

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
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April 27, 2021

**Call to Order**

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Duane Pulford, Andi Moffatt, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilor Absent: Roxanne Grove

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 Pulford to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the April 13, 2021 city council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch 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 \$19,656.37. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Consent**

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the Consent Agenda acknowledging the March financial report. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Informational Presentations/Reports**

A. Annual Report by Police Chief Jon Mangseth

Chief Jon Mangseth presented the annual police report virtually via a PowerPoint presentation.

Upon conclusion of the presentation and questions from the city council, Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to questions from the public.

Don Vandenberg, 1737 Fulham Street, asked if the lethal force policies of the St. Anthony Police Department were created by state or local authorities.

Josh Dirksen, 1815 Lake Street, asked what steps the police department was taking to earn the community's trust moving forward.

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**B. Annual Audit Report by Bonnie Schwieger of Abdo, Eick, and Meyers**

Each year, a representative of Abdo, Eick, and Meyers presents their audit findings to the City Council. This year, Bonnie Schwieger was tasked with giving a PowerPoint presentation and answering follow-up questions from the Council.

**C. City Council Updates**

Mayor Gaasch stated that the City will celebrate the graduating high school seniors with cards and Lauderdale merchandise once again. Councilor Moffatt shared that the Minnesota State Fair grounds are a vaccine hosting site for anyone 16 years of age and older.

**Discussion/Action Item**

**A. Resolution No. 042721A – Approving Lot Split for Real Property Located at 1876 Malvern Street**  
1876 Malvern Street consists of two forty-foot lots that have been consolidated under one property identification number (PIN). The proposed division would recreate the two originally platted forty-foot lots by assigning them each a PIN. After the division, Parcel “A” would have a house, and Parcel “B” would be a vacant lot. The resolution, with survey, would be recorded with Ramsey County Property Records.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt Resolution 042721A – A Resolution Approving Lot Split of Real Property Located at 1876 Malvern Street. This was seconded by Councilor Pulford and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**B. Zoning Ordinance Revision Proposal from Swanson Haskamp Consulting**

Before preparing a proposal for the completion of the zoning ordinance update, Jennifer Haskamp discussed the process with the City Council to make sure the proposal would meet expectations, especially regarding community engagement. The official proposal will be brought to a future meeting for consideration.

**C. Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

Periodically, staff are asked building and zoning related questions that city code doesn't address or that were previously addressed through the building code but now are not. Some questions have arisen with regard to the new construction, which the City did not regularly have for years but now does. The issues at hand are minimum widths and lengths, minimum foundation size, foundation or basement requirements, and covered off-street parking requirements.

Staff did a quick draft ordinance for discussion and spoke with the City attorney who understands the need for the changes. He will review the draft after the meeting.

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

The May 11 council meeting may include the quarterly investment report, a public works management software update, and a resolution for Benedictine Senior Housing to refinance their debt.

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**Work Session**

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski stated that street sweeping started; the contractor for Seminary Pond may start the dredging project soon; the City made a video with CTV and Luther Seminary about Seminary Pond last week; and Prior Lake asked the City to contact our legislators about a land use bill that would negatively impact cities' local control over land use regulations.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened up the floor to anyone in attendance interested in addressing the Council.

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

**Adjournment**

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline  
Deputy City Clerk