

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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November 10, 2014

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Denise Hawkinson, Lara Mac Lean, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant 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 Hawkinson moved to approve the October 14, 2014 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved approval of the claims totaling \$123,254.46. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda; none did. Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the August and September Financial Reports, the Second Quarter Investment Report, the Amended and Restated Easement Agreement with Luther Seminary, the PCIC Minutes, and the Joint Powers Agreement Renewal of the Ramsey County GIS Users Group. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Resolution 111014A – Canvassing Municipal Election Results

Butkowski stated the vote totals for the Mayor and two Council seats up for election on November 4. Mayor Dains ran unopposed and received 695 votes with 20 write-in votes. Mary Gaasch was the top vote getter for the Council seats with 478 votes and Roxanne Grove was second and received 416 votes with 14 write-in votes.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt Resolution 111014A – Certifying the Election Returns of the November 4, 2014 General Municipal Election. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resolution 111014B – Issuance of Conduit Debt, Catholic Eldercare

Julie Eddington from Kennedy and Graven addressed the Council. Eddington stated the planning issues with the City of Minneapolis regarding a building on the Eldercare site were completed and the issuance of debt was in need of final approval. Eddington further stated that

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the City of Lauderdale was under no obligation to repay the debt and it doesn't affect the credit rating of the City.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt Resolution 111014B – A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of a Revenue Obligation for the Benefit of Catholic Eldercare; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Revenue Obligation and Related Documents; and Taking Other Actions Related Thereto. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resolution 111014C – Cable Franchise Transfer with Comcast of Minnesota/Greatland Connections and Ordinance No. 14-05 Amending the Cable Franchise Ordinance thereby Extending the Cable Franchise through 2016.

Cor Wilson from CTV addressed the Council with an update on the Cable Franchise Agreement. Wilson stated that Comcast was in the process of merging with Time-Warner Cable and due to the merger Comcast will need to sell off some of its business in Minnesota. A new cable entity, Greatland Connections, is being created. Wilson stated the extension of the Franchise Agreement through 2016 will allow the new entity to get established before negotiations on the franchise agreement recommence. The extension will add some benefit to member cities as a High Definition channel will be added, more detailed programming information will be seen on broadcasts, and subscribers will be refunded \$49,000.

Mayor Dains called a public hearing on the ordinance extending the Cable Franchise at 8:00 p.m. No one came forward to address the Council and the public hearing closed at 8:01 p.m.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt Resolution 111014C – A Resolution Conditionally Granting the Consent to the Transfer of Control of the Cable Television Franchise and Cable Television Franchise and Cable Television System from Comcast Corporation to Greatland Connections, Inc. and Ordinance No. 14-05 Titled Cable Television Franchise Ordinance Amendment. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2015 Fund Budgets

Butkowski stated staff is putting together City fund budgets and listed items which are scheduled to be completed in 2015. Some of those items are seal coating city streets, patching deteriorating areas of alleys, repairing catch basins, and replacing the ten year old public works truck. Also budget is about \$30,000 in sanitary sewer projects to identify or eliminate inflow and infiltration per the City's agreement with the Metropolitan Council.

Butkowski asked the Council if they were interested in expanding the number of parking at Community Park. The Council directed staff to include the cost of the expansion in the budget.

A Public Hearing on the 2015 levy and budget will be held at the December 9 Council Meeting.

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2015 Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Recycling Rates

Staff did not recommend any changes in the price of recycling collection.

Butkowski proposed increasing the sanitary sewer rates by 1 to 2% to cover the cost of the inflow and infiltration mitigation. A 1% increase would result in a \$49.52 quarterly charge.

Butkowski stated storm sewer rates have increased to meet the increased costs of management of the system. A 10% increase would result in an additional \$1.32 a quarter for residences.

Agenda items for the next council meeting will include the storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and recycling rates for 2015, final review of the 2015 Fund Budgets, Storm Water Ordinance revisions and the Larpenteur Avenue Snow Removal Contract.

Work Session:

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.

Community Development Update

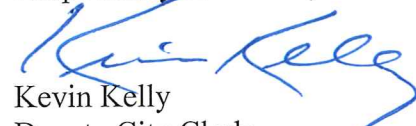
Twin City Chinese Christian Church is moving to a new location in the City of Roseville. Butkowski stated the land was originally platted for 14 40-foot lots. Councilor Gaasch stated that while campaigning many residents were interested in senior housing within the City. Twin City Chinese Christian Church will let the City know when the building will be up for sale.

The Luther Seminary residential housing closing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12.

Butkowski stated there have been parties interested in purchasing the 2430 Larpenteur Avenue property owned by the City and will schedule those parties to address the Council early in 2015.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Gaasch moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk