

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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June 26, 2018

Roll Call

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

Councilors present: Andi Moffatt, Jeff Dains, Roxanne Grove, Kelly Dolphin, 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 additions to the meeting agenda. Butkowski stated that she would like to add a resolution to the Additional Items section. There being nothing else, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains 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 Grove to approve the minutes of the June 12, 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 Grove to approve the claims totaling \$38,048.79. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the May Financial Report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Eureka! Recycling Annual Report

Kate Davenport and Dave Weidenfeller approached the Council to present their annual report. They covered a wide range of topics including staff changes at Eureka, revenue sharing with Lauderdale, the future of markets (and what Eureka is doing to develop markets), organics, and contract renewal with the City.

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B. City Council Updates

Councilor Gaasch shared that she was a vendor at the first farmers market of the year. Mayor Gaasch also noted that she and Councilor Moffatt attended the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in St. Cloud.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Rental Housing License for 1772 Pleasant Street

In August 2017, the City Council authorized an administrative fee on the owner of 1772 Pleasant Street for failure to maintain a crime free property and correct property condition issues. In October 2017, the Council voted to prohibit the issuance of a license for 1772 Pleasant for 12 months. In April 2018, a relative of the owner, Nathaniel Erenberg, asked the City Council if he could be issued a rental license if he brought the property up to code and took ownership.

Nathaniel told the Council he initiated the process to take possession. Once this process is completed and Nathaniel provides the City with the appropriate vesting deed showing he holds title exclusively, he can apply for a rental housing license.

With regard to the recovery of legal costs, the City Attorney suggested the City Council suspend collection of the legal expenses and waive them if the new owner proves to operate in a lawful and decent manner. After a discussion between the Council and Nathaniel, the Council stated that they are leaning towards suspending and potentially forgoing the legal fees if the property is appropriately maintained. This was not a promise made to Mr. Erenberg, simply what they outlined as their most likely course of action.

B. Authorizing of Funds for 1825 Eustis Street

Butkowski said the closing date is scheduled for July 20, 2018. Staff is asking for authorization to issue payment and finalize the sale as soon as the closing documents are prepared.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion authorizing the city administrator to issue payment for the purchase of 1825 Eustis Street and sign documents as necessary to facilitate the purchase. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 062618A – Authorizing Joint Powers Agreement with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)

Butkowski explained that the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) asked the City to renew its Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with them which will allow the police department and the prosecuting attorney to access criminal data in their work for the City.

After adoption of the resolution, the police officers and prosecuting attorney will be able to continue performing their duties. The resolution also gives the Mayor and City Administrator authorization to sign the agreements.

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Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adopt Resolution 062618A – A Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Lauderdale on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Items

Resolution 062618B – Establishing City Council Authority for Preservation of Public Safety
Butkowski explained that to provide for the safety of the public at City facilities, the City Council must be able to take action as needed to remove and prohibit the presence of individuals or groups that hinder or threaten enjoyment of these facilities. The resolution outlines the process by which the City Council could do this.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt Resolution 062618B – A Resolution Establishing City Council Authority for Preservation of Public Safety. This was seconded by Councilor Dolphin and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the July 10 council meeting may include the Annual Storm Sewer Report and public hearing, a proposal for zoning ordinance revisions, and the appointment of election judges.

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. There being no interested parties to speak, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

B. Community Development Update

Butkowski informed the Council that the proposed waste water charge is 23% higher than 2018. Staff are working with Metropolitan Council staff to understand why. Staff expect to receive a copy of Luther Seminary's realty packet in the near future.

Adjournment

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk