

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

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May 9, 2017

Roll Call

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:33 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. Administrator Butkowski stated that Senator Marty would not be able to make it due to the legislative session running late. Butkowski proceeded to add an informational presentation from St. Anthony Police Officer Kiel Rushton. Councilor Dains moved and Councilor Grove seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2017 City Council meeting. Councilor Dains seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$94,418.93. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the agreement with OPG-3 and the Performance Agreement with Dawn Pape.

Informational Presentations / Reports

a. Officer Kiel Rushton – Street Racing on Highway 280

Officer Rushton approached the Council to discuss street racing along Highway 280. He explained that it is a large network of individuals whom have grown in size and sophistication, and their maneuverability has made it difficult for both dispatchers and officers to respond in a timely manner. Lauderdale Resident Grace Dyrud explained dispatching issues she has encountered reporting the street racing. Rushton expressed to the Council that he will work with Police Chief Mangseth to resolve the dispatch issues between Hennepin and Ramsey County. Rushton also stated that he will be issuing citations to those individuals caught participating in these activities in the upcoming weekend as he would be on duty in Lauderdale. He also highlighted efforts area departments have made to deter the racing.

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b. Eureka! Recycling Year End Report Chris Goodwin

Goodwin addressed the Council to give a synopsis of recycling in Lauderdale for 2016. He explained the breakdown of materials processed and general trends happening in the industry. He shared that Lauderdale has a very high participation rate and invited residents to tour the facility if they would like to learn more about recycling.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointments

A number of residents showed interest in being part of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Staff recommended that the following individuals be appointed by the Council: Dave Greenlund, Daniel Gumnit, John Hamre, Kendra Kauppi, Zak Knudson, Kathy Lurfald, Brian Malzer, Bob Milligan, Jess Winkelaar, and Zach Zehrer. Councilor Dolphin moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated the next meeting would include the City Administrator's annual review, the Quarterly Investment Report, and a variance request from the owner of 1714 Malvern Street.

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. There being none, the floor was closed.

B. Community Park Lighting Options

Butkowski stated that residents living near Community Park expressed concerns regarding the brightness of the new light near the dog park. After speaking with Xcel Energy, they presented the City with a few options that may help resolve the issue. The Council discussed the options and unanimously decided to lower the wattage of the bulb from 400 watts to 250 watts to reduce the glow. This will reduce slightly the area covered by the light as well. There was no cost for the bulb switch. Council directed staff to carry out their decision.

C. Community Development Update

Butkowski mentioned that there have been issues of disorderly behavior and littering at Community Park. Butkowski spoke with St. Anthony Police and they will make contact with the disruptive individuals in the upcoming weeks. Butkowski mentioned investigating the hut built in the Nature Area; it is situated in a drainage area.

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Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowsky
City Administrator