid process that are contained in the official statement.

Sander stated that Moody's has reassigned a Baa2 bond rating for the City of Lauderdale. In the current environment where many communities are being downgraded, the fact that Lauderdale has maintained its rating is a very positive development.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to adopt Resolution 052703A: A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of the City's \$990,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2003A and to award the bid to Northland Securities, Inc. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*B. Approval of the Easements for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements.*  
The City Administrator stated that three permanent utility easements are needed for two drainage projects that involve the construction of storm sewer pipe running between the alley and the street. The need for these easements originated by the request of the homeowner to mitigate storm water problems. The easements are for the properties at 1909 Malvern Street, 1846 Walnut Street, and 1840 Walnut Street. The City Attorney drafted the agreements based upon descriptions provided by the City Engineer. All of the affected property owners have executed the agreements. The easements can be recorded with the property following City Council approval.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the permanent utility easement agreements for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements for 1909 Malvern Street, 1846 Walnut Street, and 1840 Walnut Street. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*B. Resolution 052703A: A Resolution Authorizing the Application for the Livable Communities Demonstration Program.* The City Administrator stated that a City Council goal since 2000 has been exploring the redevelopment of the Larpenteur Avenue corridor. A grant opportunity has once again arisen through the Metropolitan Council for funding innovative projects under a livable communities guideline. The City last applied for this Livable Communities grant in 2001, but unfortunately we did not receive funding at that time.

This grant project seems applicable because Larpenteur Avenue fits in with the concept of Livable Communities that encourages redevelopment that is orientated toward a transit and pedestrian friendly environment in neighborhoods with a mix of residential and commercial uses that are essential to daily life. Funding under this grant could provide for a corridor study and/or development plan, which the Council has discussed at previous meetings. The study could be undertaken with the assistance of the Council and a potentially appointed task force.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to approve Resolution 052703B: A Resolution Authorizing Application for the Livable Communities Demonstration Grant Program. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*D. Consideration of a Refuse Hauler License for Armor Waste Systems.* The City Administrator stated that it came to staff's attention that J.A.L. Amoco of 2421 Larpenteur Avenue had switched refuse haulers. The company chosen was not a licensed refuse hauler with the City of Lauderdale. Therefore, J.A.L. Amoco and Armor Waste Systems were both notified that Armor Waste Systems would need to submit the appropriate material needed to become a licensed hauler within the City. Armor Waste Systems has applied for a license and has completed and returned all necessary forms for Council approval.

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve a refuse hauler license for Armor Waste Systems. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

## 11. REPORTS

*A. 2000-2003 Street and Utility Improvements Financial Report.* The City Administrator gave a report on the current financial status of the overall street and utility improvements. The City is currently in the midst of the last year of a major four-year improvement program. There have been some changes over the past four years, such as the 2002 construction of a sanitary trunk line to eliminate all lift stations in the City, and the changing of the timing and the order of the work for the 2002 and 2003 projects.

Overall, the report by the Administrator addressed the following topics:

1. Current and future fund balances
  2. Project Costs
  3. Special Assessment Revenues
  4. Other Revenues such as grant funds and reimbursements
  5. Bond Issuance Timing and Amounts
  6. Debt Service; and
  7. Investments
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12. DISCUSSION
  13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
  14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
  15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING
    1. 2003 Improvements Update and Pay Request
    2. City Code Revision – 2000 Building Code Adoption
    3. Agreement to Demolish 1728 Malvern Street
    4. Work Session: County Road Turnbacks and a Presentation on the Falcon Heights Snelling and Larpentuer Redevelopment
  16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. Ayes: All.