

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

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August 14, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Evan Sayre, Sharon Kelly, Jeff Dains, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilor absent: 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. Gaasch stated that she would like to add a welcoming community item to the Additional Items section of the agenda. Butkowski stated that she would like to remove the rank growth abatement item from the Public Hearings section of the agenda. There being nothing else, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the July 23, 2024 City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the July 23, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the claims totaling \$150,434.37. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution No. 081424A Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Previously, the Council discussed adopting the fair housing proclamation mailed to councilors by the St. Paul Area Realtors Association. Staff prepared the proclamation for Council consideration. Mayor Gaasch read the resolution prior to a motion being made.

Councilor Kelly made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 081424A—Fair Housing Month Proclamation. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

B. One-Year Extension to Agreement with the City of St. Anthony for Policing Services

The City of St. Anthony proposed extending the City's existing police services contract for another year as they work through their discussions with Falcon Heights over coverage and contracts. The terms of the current contract are good for the City. Lauderdale's city attorney drafted the contract extension language.

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Councilor Sayre made a motion to adopt the First Amendment to Contract Agreement for Policing Services. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

C. Municipal Cannabis Financial Analysis Proposal from Point Seven Group

The Council expressed interest researching whether to continue discussions around a municipal cannabis dispensary. The City owns property along Larpenteur Avenue that might be a viable location. Typically, a financial analysis would be in the \$15,000 price range. Due to the relationship between our planning consultant (SHC) and the Point7 Group, the proposed cost is \$6,500 as SHC has already produced some of the socioeconomic data and real estate information they need for the analysis.

Councilor Sayre made a motion to accept the proposal by Point 7 Group. This was seconded by Councilor Kelly and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the August 27 council meeting might include the July financial report, 2025 budget and levy, and the draft storm water ordinances.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that staff is working on the EPA response which is due by September 1. She said the state primary elections were successfully held the day before. Ben Quie and Sons soon will open their remodeling business at 2448 Larpenteur Avenue. A notice of open house was emailed to councilors. Five candidates filed for City Council.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to those in attendance interested in addressing the Council. There being nobody interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk