

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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September 13, 2016

Roll Call

Mayor Dains called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

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

Approvals

Mayor Dains asked if there were any changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Gaasch moved and Councilor Mac Lean seconded to approve the agenda. Motion was carried unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the Community Meeting minutes of July 19, 2016. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the City Council Meeting minutes of August 23, 2016. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Mac Lean to approve the claims totaling \$136,218.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Change Order and the Community Involvement Committee Memberships and acknowledging the Community Involvement Committee minutes.

Discussion/Action Items

A. 2017 Budget and Levy

Butkowski said a three percent or \$16,808 increase to the local levy would balance the budget for 2017. Due to the increase in commercial and multi-family housing values across Ramsey County, the city levy increase should have little impact on residents' overall property tax bills. The preliminary levy and budget will be adopted at the next council meeting.

B. CenturyLink Provided Wi-Fi Hotspot

Butkowski said CenturyLink will add Wi-Fi to a public building as part of the franchise agreement. Unless the Council has another suggestion, staff will direct CenturyLink to install the service at the Warming House. The Council supported this recommendation.

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Set Agenda for Next Meeting

City administrator noted the next meeting may include the 2017 budget and levy, change of date for the November 8 council meeting, and Police Workgroup discussion.

Work Session

A. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Ilze Bakuzis of Malvern Street addressed the council regarding her concern about the stoplight at Larpenteur and Eustis. She expressed her thoughts on how the light does not give a long enough walking period for pedestrians. Mayor Dains responded that he has been working on this issue, and it is an ongoing effort.

B. New owner of 2520 Larpenteur Avenue.

Hassib Salhani of Caspian Realty addressed the Council. Caspian Realty recently purchased 2520 Larpenteur Avenue and are working with prospective tenants to lease out the space including Sean Ewen of Wooden Hill Brewery. They would like to open a brewery and taproom. Butkowski explained that the project would likely require a zoning amendment and revisions to the liquor ordinance. The Council asked him questions about their plans and whether they would have enough parking to accommodate the size of taproom they envisioned. Staff will provide Salhani with the contact information for adjacent businesses for them to explore parking options.

C. Police Workgroup Development

Staff from Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, and St. Anthony have been drafting the framework for a Police Workgroup. The group would consist of community members and councilors from each city along with the police chief. The Workgroup would review police department policies and training and provide feedback on areas for improvement. Councilor Mac Lean noted she would like to see the establishment of a Public Safety Board instead of just focusing on policing. Staff will bring a final resolution for adoption to the next council meeting.

D. Community Development Update

Administrator Butkowski informed the board that absentee balloting for the General Election will begin on September 23. She also noted that the Springbrook financial software is now live.

Adjournment

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk