

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
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June 8, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Councilor absent: Duane Pulford

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 on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the May 25, 2021 city council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the May 25, 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 Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the claims totaling \$61,098.58. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the encroachment agreement for a fence at 1792 Lake Street and 1797 Fulham Street and Resolution No. 060821A – Authorizing Publication of Ordinance No. 21-04 by Title and Summary.

Special Order of Business/Recognitions/Proclamations

A. Recognize Miles Cline of Five-Year Work Anniversary

Mayor Gaasch read a proclamation thanking Cline for his five years of service to the City.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. June 24 Community Event Highlighting Public Safety Partners

Bownik stated that the first summer event will take place on Thursday, June 24 at the Lauderdale Community Park from 6-8 p.m. The City invited our public safety community including the St. Anthony Police Department, the St. Paul Fire Department, and the Ramsey County Sheriff's office which plans to bring the K-9 team, water rescue team, SWAT team, and 911 communications center. Additionally, there will be music, a food truck, and an adult beverage stand.

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B. City Council Updates

Mayor Gaasch said she participated in a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on environment, climate change, and sustainability, and what cities can do to help those causes. One of the things Gaasch shared at the meeting was in regards to invasive jumping worms and the ways to curb their spread. She also spoke about our partnership with Falcon Heights and the University of Minnesota to improve Seminary Pond.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Parking Pad Waiver Request for 1848 Lake Street

Cal Nauman, 1848 Lake Street, applied for a driveway permit and parking pad permit. The proposed parking pad exceeds the size permitted therefore he is requesting a waiver of the rules. The Nauman's lot area is 12,197 square feet. At 5% of lot area, the maximum parking pad size is 609.85 square feet. The proposed parking pad is 702.96 square feet or 93.11 square feet (0.76%) over the 5% maximum allowed for that lot size. In their application, the Nauman's indicated the parking pad will address water issues along their garage.

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

Cal Nauman stated that water ingressions caused by runoff from an old alleyway led them to install a retaining wall to help mitigate the issue. They want to pave the surface between the retaining wall and garage to eliminate water intrusion and provide additional parking space for visitors and snowfall events.

Councilor Moffatt joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m. during the discussion.

Councilor Dains made a motion to approve the parking pad waiver request for 1848 Lake Street. This was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried 3-1 on a roll call vote with Councilors Dains, Moffatt, and Mayor Gaasch voting in favor and Councilor Grove opposed.

B. Resolution No. 060821B – Accepting the Bids for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

The City Council authorized the City engineer to bid a sanitary sewer lining project for 2021. The low base bidder was Visu-Sewer at \$191,940. This compares to the rejected April low bid of \$320,179.80. The contractors bid a manhole repair as an alternate. Staff recommends contracting for this work as part of the project.

Councilor Grove made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 060821B—A Resolution Accepting Bids for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

The June 22 council meeting may include the May financial report, American Rescue Plan (ARP) guidance, an amendment to the fire code ordinance, NineNorth contract renewal, and the annual liability insurance renewal and tort waiver questionnaire.

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Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that staff received a note from Luther Seminary stating that they hired a firm to help sell their parcel of land in segments instead of all 14 acres at one time. She also mentioned that she met with Roseville's engineering staff and MnDOT in regards to closing access to Broadway Street from northbound Highway 280 in 2024.

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 Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk