

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL  
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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: Duane Pulford, Andi Moffatt, Jeff Dains, Roxanne Grove, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilors absent: None.

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 Grove 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 February 8, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the minutes of the February 8, 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 Moffatt to approve the claims totaling \$44,222.54. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Consent**

Councilor Dains asked to remove the 2022 garbage haulers licenses for further discussion. Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda as amended thereby acknowledging the January financial report.

**Informational Presentations/Reports**

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that he and Butkowski attended a meeting hosted by Ramsey County Attorney John Choi on the topics of public safety and criminal justice with other suburban Ramsey County cities. Meetings will continue to discuss ways to reduce crime in the county.

Mayor Gaasch said the City was under a snow emergency until Wednesday, February 23. Gaasch also said she was asked to be a board member for a homelessness initiative.

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**Discussion/Action Item**

**A. 1795 Eustis Street Development Update**

As previously discussed, Real Estate Equities (REE) received an award to build affordable senior housing at 1795 Eustis Street. Butkowski said document drafting and reviews were on-going with the expectation to present the draft planning and financial documents at the March 8 meeting. Final approvals were slated for March 22.

**B. Resolution No. 022222A – Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority**

Butkowski explained that the League of Minnesota Cities and Metro Cities were asking city councils to support resolutions of opposition to a couple of bills that would curb local land use controls. The legislative bills favor setting one standard for the whole state—rural, urban, and suburban. Inherently, this does not make sense as our land use patterns are not the same (lot size, access to sewer, demo costs, access to roads, etcetera). The goal of the League of Minnesota Cities and Metro Cities is to keep decision making in the cities affected by developments instead of favoring a one-size-fits-all approach.

Councilor Pulford made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022222A—Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority. This was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**C. Resolution No. 022222B - Reestablishing Precinct Boundaries**

Butkowski explained that on February 15, the Special Redistricting Panel appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court established the new congressional and legislative boundaries. Now, all cities must reestablish their precinct boundaries. Thankfully, this is a simple process in Lauderdale with only one precinct.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022222B—Reestablishing Precinct Boundaries. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**D. Resolution No. 022222C — Electing the Standard Allowance Available under the Revenue Loss Provisions of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established under the American Rescue Plan Act**

The final American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidance came out the first week of January. The rules allow cities to allocate up to \$10 million dollars of their grant to lost revenue due to the pandemic. The City of Lauderdale received well under that amount with an allocation of \$275,500. This means the City can use ARPA funds for the provision of general government services with less reporting. As discussed, the funds will be used to update the council chambers technology but no decisions have been made beyond that. The resolution clarifies the City's intent to elect the revenue loss provision to guide how the money would be spent.

Councilor Grove made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022222C—Electing the Standard Allowance Available under the Revenue Loss Provisions of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal

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Recovery Fund Established under the American Rescue Plan Act. This was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

A. 2022 Garbage Haulers Licenses

Councilor Dains asked why some of the garbage hauler companies have so many more trucks than others. Staff stated there was no verifiable way of tracking how many trucks were coming in and out from each hauler and suggested setting a flat fee for garbage hauler licenses in 2023.

Councilor Dains made a motion to approve the 2022 garbage license haulers. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

The next council meeting may include a draft of the land use and financial development agreements for 1795 Eustis Street.

**Work Session**

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski stated that the council chambers are undergoing improvements. She also explained that Ramsey County would be helping the City clean up invasive species from Walsh Lake next year instead of this year. Finally, Butkowski shared that she will be attending a Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) meeting in St. Anthony on February 23.

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 Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline  
Deputy City Clerk