

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

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August 27, 2019

**Call to Order**

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Councilors 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 Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the August 13, 2019 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the August 13, 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 Dains to approve the claims totaling \$131,102.87. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent**

Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the park use application and acknowledging the July Financial Report.

**Informational Presentations/Reports**

A. 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project

Administrator Butkowski provided an overview of progress on the project.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that he and Councilor Grove attended a Ramsey County League of Local Governments meeting. Dains continued to say that he attended a Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee meeting, and finally that he will be attending a St. Paul Water Board meeting on September 10. Councilor Grove filled in some additional details from the Ramsey County League of Local Governments meeting.

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**Discussion/Action Items**

**A. 2020 Budget, Levy, and Goals**

At the last meeting, staff noted that any recommendations on the budget and levy couldn't be made until after the fiscal disparities numbers were released. The 2020 allocation is \$138,520 or \$1,353 less than last year. City Administrator Butkowski presented a budget that balanced with a 4.4% total levy increase (5.5% local levy increase. Butkowski also read through the 2019 goals noting those that had been complete or that were still in progress.

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

Administrator Butkowski stated that the September 10 council meeting may include the 2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project Pay Request Number No. 4 and the 2020 Budget and Levy.

**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.

Josh Hauser, 1778 Eustis Street, inquired about the increased cost for policing. He continued to ask questions regarding the zoning ordinance, the storm water pond, and the timing of the Eustis Street project. Staff will respond to his questions via email.

Rich Hinrichs, 1801 Eustis Street, stated that only one Falcon Heights firefighters assisted with the bus accident on Highway 280 on September 22. He continued to say that there is still no fire chief at the department.

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

**B. GARE Training Session with League of Minnesota Cities Staff**

In early June, the Council began the GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) training in partnership with the League of Minnesota Cities. Lauderdale is the League's pilot program partner for determining how to make the training possible for small cities with resource limitations. The first meeting provided Council and staff with background information to understand the roots of institutional racism. The Council devoted this meeting's work session to "Part 1B" of the three part process. In this phase, Council and staff brainstormed strategies to achieve more racially equitable outcomes in Lauderdale.

**C. Community Development Updates**

Butkowski stated that all updates have been covered throughout the course of the meeting.

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**Adjournment**

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline  
Deputy City Clerk