

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

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June 10, 2025

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

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 Dains to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the May 27, 2025, 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 Pulford to approve the claims totaling \$231,320.83. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Kelly arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire and County Manager Ling Becker
Commissioner McGuire and Manager Becker approached the City Council to give a PowerPoint presentation. Their presentation covered the County's vision, mission, values, goals, and strategic priorities for the years ahead. After their presentation, they answered questions from the Council.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution No. 061025A – Approving a 1.2% Lot Coverage Variance at 1961 Malvern Street
The owner, Sean Gustafson, applied for a 1.2% variance to the lot coverage requirement to construct a new single-family home in the R-1 District. Butkowski explained that their plan meets the new draft zoning requirements. In essence, they meet the practical difficulties test in that it is not their fault that it the new zoning ordinance hasn't yet been adopted.

Councilor Pulford made a motion to approve a 1.2% variance to the lot coverage requirements. This was seconded by Councilor Kelly and carried unanimously.

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Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the June 24 Council meeting might include the May financial report, a Day in the Park update, and an expanded update on items impacting the City.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that Council gifts to the graduating seniors were delivered today.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

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

Leah Holt, 1921 Eustis Street, stated that the intersection of Eutis Street and Roselawn Avenue should be looked at for safety reasons. Her main concerns are speeding, drivers not obeying stop signs, and inattentive driving.

Robert Jacobson, 1747 Carl Street, expressed his gratitude to the Council for installing warning signs to notify drivers that children and pets may be at play in his neighborhood.

Debbie Gustafson, 1961 Malvern Street, joined the meeting via Zoom. She thanked the Council for approving her variance.

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

Adjournment

Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk