

# LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

## TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2001

### CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

The City Council is meeting as a legislative body to conduct the business of the City according to ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER AND BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. Unless so ordered by the Mayor, citizen participation is limited to the times indicated and always within the prescribed rules of conduct for public input at meetings.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P. M.

2. ROLL:

*Councilmembers:*

Gower \_\_\_\_\_ Christensen \_\_\_\_\_  
Gill-Gerbig \_\_\_\_\_ Hawkinson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Dains \_\_\_\_\_

*Staff:*

Getschow \_\_\_\_\_

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. APPROVAL

- A. Approval of minutes of 5/22/01 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of claims totaling \$ 75,447.85

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Any member of the public may speak at this time on any item NOT on the agenda. In consideration of the public attending the meeting for specific items on the agenda, this portion of the meeting will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals are requested to limit their comments to four (4) minutes or less. If the majority of the Council determines that additional time on a specific issue is warranted, then discussion on that issue shall be continued under Additional Items at the end of the agenda. Before addressing the City Council, members of the public are asked to step up to the microphone, give their name, address and state the subject to be discussed. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any member thereof. No person other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter any discussion without permission of the presiding officer. Your participation, as prescribed by the Council's ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER AND BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, is welcomed and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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**6. CONSENT**

**7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public hearings are conducted so that the public affected by a proposal may have input into the decision. During hearings, all affected residents will be given an opportunity to speak pursuant to the ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER AND BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

**9. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Metropolitan Transit: Presentation on the Northeast Metro Restructuring Plan (Bus Routes)
- B. 2001 Street and Utility Improvements Update- City Engineer  
*(no memorandum)*

**10. ACTION**

- A. 1862 Eustis Street- Boulevard (Right-of-Way) Trees
- B. Change the June 26, 2001 Regular City Council Meeting Date to June 19, 2001

**11. REPORTS**

**12. DISCUSSION**

- A. 2001 Goals Update and Discussion

**13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2001**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M.
2. ROLL  
  
Council present: Gower, Gill-Gerbig, Christensen, Hawkinson, and Mayor Dains  
  
Staff present: Getschow, Bownik, and Walsh
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
  
*A. Approval of Agenda.* Motion by Hawkinson, second by Christensen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. APPROVAL  
  
*A. Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Gower, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2001 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.  
  
*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$97,141.63.* Motion by Hawkinson, second by Gower to approve the claims totaling \$97,141.63. Motion carried unanimously.
5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. CONSENT
7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/  
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8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. *2001 Street and Utility Improvements.* The City Administrator updated the City Council on the current status of the project. The first phase of the construction has begun on Carl Street, starting at Roselawn Avenue and continuing to Spring Street. As was stated previously, utility work is to be undertaken before the street work commences. The utility work has begun with sanitary sewer replacement and repair with water main installation and storm sewer construction to follow. Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated this past week and the work has been slowed due to the rain.

The Mayor urged caution in traveling on the roads in the project area that are difficult to drive upon.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. *1774 Walnut Street- Front and Side Yard Setback Variances for the Construction of a Porch.* James Bownik, Administrative Analyst, stated that Paul and Lynn Berkeland are applying for two variances (a 7-foot front yard variance and a 1.5-foot side yard variance) to construct a covered, yet unenclosed porch addition to the front of the property.

The R-1 District has a front yard setback requirement of 30 feet, and a side yard setback requirement of 5 feet. The principal building has current setback distances of 27.75 feet (front yard), and 3.5 feet (north side yard). Both setback distances are currently not in conformance with the City's setback requirements, making the structure nonconforming. The property owners propose to construct the porch addition along the full width of the front of the principal building. The porch would encroach an additional 7 feet into the front yard setback, thus a 7-foot front yard setback variance is needed to go from 27.75 feet to 20.75 feet. There would be no additional encroachment into the side yard to the north, but since the structure is currently only 3.5 feet from the side yard, a 1.5-foot side yard variance is needed to build along the full width of the front of the principal building.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Wayne Sisel, Planning Commission, stated that he recommended approval of the variance because the proposed front yard setback for the property was not imposing and would fit in with the other houses on the block.

Charles Smith, Planning Commission, agreed with Sisel comments and added that Walnut Street was a "hardship street" due to the fact that many of the buildings on the street have differing front yard setbacks.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

10. ACTION

*A. 1774 Walnut Street- Front and Side Yard Setback Variance for the Construction of a Porch.*

Council member Gill-Gerbig stated that she cannot see a hardship present with this variance request.

Motion by Christensen, second by Gower to approve a 7-foot front yard setback variance and a 1.5 foot side yard setback variance for a covered, yet unenclosed porch as outlined in the plan with the condition that the porch remain unenclosed for the duration of its life. Roll: Yes: Christensen, Gower, Hawkinson, Mayor Dains. No: Gill-Gerbig. Motion carried.

*B. Appointment of (2) new Park and Community Involvement Committee Members.* Bownik stated that the following two residents submitted applications to become members of the Lauderdale Park & Community Involvement Committee:

Karen Doherty	1926 Malvern Street
Carrie Roberts	1795 Carl Street

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Hawkinson to appoint Karen Doherty and Carrie Roberts to the Park and Community Involvement Committee for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2002.

*C. Consideration of Quotations for an Office Laser Printer.* Intern Kevin Walsh stated that he solicited quotations for a new office laser printer to replace the current printer, which is over ten years old and is now having operational problems. His recommendation was for the low quote submitted by Hewlett-Packard for a black and white HP2200D printer at a cost of \$750.00.

The Council discussed whether there was a need to purchase a color printer as alternative.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to purchase the Hewlett-Packard black and white HP2200D printer at a cost not to exceed \$750.00 upon approval of the by City Staff. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. REPORTS

12. DISCUSSION

A. *Tower/Antenna Lease in the Community Park.* The City Council discussed a proposal for the construction of a communications tower and antenna in the Community Park with the City Administrator.

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. 2001 Street and Utility Improvement Update
2. Metro Transit Presentation
3. 2001 Goals Update Discussion

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Hawkinson to adjourn at 8:42 P.M. Ayes: All.

## **The City of Lauderdale**

Claims for Approval

June 12, 2001 City Council Meeting

05/25/01 Payroll: Check # 6926 - 6930	\$5,086.86
05/25/01 Payroll: Federal Payroll Taxes EFT	\$2,202.90
05/25/01 Payroll: PERA EFT	\$738.37
06/08/01 Payroll: Check # 6933 - 6942	\$6,963.32
06/08/01 Payroll: Federal Payroll Taxes EFT	\$2,522.94
06/08/01 Payroll: PERA EFT	\$749.36
06/12/01 Claims: Check # 15228 - 15250	\$57,184.10
Total Claims for Approval	\$75,447.85

24 May 2001  
Thu 9:27 AM

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CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL  
PAYROLL DATE: MAY 25, 2001  
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JUNE 12, 2001

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006927	000000003	GETSCHOW, RICK		11	01	BI-WEEKLY	1,595.64	25-May-01	Outstanding
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006929	000000005	HUGHES, JOSEPH A		11	01	BI-WEEKLY	965.23	25-May-01	Outstanding
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## City Council Memorandum

To:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Rick Getschow
Council Meeting Date:	June 12, 2001
Agenda Item:	Met Transit Presentation- Bus Route Restructuring

### Background:

The Metro Transit route changes that have been studied and discussed for the past three years will take effect the week of June 11. I felt that it was important for the City Council and interested residents to be provided with a presentation on the philosophy and background of these changes, along with specific detailed information on how these changes will affect the City of Lauderdale and its riders.

A representative of the Metro Transit will be in attendance at the meeting to provide a presentation on these issues and answer any questions.

### Enclosures:

1. City of Lauderdale comment letter regarding the bus route restructuring dated February 28, 2000.
2. Wednesday, June 6, 2001 Pioneer Press article related to the Met Transit bus route changes.
3. Met Transit public brochure addressing the bus route changes.

# *The City of Lauderdale*

1891 Walnut Street • Lauderdale • Minnesota • 55113  
Phone: 651.631.0300 • Fax: 651.631.2066

February 28, 2000

Ted Mondale, Chair  
Metropolitan Council  
230 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mr. Mondale:

The City of Lauderdale has received a copy of the Metro Transit's Sectors 1 and 2 Restructuring Study Volume II: Service Plan. We would like to take a moment to comment on the study.

The City is supportive of Metro Transit's goals of increased ridership and increased frequency on high demand routes. But these goals need not be achieved at the expense of route elimination. In the plan, service is eliminated in Lauderdale with the introduction of new route 37/38 and the elimination of Route 5. The new route eliminates stops that currently exist in the City of Lauderdale. Under the new proposal, all residents of Lauderdale will need to walk to the corner of Eustis Street and Como Avenue in Saint Paul to connect to this route as opposed to utilizing stops currently within the City of Lauderdale.

**The city is opposed to the elimination of this route.** Asking Lauderdale residents to walk down a heavily traveled county road without sidewalks at a steep grade is not acceptable in connecting to this route. The city supports either keeping the current routes in place, or being able to cover the same exact territories with the reorganized routes.

Several Lauderdale residents have stated that our city is a desirable location because of its proximity to important areas of Minneapolis and Saint Paul for employment. Eliminating bus routes in the City of Lauderdale not only decreases service, but also decreases the quality of the city and its residents because of more difficult connections to bus transit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**CITY OF LAUDERDALE**



Rick Getschow  
City Administrator

c: Jan Wiessner, Ramsey County Commissioner  
Lee Pao Xiong, Metropolitan Council Member





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Gov. Jesse Ventura climbed back into the spotlight at Target Center with his former employer, Vince McMahon. **PAGE 4B**

President Bush's call for an investigation of steel import is good news for the Iron Range. **PAGE 5B**

WEDNESDA

## Bus route overhaul near

Metro Transit aims to meet new goals, but some skeptical

TONI COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

**M**etro Transit's largest service shift in history will begin Saturday, when 24 routes serving 20 communities will be modified, eliminated or replaced. The northeast Twin Cities metro

### RELATED STORY

Metro Transit reverses decision on Lake Como bus route, but some still upset. **Page 6B**

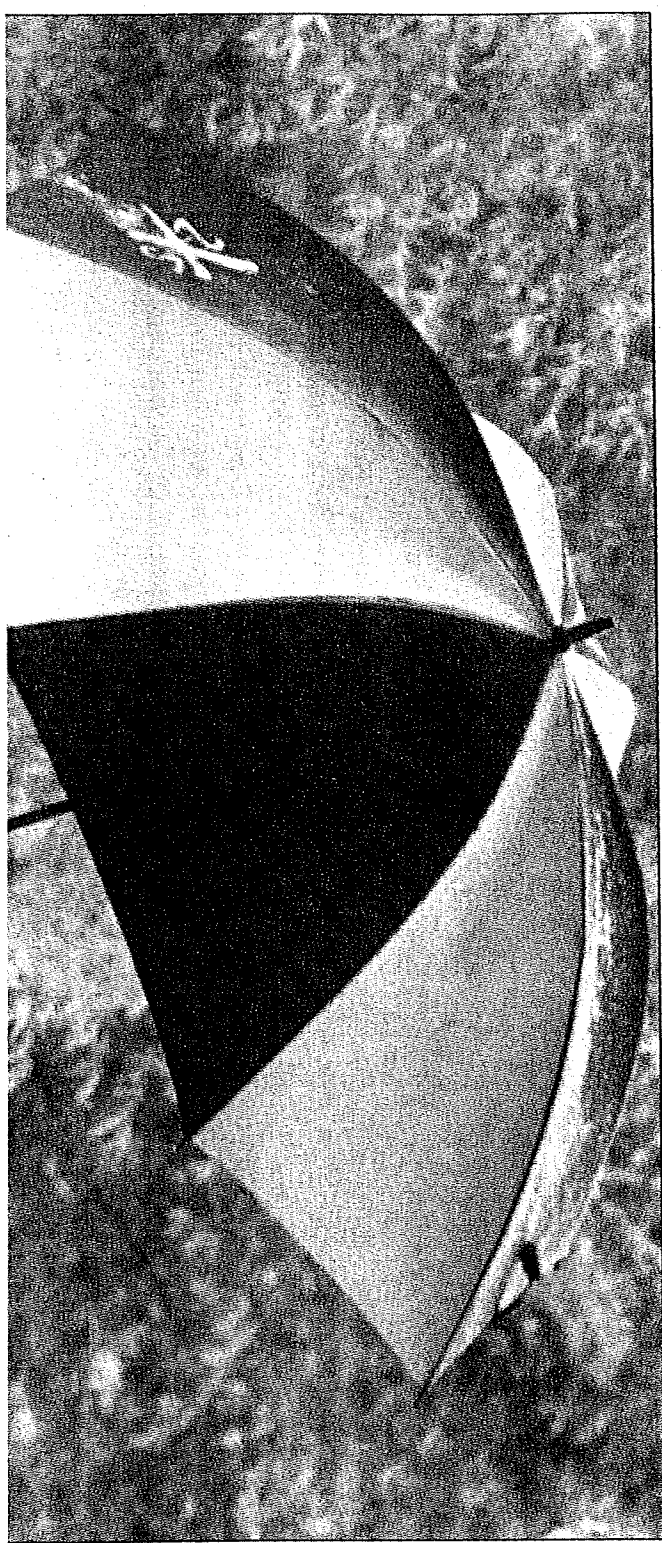
area restructuring doesn't mean more bus service — the same \$35 million annual operating budget for the old system will fund the new one — just different philosophy and different goals. Through the restructuring, Metro Transit is shifting from the spoke-and-hub system in which service radiated

from the downtowns. Officials have begun to create a grid system across the Twin Cities that allows for more neighborhood-to-neighborhood and suburb-to-suburb travel without forcing people to first travel downtown.

On Saturday, travelers will find a system that generally focuses service on major streets, instead of those winding through neighborhoods. This is the second service shift to affect east metro routes. The first occurred in

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## Good thing it's not watercolors



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since we've been doing our silent auctions," Anders said. "So for whoever donated it — thank you." Minneapolis bureau reporter David Hawley can be reached at dhawley@pioneerpress.com or (612) 338-6516.

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vison, a University of professor and expert on ) said Sullivan is off- ing test scores to criti- formance of Minnesota ere are a lot of states be rather envious of achievement levels,"  
a Long Lake business- vyng for the Republi- cment for governor in broadcasting a 30-sec- advertisement on tele- tations throughout Monday.  
y of our school chil- behind in Minnesota," s in the ad. "Some s can't pass sixth- ests and over half our can't read."  
Williamson, political Sullivan's campaign, atistic about third- ing ability came from partment of Children, Learning budget. A the department's stu- dent benchmarks said as the "percentage of who can read" in  
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who performed above the third-grade level. Average third-graders can, and do, read, she said. Including those who read at grade level would boost the total number of readers to 63 percent, she said.  
While Montano refused to say the Department of Children Families and Learning erred in assembling the table for Ventura's budget, she said the department will use the 63 percent figure in the governor's next budget.  
Williamson said Sullivan relied in good faith on the reading-level numbers in this year's budget and will not change the advertisement.  
Sullivan came closer to the mark in his reference to eighth-graders' math skills. Twenty-eight percent of Minnesota eighth-graders this year failed a state mathematics test that includes material many students begin studying in sixth grade.  
But Davison, the University of Minnesota professor, said much of the material on that test is also taught in the seventh and eighth grade. "Eighth-graders in Minneso- ta, on average, do math better than kids in most other states," he said.

Patrick Sweeney, who covers state gov- ernment and politics, can be reached at psweeney@pioneerpress.com or (651) 228-5253.

# Route

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September.  
The changes, which include a new numbering system, also elimi- nate route duplication and improve connections with other buses. In the new system, transit planners tried to build in more flexibility so commuters don't feel constrained by limited service, a shift officials hope will attract new riders.  
The agency will try to sell poten- tial riders on the changes with free ride coupons sent by direct mail. "They may not be our riders today, but now we have something to offer them," said Bob Gibbons, bus agency spokesman.

But for veteran riders, the new system may prove to be as compli- cated as the old. Most of the route numbers will change; some routes will be compilations of several routes and some, like Route 12, have been dissected, eliminated and replaced with several other routes.

"It's going to be a hardship," said Shirley LaBelle, of St. Paul, a 64-year-old chef and a Route 12 regular who will now have to walk a half-mile farther to catch her early morning bus. The replace- ment Route 69 will not serve the part of Minnehaha Avenue near the Dayton's Bluff Post Office where she usually gets on the bus.

"I don't think it's fair. After all these years, we depended on it, we supported it, and now we're not going to have it," she said.

The restructuring has had its share of criticism from other sources, namely Como Park area residents opposed to running 84 buses a day along Gateway Drive, a lakeshore thoroughfare along the south end of Lake Como. But oth- ers support improved access to Como Park and support some of the other changes.

Lexington Parkway, currently not served by buses, will be served with smaller buses designed for residential neighborhoods. Route 83 will run from Central High School on Marshall Avenue north to Rosedale Center.

Direct access to Como Park via

Lexington is a welcome change for Janis Ideson, director of St. Mark's Catholic Church child-care center, who depends on public transporta- tion for field trips. With its zoo and conservatory, Como Park "is a teaching place and we can't get there. Transferring is horrid," she said of the current route her stu- dents have to take. They take a bus along Marshall Avenue, transfer at Snelling, get off at Como Avenue and then walk to the park.

The new routes not only run on different streets, but also try to reach more places through connec- tions at transit hubs, including Rosedale Shopping Center, Maple- wood Mall, Sun Ray Center and Little Canada Marketplace. But the new system forces riders to trans- fer more, so direct travel to some destinations is lost.

For instance, on old Route 11, you could take a direct, midday trip from downtown St. Paul to Maplewood Mall in about 45 min- utes. With replacement Route 71, you would have to connect with another bus at Little Canada trans- it hub. Assuming the 71 arrives on time at 12:44 p.m. to connect with the Route 223 bus, which leaves at 12:44 p.m., you could get to the mall by 1:05. The total trip is 50 minutes long.

## Affected routes

Starting Saturday, these Metro Transit routes will be eliminated or altered as part of the northeast metro route restructuring: St. Paul Routes 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20, 35AB, 35C, 36, 49, 63, 95E, 212, 213, 222, 234, 260, 270/271 and Minneapolis Route 6.

For maps and schedules of indi- vidual routes, click on the links to specific routes at [www.metrocoun- cil.org/transit/news/Stories/ne\\_ro utechanges.htm](http://www.metrocoun- cil.org/transit/news/Stories/ne_ro utechanges.htm). The schedules also are available from your driv- er, at Metro Transit stores and at local schedule outlets.

Information also is available by calling (612) 373-3333; TTY (612) 341-0140. Twenty-four hour auto- mated departure times for the new routes will be available by touch- tone phone after Saturday at (612) 341-4BUS.



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## City Council Memorandum

To:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Rick Getschow
Council Meeting Date:	June 12, 2001
Agenda Item:	1862 Eustis Street- Boulevard (Right-of-Way) Trees

### Background:

At the April 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the resident's of 1862 Eustis Street addressed the City Council regarding the elm trees scheduled to be removed from the right-of-way in front of their house as a result of the 2001 Street and Utility Improvements. The resident's requested a change in the scope of the project (i.e., changing the nature of the curb and gutter construction) to facilitate the trees remaining in place. The Council at that time expressed no willingness to change the scope of the project for this purpose, but did ask that city representatives continue to meet with the residents at site regarding the proposed tree removals.

In a meeting that occurred at the site on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the issue of the owner assuming all liability and cost associated with all outcomes of the trees remaining in their current location was discussed. This includes the owner being responsible for tree removal at a later date for any reason, since it is the desire of the City to remove the trees at this time. The owner feels that the elm trees can survive the planned improvements at the location. This liability issue involves the drafting and execution of an agreement that the City Council would need to approve. The purpose of this agenda item to be provided direction on whether the Council wishes to pursue this type of agreement.

The City Engineer was in attendance at the May meeting and will be at the Council meeting to answer any questions in regards to this issue. It is the intention of the contractor to remove the boulevard trees throughout the project area between June 13 and June 15.

