

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

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Councilors present: Roxanne Grove, Jeff Dains, Andi Moffatt, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.
Councilor absent: 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 Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 25, 2019 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 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 Grove to approve the claims totaling \$99,531.85. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the park application and the 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project Pay Request No. 2.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project

Administrator Butkowski provided an overview of the progress on the project.

B. Day in the Park

Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik provided an update on Day in the Park planning. He mentioned that the University of Minnesota Raptor Center will bring three predatory birds to the event as a new feature.

C. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that he and Mayor Gaasch attended the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Duluth. He noted that Governor Walz spoke at in regards to transit in

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greater Minnesota and the relationship between cities and the Metropolitan Council. Dains also attended the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and noted staffing changes there.

Councilor Moffatt mentioned the email council members received regarding “road diets” or four-to three lane conversions being considered in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. She attended Hennepin County’s presentation on options for East Hennepin. She expressed interest in meeting with Ramsey County to discuss options for Larpenteur Avenue.

Mayor Gaasch shared that Governor Walz’ presentation at the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference focused on cities with populations under five thousand. She also enjoyed the keynote speaker’s thoughts on community engagement. Finally, Gaasch said 30 new mayors attended the session devoted to bringing mayors throughout the state together.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Resolution 070919A – Denying the Alley Vacation Petition to Vacate Unimproved Alley between Eustis and Malvern Streets Beginning at Spring Street and Ending at Summer Street Residents from Malvern Street and Eustis Street that abut the planned alley improvements submitted an alley vacation request to the City Council in May. On June 25, the City Council took public testimony on the matter. Based on the discussion following the public hearing, the city attorney drafted a resolution to formalize the Council’s decision on the matter.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 070919A—A Resolution Denying Petition to Vacate Unimproved Alley between Eustis and Malvern Streets Beginning at Spring Street and Ending at Summer Street. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 070919B – A Resolution Approving the Development Stage Planned Unit Development at 1795 Eustis Street to Construct and Operate a Senior Multi-Family Housing Project

At the May 28 meeting, the City Council discussed the comments received from the public regarding Real Estate Equities’ (REE) planned unit development (PUD) application. The Council supported the conditions drafted by the City’s planning consultant. REE will respond to the conditions in the preparation of their application for final approval of the PUD.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 070919B—A Resolution Approving the Development Stage Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 1795 Eustis Street to Construct and Operate a Senior Multi-Family Housing Project. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

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C. 2020-2024 Police Contract with City of St. Anthony

Butkowski noted that in March the City Council began discussing the police contract renewal as the current five-year agreement expires at the end of 2019. St. Anthony staff attended the last meeting and addressed the proposed 2020 cost increase and the cost-drivers projected in future years.

Councilor Grove made a motion to enter into an agreement with the City of St. Anthony for police services from 2020-2024 as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the July 23 council meeting may include the Annual Storm Water Public Hearing, GARE follow-up training, an updated conduit debt resolution for Real Estate Equities, and an update on Night to Unite.

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.

Craig Zbacnik, 1837 Eustis Street, said he was dumbfounded by the Council's reasoning to complete the alley segments between Eustis Street and Malvern Street. He said he also felt that the lots on Eustis Street were sold under their market values.

There being no other parties interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

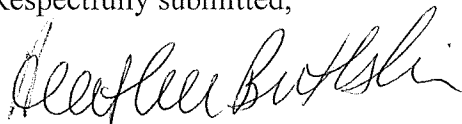
B. Community Development Update

Butkowski mentioned that she and Jennifer Haskamp have a meeting with CommonBond Communities on July 11.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator