

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
1891 Walnut Street
Lauderdale, MN 55113

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June 14, 2022

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Councilors absent: Roxanne Grove and 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. Administrator Butkowski stated that she would like to add a League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) presentation to the Informational Presentations/Reports. There being nothing else, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 24, 2022 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. Councilor Dains asked about the fence screening purchase. Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the claims totaling \$123,664.83. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the May financial report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. LMC Recognition of Mayor Gaasch

D. Love, David Unmacht, and Luke Fischer of the LMC came to City Hall to surprise Mayor Gaasch and recognize her for all of her hard work on the LMC board to the benefit of cities across the state of Minnesota.

B. Update from Eureka Recycling Staff

Joanna Stone and Carl Ringberg joined the meeting via Zoom to give an update on Eureka Recycling. They answered questions from the Council at the conclusion of their presentation.

C. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains attended a Met Council Transportation Accessibility Committee meeting last week. Metro Transit staff presented on staffing and security issues.

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Discussion/Action Item

A. Declaration of Easement at 1795 Eustis Street

In March, the City Council agreed to vacate the east-west leg of the alley to Malvern Street at 1795 Eustis Street in favor of a new alley with access to Eustis Street. A declaration of easement document creates that new alley. The easement is the simplest way for the City to retain access for an alley on the property ahead of the sale of the land to Real Estate Equities.

Councilor Dains made a motion to adopt the Declaration of Easement at 1795 Eustis Street. This was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously.

B. Assignment of Tax Increment Financing Document with Consent and Estoppel Certificate

The City Council does not need to approve the Assignment of Tax Increment Financing Documents; however, the Consent and Estoppel Certificate, which is Exhibit B, must be signed by the Mayor and City Administrator. The city attorney reviewed the document and recommended its approval.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign Exhibit B, the Consent and Estoppel Certificate of the Assignment of Tax Increment Financing Documents. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

C. Subordination Agreement to the Purchase and Development Agreement

The City Council was asked to execute the Subordination Agreement to the Purchase and Development Agreement. The city attorney reviewed the document and recommended its approval.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the Subordination Agreement to the Purchase and Development Agreement. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

D. Fencing Consortium Joint Powers Agreement

Butkowski explained that when protests happened in recent years, fencing was hard to procure and get in place quickly. Police departments in Hennepin County began discussing the problem and a solution grew from there. There is a metro-wide plan for cities that opt into a joint powers agreement (JPA) to buy and store fencing for emergency use.

Staff worked with SAPD on the matter. They are joining the JPA to procure fencing for one of their buildings. The Council discussed whether to join the JPA at an estimate of \$2,000 per year. After their discussion, the Council decided against joining the JPA.

E. Green Step Cities Update

Butkowski mentioned that the City received Step 1 and 2 recognition as a Green Step City in 2015 and 2016. Staff reviewed with the Council the activities completed to receive that

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recognition. Since then, the City completed a number of Green Step City action items but has not yet submitted them to the MPCA for review. Staff plan to do that in the upcoming weeks and will share that information with the Council. After that task is completed, staff will present the types of activities the City must accomplish to achieve Step 3 recognition. Step 2 required minimal costs beyond what the City was already spending, and the staff time involved was minimal. That changes with Step 3, which is why the City has not achieved that Step yet.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski said the June 28 council meeting may include a draft administration citation program and election judge appointments.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that she received the closing documents for 1795 Eustis Street, which is set to close on July 1.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

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

Masumi Abeler, Roseville resident, shared that the noise from the dog park makes it difficult to live nearby.

Allison Eklund, Roseville resident, echoed the same sentiments as Masumi. She asked the Council to consider tools that would lead to visitors with dogs that repeatedly bark be banned from the dog park.

Jon Abeler, Roseville resident, stated that he might move because of the dog park adversely affects his quality of life.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk