

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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Roll Call

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

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

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, 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 Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the claims totaling \$25,864.34. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the authorization to process accounts payable and the Second Quarter Financial Report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. National Night to Unite, August 7

Butkowski gave a reminder to both those in audience and those watching at home that Night to Unite would be on August 7. So far six residents signed up to host parties.

B. City Council Updates

Mayor Gaasch stated that she attended a Metro Cities meeting on the topic of how to advocate for city priorities with other levels of government.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Opportunities for Cooperation with the Trust for Public Land

Jenna Fletcher, Program Manager for the Trust for Public Land (TPL), addressed the Council. Butkowski explained that Fletcher has been working with staff on the preservation of the "Breck Woods" which Luther Seminary has made available for sale. The Trust for Public Land is interested in seeing the land protected, as is the City, and has been continuing to share information and discuss opportunities for collaboration. She was aware of local interest in Breck Woods coming under public ownership and our drafted Comprehensive Plan that would establish a conservation area on part of the land.

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Fletcher presented information on the mission of TPL and then engaged in a question and answer session with the Council. She said she would share the information she learned from the Council and with her colleagues as they continue to discuss how to help in the preservation effort.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the August 14 council meeting may include the 2019 Preliminary Budget and Levy. As the meeting conflicts with the primary election, the Council could elect to cancel the meeting if there was no pressing business.

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.

Wayne Sisel, 1567 Fulham Street, approached the Council. He wondered if there was a way to build a funding quilt. He also thought that the grounds may qualify for Legacy Amendment funding.

Elizabeth Ooten, 1577 Fulham Street, approached the Council. She mentioned that there are 600 housing units that could be affected by the sale of the Seminary land not including City Gables. She stated that it would be a shame if all of that open space was lost and that she would like the Seminary to allow more time before the sale to potentially work through a public purchase.

Sherman Eagles, St. Anthony Park resident, approached the Council. He stated that he is Co-Chair of St. Paul's District 12 Land Use Community Council. He would like to work in unison with the City of Lauderdale to create a project that is beneficial to everyone.

Cynthia Ahlgren, 1563 Fulham Street, approached the Council. She stated that Breck Woods should be something that future generations can look to for community identity.

B. 2018-2019 Goal Setting

Butkowski said she started preparing the 2019 budget. Part of that process is reviewing previous goals to see what was accomplished. Often, some goals get set aside as new issues come up throughout a year. The accomplishments the Council can be most proud of from the previous year were not even contemplated when establishing the goals last year. As such, less goals have been "checked" off as normally would be but many 2017-2018 goals are progressing or almost completed. Staff summarized the progress made on each goal.

Butkowski further explained that many unplanned undertakings of the past year are on-going and will require attention by Council and staff in the upcoming year. The highlights include such things as the redevelopment of 1795 Eustis Street, Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue turnback

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and reconstruction, and establishing zoning regulations for property owned by Luther Seminary. Butkowski went through each item with the Council with the plan of revising and adding to the drafted list of goals for 2018-2019.

B. 2019 Preliminary Budget and Levy

Butkowski presented the Council with staff's first draft of the budget and capital improvement plan for 2019. It is a very rough draft as the fiscal disparities numbers won't be released until August 15 and those numbers can vary widely from year to year.

C. Community Development Update

Butkowski informed the Council that all updates were covered throughout the course of the meeting.

Adjournment

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk