

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
1891 Walnut Street
Lauderdale, MN 55113

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July 26, 2016

Roll Call

Mayor Dains called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilors present: Mayor Jeffrey Dains, Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, Mary Gaasch, and Roxanne Grove.

Councilors absent: None

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant City Administrator; and Miles Cline, City Deputy Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Dains asked if there were any changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the City Council meeting minutes of June 28, 2016. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and carried unanimously. Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of July 15, 2016. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Hawkinson to approve the claims totaling \$24,692.69. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Mayor Dains asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the first pay request from Allied Blacktop for the 2016 Seal Coating Project totaling \$147,471.48. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentation / Reports

Jim Bownik presented the Night to Unite update and encouraged residents to sign up. It was noted that six blocks have already confirmed their participation in this event.

Public Hearings

Public Input Session on One-Sided Parking along Eustis Street

Butkowski explained that most parking along Eustis is not lawful in that the spaces are narrow and cars can't fit within the parking lane. Ramsey County Public Works is asking the Council to consider limiting parking to one side of the street to allow for the creation of a full-size parking lane on one side and a smaller lane for pedestrians and bikers on the other. This could be done in coordination with or in advance of the County's repaving project scheduled for 2017.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

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Sandra Brown, 1842 Eustis Street, said she was opposed to one-sided parking due to the current crowded parking, especially around the Chinese Christian Church.

Richard Miller, 1842 Eustis Street, said he was opposed to one-sided parking. He reiterated issues with crowded parking around the Chinese Christian Church and speeding along Eustis Street and in the alley.

A request was made to review the comments received by email. Administrator Butkowski read the comments. A copy of the responses received follow and are made part of the minutes of the meeting.

Dawn Bartylla, 1911 Eustis Street, supports one-sided parking. She likes the idea of a walking path as opposed to a sidewalk. She was not concerned that the speed of traffic would increase. She asked the Council to consider requesting curb and gutter in keeping with the rest of the City.

Mark Peterson, 1816 Eustis Street, indicated he would be satisfied with one-sided parking. He indicated support for a sidewalk over a paved shoulder in addition to more signage for walkers.

Mayor Dains closed the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

In general, the Council does not believe that Ramsey County has done an adequate job of maintaining Eustis Street. They discussed waiting until the Chinese Church moves in the fall to make a parking change. They plan to continue this conversation at future meetings with more residents of Eustis Street and Ramsey County staff.

Discussion / Action Items

Tort Liability Waiver

Butkowski recommended the Council not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability.

Councilor Hawkinson moved and seconded by Councilor Gaasch to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MS 466.04. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

City administrator noted the next meeting may include the 2017 budget and levy, comprehensive plan RFP, and discussion with representatives from Xcel Energy.

WORK SESSION

A. Public Comment

None.

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B. 2017 Budget and Levy

Butkowski provided the City Council with a first draft of the 2017 budget. Based on the anticipated costs, a two percent levy increase would be needed. Butkowski reminded the Council that this estimate was preliminary as the City will not receive information on 2017 Fiscal Disparities revenue until August 18.

C. Community Development Update

The City Council established August 10 at 6:00 p.m. as the time and date of the annual goal setting session and moved the regularly schedule August 9 city council meeting to August 10 due to the primary election. Administrator Butkowski reported that a brewery expressed interest in purchasing 2520 Larpenteur Avenue. The City completed its MS4 Permit audit with PCA staff and received a positive report.

Adjournment

There being no further business on the council agenda, motion was made by Councilor Grove and seconded by Councilor Mac Lean, carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator