

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

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October 11, 2022

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Pro Tem Andi Moffatt, Jeff Dains, and Roxanne Grove.

Councilors absent: Duane Pulford and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the September 27, 2022 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2022 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Moffatt asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$182,944.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving Resolution No. 101122A – Levying Special Assessments via Petition and Waiver Agreements.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Halloween Event Planning

Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik approached the Council to share a Halloween event planning update. On Halloween night candy and beverages will be available from 5-6 p.m. at City Hall. The City's event will compliment other festivities hosted by residents. Residents that register with City Hall will be added to the Lauderdale website to help parents plan for the night.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that the Mississippi Management Watershed Organization is working on a climate resiliency project to restore the urban canopy in the Twin Cities metro area. Someone from the organization would like to give an update at a council meeting early next year.

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Discussion/Action Item

A. 2023 Recycling Fund Rate Setting

Staff continue to work on the non-general fund budgets for 2023. One of those budgets is the 227 Recycling Fund. Butkowski said that after years of raising rates to cover the cost of the new contract with Eureka! Recycling, we are near the end of needing to do that. Staff recommend raising the rate by \$1.00 per month to allow revenue to exceed expenses for the first time in many years. The current fund balance is lower than it has historically been but the costs are less volatile under the new contract. The \$1.00 per month increase allows for a slight increase in the fund budget. Alternatively, staff could reduce the rate slightly to balance the fund and not increase the fund balance. The current fund balance is \$49,994.42. Council directed staff to plan for the \$1.00 increase that will be officially set when all utility rates are approved by resolution.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the October 25 council meeting might include the 2023 special, debt, capital improvement, and enterprise funds. Additionally, it may include a resolution supporting Xcel Energy's carbon free future coalition, the September financial report, the quarterly investment report, speed limits on residential City streets, and delinquent utility assessments.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that staff still are working on solutions to fix the retaining wall at Lauderdale Community Park. Quotes are expected at the next meeting.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the floor to those in attendance interested in addressing the Council.

Robert Holthaus, 1631 Eustis Street, thanked the Council for their hard work.

There being nobody else interested in speaking, the Mayor Pro Tem closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk