

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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May 8, 2018

Roll Call

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

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Andi Moffatt, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilors absent: Roxanne Grove and Kelly Dolphin.

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 additions to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018, city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the claims totaling \$133,753.18. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Lauderdale School Tours

Butkowski updated the Council on the upcoming tour of the former Lauderdale Elementary School on May 19. She noted that the community has expressed great interest in the event and over 120 people have signed up to tour so far.

B. City-Wide Garage Sale

Bownik updated the Council on the city-wide garage sale taking place May 19. He mentioned that while sign-ups are down from years past, he is hopeful that people will sign up by the May 11 deadline.

C. City Council Updates

Councilor Moffatt is signed up to be a member of the Metro Cities Transportation Policy Committee; Councilor Dains noted that CTV is conducting its final interviews to replace Executive Director Cor Wilson, and Mayor Gaasch mentioned that she attended two events. The first was the Minnesota Mayors Association's annual meeting in Perham where they discussed

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the pressing issue of economic divide between rural and urban communities in the state. The second meeting was regarding regional governance and included discussions with Governor Mark Dayton.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Participation with Ramsey County in CDBG Funding

The City has participated in the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban Requalification since 1985. The agreement provides for automatic renewal unless the City provides notice that they are opting out. Butkowski explained that staff did not recommend that the City opt out, but wanted to bring the matter to the Council's attention for consideration. The Council agreed with Butkowski on this matter.

B. Insurance Renewal – Municipal tort Liability

The City's insurance policy runs from August to August. Annually, the City Council must determine whether or not to waive the municipal tort liability limits established by statute. The City has not waived them in the past as it opens the City to greater financial liability and would require the purchase of additional insurance.

Councilor Dains moved not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MS 466.04. The motion was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 050818A – Limiting Parking on Idaho Avenue

The managers of two multi-family buildings are requesting the Council restrict parking on a small portion of Idaho Avenue to allow garbage trucks to make the turns necessary to pick up waste from their enclosure. This change also will allow Ramsey County to better plow the street in winter.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt Resolution 050818A – A Resolution Establishing No Parking on a Portion of Idaho Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the May 22 council meeting may include the Comprehensive Plan public hearing and the Fire Department Annual Report.

Work Session

A. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone in attendance that wanted to address the Council.

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The first person to address the Council was Pastor George Stagg. He had a few general questions regarding the City's purchase of the Chinese Christian Church.

B. George Stagg, Lead Pastor of Twin Cities Church, Regarding 2520 Larpenteur Avenue
Pastor Stagg approached the Council to discuss his interest in purchasing the building at 2520 Larpenteur Avenue for use as a church. Currently, the building is zoned for industrial and churches are not permitted or conditionally permitted.

The Council and Pastor Stagg engaged in a discussion regarding the church's plans to update the building if they purchase the property and parking issues. The Council asked Pastor Stagg to consider attending a future meeting when all members were present.

C. Community Development Update

Butkowski informed the Council that Marie McCarthy, our Metropolitan Council Representative, planned to attend a future meeting with the new Chair of the Metropolitan Council. The closing on the Chinese Christian Church was delayed by a week. The City received notice of a 23% increase in our waste water charge for 2019 which staff will address with Metropolitan Council staff.

Adjournment

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk