

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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January 14, 2014

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Councilors absent: Denise Hawkinson and Lara Mac Lean.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator and Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. No changes were made to the agenda. Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the December 10, 2013 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved approval of the claims totaling \$247,618.52. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved adoption of the Consent Agenda approving the designation of the official newspaper, the 2014 Investment Policy, designation of the official depository and investment institutions (Resolution 011414A), the Recreation Agreement with the City of Falcon Heights, Pay Equity Compliance Report, and the November financial report.

Informational Presentations

Cable Franchise Renewal Update - Cor Wilson, Executive Director of North Suburban Cable Commission

Wilson reported an increase in new programming and staff hours from 2012 to 2013 by the Access Corporation.

With regard to the Cable Commission and Comcast franchise, Wilson reported that Comcast's call center changes lead to a significant increase in service complaints. Additionally, negotiations with Comcast regarding the franchise renewal are on-going. Formal negotiations with Comcast will begin again later this month which leaves a four month window to come to an agreement.

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Public Hearing and Discussion Items

Ordinance 14-01 Regarding City Parks

Butkowski stated the City Park ordinance needed to be updated to respond to residents that continue to park in Community Park after the plowing is finished and the roads are cleared. The ordinance amendment will provide the owners of vehicles 12 hours after City streets have been cleared to remove their cars from the parking lot.

The Council discussed alcohol consumption within the park and amended the ordinance to allow individuals to bring in and consume alcohol at city parks but the sale of alcohol is prohibited.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing on the City Parks ordinance at 8:15 p.m. No one came forward. Mayor Dains closed the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Councilor Gaasch moved adoption of Ordinance 14-01 regarding City Parks. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointments and Committee Assignments

The Mayor and Council discussed assignments. Lauderdale resident and current Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) representative Karen Gill-Gerbig will remain on the MWMO board.

Councilor Gaasch will remain Mayor Pro Temp. Councilor Gaasch will also be the Metro Cities representative and the alternate to the Park and Community Involvement Committee.

Councilor Grove will be the Ramsey County League of Local Government representative and continue to be on the Park and Community Involvement Committee.

Councilor Mac Lean will remain a signer on the City's bank account. Mac Lean will be removed as alternate to the PCIC as the meeting times conflict with her schedule.

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve Councilor Gaasch as Mayor Pro Tem and adopt committee assignments as discussed. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fee Schedule

No fees were removed. The Fire Call Charge Back fee was added along with an increase for Social Room set-up and clean-up.

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Councilor Grove moved to adopt Resolution 011414B - A Resolution Establishing License and Permit Fees and Administrative Fees and Fines for 2014. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Tobacco Ordinance Revisions

Butkowski informed the Council that further changes were made as recommended by the non-smokers association of Minnesota including non-compliance penalties. The Mayor and Council agreed that the non-compliance penalties should be set to be consistent with Falcon Heights and St. Anthony.

2430 Larpenteur Avenue

Butkowski stated that Peer Engineering will need to be authorized to submit the application for the No Association Letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Butkowski also asked for authorization to pay the MPCA fee for their review of the application.

Councilor Gaasch moved to authorize Peer Engineering to submit the No Association Letter application to the MPCA and authorized staff to pay the MPCA review fee. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Agenda items for the January 28 Council Meeting may include a discussion of the Larpenteur Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project, the Tobacco Ordinance, and a resolution to support Ramsey County's transportation bonding requests.

Mayor Dains explained that the Council was moving into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meeting but not aired on community television. Mayor Dains asked if anyone wished to address the Council. No one came forward.

Work Session:

City Labs Partnership/Application

The City of St. Anthony would like Lauderdale and Falcon Heights to apply with them to be the CityLabs partner for the upcoming school year. City Labs is a program created by some of the private colleges in the metro area. Faculty integrate city identified projects into their curriculum. The Council expressed interest in learning more about the types of projects that could be accomplished between the three cities.

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Community Development Update

Butkowski said Luther Seminary is surveying their property. They appear to have parties interested in purchasing the residence halls in Lauderdale.

The Corval Group's Phase I environmental report was recently completed through the same grant administered by Ramsey County.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Grove moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk