

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

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April 22, 2014

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:34 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; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

**Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Mayor Dains added an update from the North Suburban Cable Commission public hearing and Butkowski added a park use application to the agenda. Councilor Grove moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the April 8, 2014 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Gaasch moved approval of the claims totaling \$36,381.15. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Grove moved approval of the Consent Agenda which included the Sign Retroreflectivity Policy, Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for recycling fees, and a recreation agreement with the City of Roseville. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

*Informational Presentation*

*Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire*

Commissioner McGuire offered her biography and her history as an elected official in the area. As a county commissioner, she is chair of the Active Living Communities Committee, the Legislative Committee, the I-35 Corridor Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and Mosquito Control Board. McGuire stated one of the big issues the County Board is working through is the redevelopment of TCAAP and improving infrastructure around TCAAP and the rest of the County. McGuire added that the legislature plays a critical role in providing bonding money and other supports to improve the TCAAP area infrastructure.

Commissioner McGuire's staff also has worked with Lauderdale, St. Paul, Ramsey County Public Works, and Xcel Energy staff to create a sidewalk along Eustis Street south of Larpenteur Avenue. The Council expressed hope that the partnership will allow a sidewalk project to happen.

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McGuire also mentioned the County's efforts to cultivate economic prosperity and reduce pockets of poverty in the County. County staff will be at a future meeting to address this topic.

*City Wide Garage Sale*

Bownik noted the City Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 17. Bownik also added the Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club will be holding their annual bike donation event on May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall.

*Discussion Items*

*Deputy Clerk Scheduling*

Butkowski explained that during her previous maternity leave, the Deputy Clerk worked full-time to cover City Hall. She requested Council permission for that again and to start the schedule change early in anticipation of the Deputy Clerk's paternity leave.

**Councilor Gaasch moved to allow the Deputy Clerk to work 40 hours per week starting the week of May 5 and ending when the City Administrator returns from maternity leave. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

*Additional Items*

*Cable Commission Public Hearing and Presentation*

Mayor Dains said that a public hearing regarding the proposed franchise renewal with Comcast was held on Thursday, April 17. The Mayor mentioned that many community members came out to support CTV. The public hearing comment period will remain open until May 1. After the public hearing is closed, each member city of the Cable Commission will vote on the proposed franchise agreement.

*Park Use Application*

The City received an application from Paul Winkelaar to hold an event at Lauderdale Community Park on June 21. Winkelaar expects 300 people to attend the event. This event has been held the previous two years without incident.

**Councilor Grove moved to approve the Park Use Application for June 21. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Agenda items for the May 13 Council Meeting may include a discussion of the Tobacco Ordinance revisions, the annual MS4 report and public hearing, recognition of Peace Officers Week, and a presentation by the owners of Gentleman Scholar distillery.

Mayor Dains called for a break in the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The Council Meeting resumed at 8:21 p.m.

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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:*

*PCIC recommendation for Music under the Trees*

Bownik stated there are two new members of the PCIC and one of the new members Susie Zahratka is heading up the planning for three small-scale farmers markets, the first of which will be held the day of the Music under the Trees (MUTT) event in July. Bownik discussed planning for the musical act for the MUTT event.

*Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Update*

Sewer lines were jetted again last week. If the condition of the pipe looks fine, the repairs of the deteriorating sections may take place in the next few weeks.

*Police Contract Discussion with St. Anthony City Manager Mark Casey*

Mark Casey presented to the Council a proposal that would expand the police contract for up to five years. Casey stated the longer term contract will provide for greater certainty and sustainability for the police department and its officers.

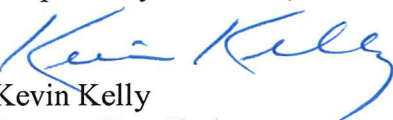
The Council and Casey discussed certain aspects of the contract proposal such as the list of potential contract re-openers particularly the gross negligence re-opener. The Council will consider the options and wait to hear the outcome of Falcon Heights City Council's discussion on May 7.

*Community Development Update*

Mayor Dains said he discussed the 2430 Larpenteur property with the owner of Finn Sisu. Butkowski said Public Works staff has determined what would need to be fixed in order to use it for storage and to improve the appearance of the building. That will be presented to the Council during the May 27 meeting.

**There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Gaasch moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly  
Deputy City Clerk