

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

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May 28, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Evan Sayre, Jeff Dains, Sharon Kelly, Duane Pulford, 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 Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the claims totaling \$22,711.80. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the Day in the Park liquor license, Resolution No. 052824A – Depositing the Excess Unreserved Fund Balance in Capital Improvement Funds, and acknowledging the April financial report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Kelly shared that she attended the final Roseville foundation school district meeting of the year. Councilor Dains stated that sometime in near future he would give an update on the watershed district. Councilor Kelly said she attended the acclamation of Ramsey County commissioner Mary Jo McGuire. Mayor Gaasch shared that she attended a League of Minnesota Cities board of directors meeting on affordable housing. Finally, Councilor Kelly shared that she went to a fair voting committee meeting on the topic of ranked choice voting.

Discussion/Action Item

A. 2025 Budget and Goals

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Butkowski presented the Council with overall City and staff goals for 2025. Staff updated the goals from last year's session. For the most part, these are goals we really hope to accomplish, but sometimes they feel a bit loftier than just tasks. Staff crossed off those items that were completed, and created a new list of bigger to-do items. The Council discussed and added to the list for future discussions.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the June 11 council meeting might include the May financial report and a presentation from Met Council representative Peter Lindstrom on July 9.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that she will be meeting with Luther Seminary soon. She said she spoke with Patrick Ostrom of Real Estate Equities today and was told that 105 of the 114 units at the Fern were leased. Staff will meet with Interim Ramsey County manager Johanna Berg on May 31.

Councilor Kelly stated that she would like to explore more that can be done with the fair housing initiative.

Mayor Gaasch shared that the LMC is hosting a legislative recap of the session in early June.

Councilor Dains stated that there are concerns about campers, trailers, and boats being parked on the street for elongated periods of time.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to those in attendance interested in addressing the Council. Karen Weium of Finn Sisu approached the dais to introduce herself and the new ownership of the company. She inquired about purchasing the City's service station located at 2430 Larpenteur Avenue. Staff suggested a further discussion after the new zoning was finalized this summer.

Adjournment

Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk