

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

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March 26, 2019

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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 additions to the meeting agenda. There being none, 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 Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019, city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the claims totaling \$66,355.87. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving Resolution 032619A – Authorizing Publication of Ordinance 19-02 by Title and Summary (Small Wireless Facility Ordinance), and the amendment and extension of the Metropolitan Council Local Planning Assistance Program Grant Agreement.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. 2018 Audited Financials Presentation by Abdo, Eick, and Meyers

Andrew Berg of Abdo, Eick, and Meyers provided the Council with a summary of the 2018 audit report. His presentation included comparative analysis of the City to its peers. Overall, the City received a clean opinion. The Council thanked Berg for his clear and concise reporting and presentation.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains stated that he met with Lauderdale's new Metropolitan Council representative, Peter Lindstrom. Council Moffatt shared that there are multiple bills transportation bill at the

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State Legislature to fund smaller communities. Mayor Gaasch said she testified at the State Capital in support of local government aid a few weeks ago. Gaasch also highlighted the day Minnesota mayors delivered for Meals on Wheels.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Awarding of 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project – Resolution 032619B

The City received four bids in response to the advertised 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project. Northdale Construction Company was the low bidder at \$2,269,089.49. Staff will begin working with Ehler's and Associates to sell bonds for a portion of the project.

Councilor Dolphin made a motion to adopt Resolution 032619B - A Resolution Accepting Northdale Construction Company's Bid for the 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project. This was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously.

B. Abdo, Eick, and Meyers Financial Planning Proposal

City staff spoke with the audit team about preparing a proposal for a long-term financial plan. Butkowski explained that the City has a number of policy related issues to be planning for that a long-term plan would help guide. Along the items the financial planning process would look at is use of revenue from conduit debt projects, park dedication fees, levy projections, bond repayments, TIF at 1795 Eustis Street, saving for future infrastructure projects and other items identified in the CIP. The outside perspective would provide another perspective to that prepared by staff.

Andrew Berg of Abdo, Eick, and Meyers approached the Council to explain more about the long-term financial plan and to answer questions.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to enter into an agreement with AEM Financial Solutions, LLC for the creation of a long-term financial plan as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the April 9 council meeting will include the annual police department report by Chief Jon Mangseth, the February financial report, the small cell wireless facility standards, and the post issuance compliance policy update.

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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Daryle Goodmanson, 1803 Malvern Street, addressed the Council. He expressed his concern over the termination of Rich Hinrichs as chief of the Falcon Heights Fire Department and believes he should be reinstated. He heard response times have been slower since the termination and is worried about the safety of Lauderdale's residents. Mayor Gaasch noted that she is scheduled to meet with Falcon Height's new mayor soon to discuss these issues.

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

B. Community Development Update

Butkowski mentioned the conduit debt project with a private school in St. Paul is no longer happening. The tax credits Real Estate Equities planned to apply for in May were dedicated already to non-senior projects; they will apply for funding in August. Staff continue to work on updating the Comprehensive Plan based on the feedback from the Metropolitan Council.

Closed Session

A. Review Offers for 1821, 1825, and 1831 Eustis Street

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to enter a closed session to consider offers for the sale of real property at 1821, 1825, and 1831 Eustis Street at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to come out of closed session at 9:19 p.m. Mayor Gaasch noted city staff will follow up with perspective buyers and bring the information back to a future meeting.

Adjournment

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk