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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Councilors present: Roxanne Grove, Jeff Dains, Andi Moffatt, 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 or corrections to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the January 11, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 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 \$102,709.20. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the December financial report and the quarterly investment report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. I-35W North Gateway Study Update by MnDOT Staff and Consultants

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has been working on the I-35W North Gateway Study for a couple of years and asked to provide an update on the project. Stephanie Roth, Kurt Bearinger, and John Griffith of HDR Inc., along with Aaron Tag of MnDOT, provided the City Council and Lauderdale residents alike with a presentation and encouraged continued community participation through the study process.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Moffatt shared that she attended a virtual League of Women Voters event last week entitled 'Conversations with Constituents' on the topic of representation in city governance.

Mayor Gaasch said she would attend the annual League of Minnesota Cities conference in June as a board member. Gaasch also said that she and Administrator Butkowski plan to meet with

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Ramsey County Attorney John Choi in February to discuss public safety issues. Finally, Gaasch shared that she met with Ramsey County Chair Trista MatasCastillo to discuss Lauderdale concerns including the condition of Eustis Street south of Larpenteur Avenue.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution No. 012522A – Declaring a Climate Emergency in Lauderdale, Minnesota
Mayor Gaasch is involved with the Minnesota Collaboration Climate Group. The group is bringing climate issues before city councils throughout the state. At the last meeting, Mayor Gaasch presented information and asked the Council to support a resolution. Based on the discussion, staff added to the language.

Councilor Grove made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 012522A—Declaring a Climate Emergency in Lauderdale, Minnesota. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Resolution No. 012522B – Lot Line Rearrangement at 1864 Malvern Street
The city planner wrote a memorandum regarding the lot line rearrangement request at 1864 and 1872 Malvern Street. Ramsey County has yet to record the vacant lot as 1872 Malvern Street; however, it was approved by the City Council in a previous resolution. The lot line rearrangement would detach 20 feet from 1864 Malvern Street and add it to 1872 Malvern Street. The owner of the vacant parcel plans to build a new home.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 012522B — Approving the Lot Line Rearrangement at 1864 Malvern Street. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule

The Council agreed to continue meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The exceptions are meeting August 8 to avoid a conflict with the primary election and omitting a meeting on December 27 because of the holidays.

D. 2022 Committee Appointments and Assignments

With the absence of Councilor Moffatt at the previous meeting, the committee assignments were not confirmed. After going through the various designations, and making some changes, the Council ironed out the appointments.

Councilor Grove made a motion to approve the appointments. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will include a 1795 Eustis Street development update with consulting city planner Jennifer Haskamp and financial advisor Stacie Kvilvang.

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Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski said the dredging of Gasparre Pond was temporarily delayed by cold weather. Residents are encouraged to check out the City's website for skating rink and warming house hours. She thanked the warming house staff for their incredible efforts this winter season.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

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

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

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk