

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

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August 22, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Duane Pulford, Sharon Kelly, Evan Sayre, 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 to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the August 8, 2023 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the claims totaling \$100,265.88. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the July financial report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains stated that Roseville and Falcon Heights' environmentally focused staff will attend the September 12 city council meeting to present on their work and opportunities for cooperation. Councilor Pulford shared that he attended some League of Minnesota Cities focused on cable franchise fees and affordable housing.

Discussion/Action Item

A. 2024 Budget and Levy

Butkowski explained that the general fund budget is typically discussed in August and the other funds in October. This year the budget is a little more complex due to the spending down of the ARPA funds, the new public safety funds, and the budget increase drive by public safety costs.

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She went through the funds in turn, noting changes or special consideration for 2024. The packet also included a memo from St. Anthony's city manager regarding the policing cost increases and first run levy increase numbers for other Ramsey County communities.

She explained that nothing can be finalized until the City receives the fiscal disparities revenue number and the taxable market values. Those numbers were anticipated on August 24.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the September 12 council meeting might include an electronic funds transfer policy and a variance request for 1743 Malvern Street.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski stated that Real Estate Equities (REE) expects to complete construction of the Fern by mid-September, with tenants moving in by the end of September. REE plans to seal coat Malvern Street and Spring Street to repair rough spots created during the construction process. She continued to say that REE would hold an open house upon completion of the building.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

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

John Mueller, 1931 Carl Street, approached the Council in regards to a proposed lot division that would require a variance for the allotted square footage. He has been in touch with staff.

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

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk