

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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April 11, 2017

Roll Call

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Kelly Dolphin, Roxanne Grove, Andi Moffatt, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilors absent: None.

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

Approvals

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

Councilor Moffatt moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 Goal Setting Session and City Council meeting. Councilor Dolphin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the claims totaling \$78,710.43. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentations / Reports

A. Representative Alice Hausman

Representative Hausman gave an overview of the legislative session that is currently on recess. She began by saying the state has paid back the money it borrowed from schools during the recession. The mishandling of the budget during the recession resulted in a credit downgrade that has since been restored. If all things go as planned in the next two years, the state is expecting a 1.6 billion dollar surplus.

She continued with the current House discussion on the bonding bill and how House Republicans want to pass a 1.5 billion dollar bonding bill for transportation that would be the largest in Minnesota history. Council Member Dains asked about the possibility of additional local or county aid. Representative Hausman responded that was not likely and elaborated that there are 22 bills currently on the docket that would erode local control.

B. Police Department Annual Report, Chief Jon Mangseth

Chief Mangseth offered his first annual Police Department Report as the chief. He presented crime statistics and pointed out that theft and drug arrests were the most prevalent issues dealt

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with by the police department over the past year. He continued by stating that there were less overall arrests in 2016 than the previous year.

The rest of his presentation summarized their personnel transitions with three new officers replacing three that retired, an overview of their training practices, and the community involvement events the officers were involved with.

Public Hearings

A. Amending Title 10, Chapter 3 Administration and Enforcement Section of the Lauderdale Zoning Code

Butkowski said the city attorney and staff worked to revise the administrative portion of the zoning ordinance and it was ready for adoption after the public hearing. She also noted the resolution that allows for publication by summary and title.

Mayor Gaasch opened the public hearing at 8:28 p.m. There being no interested parties, she closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

Councilor Moffatt moved to adopt Ordinance Number 17-02, An Ordinance Amending Title 10, Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Administration and Enforcement of Lauderdale's Zoning Code. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 041117A – A Resolution Authorizing Publication of Ordinance Number 17-02 by Title and Summary

Councilor Moffatt moved to adopt Resolution 041117A – A Resolution Authorizing Publication of Ordinance Number 17-02 by Title and Summary. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Master Services Agreement with Swanson Haskamp

At the last meeting, the Council selected Swanson Haskamp Consulting for planning services for the Comprehensive Plan. The Council has the option of entering into a master services agreement for those services.

Councilor Dolphin moved to enter into the Master Services Agreement between Swanson Haskamp Consulting, LLC and the City of Lauderdale for planning services related to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and the motion carried unanimously.

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B. Eustis Street Parking Discussion

The Council discussed the feedback received from the community regarding the change to one-sided parking on Eustis Street. Following this discussion, Kellie Schlegel of Stantec discussed the impact of storm water management on the options for Eustis Street and the negotiations with Ramsey County for its rehabilitation.

Mayor Gaasch asked if anyone else wished to provide comments on Eustis Street. Paul Roufs of Larpenteur Avenue noted that moving the parking to the east side of Eustis Street made sense but regretted that so many people have had accidents in his front yard since the sidewalk was installed along Larpenteur Avenue.

Based on the community feedback and information presented by the city engineer, the Council decided to make the one-sided parking on Eustis Street permanent. Staff will bring a resolution to that effect to the next council meeting.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated the next meeting would include the Eustis Street parking resolution and the March Financial Report.

Work Session

A. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone in attendance that would like to address the Council at 9:08 p.m. There being none, the floor was closed at 9:08 p.m.

B. Sanctuary City Discussion

Police Chief Mangseth returned to the dais to express the St. Anthony Police Department's (SAPD) views on the topic of sanctuary cities. He stated that SAPD does not inquire about immigration status when making arrests. The department only gets involved with immigration issues when someone being arrested has a court ordered warrant. The Council discussed the lack of consensus on what defines a sanctuary city and that a city that declares itself a sanctuary city may fail to understand the role of the county jail and court system in the detaining of immigrants. The Council thanked Chief Mangseth for sharing his perspective on the topic.

C. Community Development Update

Administrator Butkowski informed the Council of the 9:00 a.m. meeting with the business community at City Hall on April 12.

Adjournment

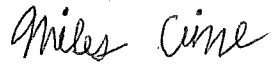
There being no further items on the agenda, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miles Cline".

Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk