

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

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October 9, 2018

**Roll Call**

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Councilors present: Andi Moffatt, Roxanne Grove, Kelly Dolphin, Jeff Dains, 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. Mayor Gaasch stated that she would like to move the public hearing portion of the agenda ahead of the informational presentations to accommodate the large group in attendance to comment on the tobacco ordinance. Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018, city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the claims totaling \$94,026.90. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent**

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the Insituform sanitary sewer lining pay request and the temporary fence permit for 1743 Eustis Street.

**Public Hearings**

A. Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Tobacco  
Butkowski noted that the City Council has been evaluating whether to implement an ordinance that would raise the sales age of tobacco to 21 and/or restrict flavored tobacco. Staff reached out to current license holders. Edison Siouffy from SuperUSA noted that it wouldn't take long to adapt to the new age restriction as they sell 3.2 liquor and this would mean the age for both would be 21. He said some of their product moves slowly and suggested an implementation period of one year for flavored tobacco. Other cities ordinances went into effect within anywhere from 60 days (Falcon Heights) to one year (Minneapolis and St. Paul).

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The Council had a brief discussion on the matter before Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to the public at 7:41 p.m.

Melissa Walker, 1895 Pleasant Street, addressed the Council. She stated that her father died from lung cancer in 1991 and that her brother and husband are smokers as well. She believes that smoking has irreversibly impacted her family's life in a negative manner.

Bea Winkelaar, 1747 Malvern Street, addressed the Council. She described how her friends and classmates vape at school events and that vaping is part of the school culture.

Gene Nichols of Shoreview addressed the Council. He stated that he is a member of the African American Leadership Forum. He touched on the subject of menthol flavored tobacco products and how companies use them to prey upon the African American community.

Vakare Bartkaitis, Roseville Area High School student, addressed the Council. She stated that vaping is prevalent in her school and that kids are using devices that look like flash drives, backpack straps, and other disguised devices to vape in the classroom.

Pastor Dave Greenlund, 1836 Malvern Street, addressed the Council. He echoed many of the same sentiments as the previous speakers and stated his support for the proposed tobacco regulations in Lauderdale.

The Council thanked the commenters and everyone that came to the meeting. Mayor Gaasch closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. A vote on the draft tobacco ordinance was scheduled for the October 23 city council meeting.

**Informational Presentations/Reports**

A. County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire

Ramsey County Commissioner McGuire approached the Council to give her annual update on the happenings at Ramsey County. She covered a wide variety of topics and focused on the County's effort to improve internal operational processes and economic prosperity county wide.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Moffatt stated that she attended a Roseville School District referendum meeting. Mayor Gaasch shared that she toured the 3M Innovation Center and attended a Council of Mayors meeting.

C. Halloween Party Update

Assistant City Administrator Bownik approached the Council to give an update on the annual Halloween party. He stated that volunteers are needed as well as candy and monetary donations.

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**Discussion/Action Items**

**A. Jurisdictional Transfer of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue Draft Agreement**

Butkowski said staff has worked with Ramsey County engineers on a draft turn back agreement which the city attorney has reviewed. The agreement has focused the conversation and identified a process for what the turn back would look like. Detailed information on the terms of the agreement is the lead story in the new newsletter. The plan is to take feedback from residents on the proposal at the October 23 council meeting. If the direction of the Council is to proceed, staff will work on an agreement with Roseville for maintenance of their piece of Roselawn Avenue. All agreements need to be finalized before the end of 2018 so that the city engineer can draft plans for a construction project in 2019.

Ramsey County Engineer Ted Schoenecker approached the Council to answer a few questions about the turn back situation.

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

Administrator Butkowski stated that the October 23 council meeting may include a public comment opportunity regarding jurisdictional transfer of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue, an update on the demolition of 1821 and 1825 Eustis Street, the 2019 draft fund budgets, and the tobacco ordinance.

**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 on October 25 there will be an open house at the former Lauderdale elementary school from 4-5 p.m. for those who missed out on the original tour. She mentioned receiving quotes to add a timer to the light at the dog park were coming in high. City staff is working on the insurance claim to repair the roof damage at City Hall.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dolphin to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline  
Deputy City Clerk