### Enclosures:

1. April 24, 2001 City Council meeting Minutes

### Council Action Requested:

Provide direction on whether to pursue a liability agreement with the owners of 1862 Eustis Street regarding the three boulevard trees adjacent to the property.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. *Jan Weissner- Ramsey County Commissioner.* The Commissioner gave a presentation to the City Council on several developments at the Ramsey County level. Issues covered included parks and recreation grant programs; the county-wide purchase of new election equipment; property valuation; public health initiatives; community human services programs; regional transit corridor studies; the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ramsey County Library system; the community corrections system; and the economic development department's administration of the CDBG program.

A break was taken at 9:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

9. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/  
CITIZEN'S ADDRESSING THE STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A. *2001 Street and Utility Improvements – 1862 Eustis Street.* Two residents and one owner of 1862 Eustis Street addressed the Council regarding the street project and its impact on the boulevard on the side of their property at Summer Street. Martha Laudert, resident of 1862 Eustis Street, discussed the letter that was signed by the residents and owners of the property requesting a change in the improvements to be undertaken on their street. Specifically, they requested that surface bituminous curb be used in front of their property as opposed to barrier concrete curb. They stated that this type of improvement could ensure that the boulevards trees near their property would not need to be removed.

The City Engineer disagreed with 1862 Eustis stating that the trees may need to be removed as part of the improvement, regardless of the type of curbing installed. Also, he discussed the advantages of concrete curb and gutter over bituminous curb. The Mayor and City Council stated that the current improvements including concrete barrier curb should proceed as planned. There have been many years of discussion regarding storm water drainage and the use of concrete barrier curb. They also requested that the City Engineer and Inspector continue to meet with the owners when the project is underway to determine exactly what will be removed and when it will be removed.

## **City Council Memorandum**

To:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Rick Getschow
Council Meeting Date:	June 12, 2001
Agenda Item:	Change the Meeting Date from June 26, 2001 to June 19, 2001

### **Background:**

I believe that it is appropriate to take official action in the form of a motion on the City Council meeting date change from June 26, 2001 to June 19, 2001.

The major agenda item for this meeting will be the MNDOT Highway 280 Reconstruction project.

A notice has been placed in the official paper indicating the date change.

### **Council Action Requested:**

Motion to approve the City Council regular meeting date change from June 26, 2001 to June 19, 2001.





## City Council Memorandum

To:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Rick Getschow
Council Meeting Date:	June 12, 2001
Agenda Item:	2001 Goals Update and Discussion

### Background:

The middle of the year is a good time to review and address the goals for 2001. This is meant to be an opportunity for the City Council to prioritize the 2001 Goals that have not yet been fully addressed.

Since I feel that this should be a free-flowing informal discussion, I have just included a copy of our 2001 Goals for your review.

### Enclosures:

1. City of Lauderdale 2001 Goals

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# CITY OF LAUDERDALE 2001 GOALS

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- COMPLETE 2000 AND 2001 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PLAN 2002 IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTINUE TO EXPLORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Larpentour Avenue Corridor Redevelopment  
Former University Property Redevelopment

Dairy Store Site Redevelopment

- DRAFT HOUSING POLICY

Rental property licensing program  
Truth-In-Housing Report

- UPGRADE CITY OFFICE EQUIPMENT: COLOR LASER PRINTER

- EXAMINE METHODS OF ENTREPRENEURIAL GOVERNMENT

Examine expanding Public Works department to contract services  
Enterprising operations such as a Municipal liquor store

- CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Warming House Electrical Upgrades  
Warming House Painting  
Warming House Bath Improvements  
Paving the Hockey Rink



- CREATE A REFUSE COLLECTION TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE COLLECTION OPTIONS

- RENEW XCEL (NSP) FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION OF FRANCHISE FEE

- EXAMINE THE ROLE OF THE PLAN COMMISSION AS AN ADVISORY BOARD

- COMPLETE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

- REVISE TREE PLAN WITH THE TREE COMMISSION

- IMPROVE AND UPGRADE CITY WEB SITE

Additional Links and Information

Explore revenue generating options

- PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS

Purchase Bobcat  
Garage Improvements

Place fence around the Ryan Avenue lift station generator  
Budget for truck replacement

- CREATE RECREATION PROGRAMS

- UPGRADE AND ORGANIZE CABLE EQUIPMENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS