

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
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July 28, 2020

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Dains called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Andi Moffatt, Roxanne Grove, Kelly Dolphin, and Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Dains.

Councilor absent: Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Pro Tem Dains said Councilor Moffatt would be facilitating the meeting. Councilor Moffatt asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Dains stated that he would like to add a discussion about evictions to the work session. There being nothing else, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dains to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Moffatt asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the July 14, 2020 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dains to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Moffatt asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dains to approve the claims totaling \$21,365.09. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the second quarter investment report and approving the decision to not waiver tort liability limits during the upcoming insurance renewal.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Mayor Pro Tem Dains stated that the Metropolitan Council Transportation and Accessibility Committee was conducting public hearings for their transportation policy plans. He directed residents to the Met Council website if they wanted to make comments.

Discussion/Action Item

A. 2021 Budget and Levy

Administrator Butkowski reviewed the first draft of the general fund budget for 2021. The numbers were preliminary as LGA and fiscal disparities amounts haven't been released.

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B. August City Council Meeting Dates.

At the beginning of the year, we knew the primary election would conflict with the first regularly scheduled meeting in August. When setting the annual meeting schedule, August 18 was selected as the alternate date. The Council confirmed that this date worked as a replacement.

Mayor Pro Tem Dains added that he would like to schedule a meeting led by the St. Anthony Police Department regarding recent changes to policing and reforms.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the August 18 council meeting may include a CTV update of the proposed changes to the joint powers agreement by Dana Healy, fence ordinance draft revisions, a request for a fence in the right-of-way at 2445 Summer Street, and storm water project agreements.

Work Session

A. Coronavirus Impacts Update and B. Community Development Update

Butkowski mentioned that the filing period for city council and mayor began today.

Staff was looking for feedback on the possibility of having a mobile blood drive. The drive was originally scheduled for April. The Council said a written plan would need to be prepared and reviewed by the Council before allowing groups to use City Hall.

The City participated with the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce to distribute masks to Ramsey County businesses. Staff contacted our business community and distributed to those in need.

This summer, the City will remove about two dozen diseased ash trees from public property. About half are boulevard trees. The adjacent property owners were notified by letter.

Lauderdale received ~\$181,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds as reimbursement for unanticipated coronavirus costs. Unspent funds must be donated to Regions Hospital or another hospital in Ramsey County.

Staff had no updates from the governor on evictions in Minnesota.

Butkowski stated that Luther Seminary was working on their project and met with staff.

Real Estate Equities scheduled a meeting with Butkowski and Jennifer Haskamp to discuss their land use application and plans to close on the purchase of 1795 Eustis Street in late January.

The Council discussed the archery range and directed staff to check on options to improve safety.

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4-H asked to reserve the park shelter in lieu of the Social Room which remains closed to reservations. The Council reiterated that they do not want to take reservations for the park shelter due to congregation concerns.

C. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Councilor Moffatt opened up the floor to anyone in attendance interested in addressing the Council.

Melissa Walker, 1895 Pleasant Street, asked that the City send a message to the community about its intentions for the dog park.

Dave Borgman, Roseville resident, stated that the Council was using the excuse of social distancing to keep the dog park closed while other park features were opened.

There being no additional people interested in speaking, Councilor Moffatt closed the floor.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Dolphin to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk