

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
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February 23, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Roxanne Grove, Jeff Dains, Duane Pulford, and Mayor Pro Tem Andi Moffatt.

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 Moffatt asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. Councilor Dains stated that he would like to add an update on bus route 3 to Additional Items. There being nothing else, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt asked if there were any corrections to the February 9, 2021 city council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the claims totaling \$47,304.92. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving Resolution No. 022321A approving tobacco licenses for 2021, and Resolution No. 022321B approving a 3.2 off sale malt liquor license for 2021. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Pulford said he attended a North Suburban Access Corporation meeting where they discussed an audit performed on Comcast that found cities should receive refunds for under payments on franchise fees. Pulford mentioned that all Comcast customers are being moved to electronic billing unless they opt out. He asked staff to send out information to residents.

Councilor Dains said he was contacted by a member of the St. Louis Park city council in regards to a Minnesota Cities Climate Caucus meeting taking place on March 3. He plans to attend.

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Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution 022321C – A Resolution Approving the Lot Line Rearrangement at 1583 Fulham Street
Lynn Abrahamsen, owner of 1583 Fulham Street, submitted an application to split her out lot between herself and her northerly neighbor. Her surveyor worked with the City’s planning consultant and Ramsey County to determine a process to split and consolidate the land without the expense of a replat.

After discussion, Councilor Pulford made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022321C – A Resolution Approving the Lot Line Rearrangement at 1583 Fulham Street. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the 2021 Sewer Lining Project

The City engineer prepared an outline of the process and timeframe for lining approximately 6,650 feet of sanitary sewer pipes. These are the final segments to be lined as the City completed previous lining projects. The specs include cleaning and televising an additional 7,100 feet of sanitary sewer pipes. Next year the plan is to clean and televise the other half of the City.

The cost to line the pipe is estimated at \$272,000. A grant from the Metropolitan Council will off-set some of the costs. Projects over \$100,000 must follow the public bidding laws. As such, the City engineer is asking the Council to order plans and specifications so they can begin working on the project.

Councilor Pulford made a motion directing the City engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the 2021 sanitary sewer lining project. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Additional Items

A. Update on Bus Route 3

Councilor Dains shared that bus route 3 is part of the Better Bus Routes and runs between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis. The Met Council released a survey looking for input on improvements to the route; he encouraged bus riders to complete the survey.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

The March 9 council meeting may include a proposal for preparation of the MS4 permit and a public works management software update.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski said she had a meeting with Ramsey County Economic Development staff scheduled to discuss their involvement in the tax credit allocation process. She said the City would be hosting a drive-up Covid testing event in front of City Hall on March 3. The dredging of Gasparre Pond was expected to start soon. Staff was still working on the sewer insurance matter.

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B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt opened up the floor to anyone in attendance interested in addressing the Council.

There being no people interested in speaking, Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk