

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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November 12, 2013

Mayor Pro Temp Gaasch called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Temp Gaasch asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Butkowski added Street Sweeping to additional items in the agenda. Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the October 22, 2013 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$114,367.11. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved adoption of the Consent Agenda approving the September Financial Report, 2430 Larpenteur Avenue survey, and sanitary sewer lining payment request. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Special Order of Business:

Council recognition of Trygve Hanson for his Dedication to the Park and Community Involvement Committee

The Council thanked Trygve Hanson for his work on the Parks and Community Involvement Committee over the years. Hanson was very active on the Committee including designing and painting the sandwich boards advertising City events. Mr. Hanson is moving from the City.

St. Anthony P.D. Citizen's Academy Graduation

Lauderdale residents Steve Lange and Kelly Whitstone were honored by the St. Anthony Police Department and the City Council as they recently graduated from the Citizens Academy. The Citizen's Academy is an eight-week course which residents learn about the inner workings of the Police Department and take part in exercises related to policing.

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Informational Presentation

University of Minnesota Sustainability Program and Festival

University of Minnesota student Evaline Knodel addressed the Council regarding the Sustainability Festival which is being held on November 14. Knodel reminded the Council and residents about the festival which is being held at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The goal of the festival is to build up and empower residents to have sustainability “tools” which can be employed in their everyday life.

Public Hearing and Discussion Items:

HHC, Inc. and Beaupre Aerial Equipment – Zoning Amendment and Conditional Use Permit

Beaupre Aerial Equipment would like to purchase the property at 2520 Broadway Drive which currently houses Hamline Auto Body. Beaupre is a construction equipment rental business, which is not specifically listed as a permitted or conditional use in the I-1, Industrial district.

Mayor Pro Temp Gaasch called the Public Hearing at 7:54 for input on the proposed Zoning Amendment to allow for construction equipment rental as a conditional use in the I-1, Industrial District. No one addressed the Council and the public hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the zoning amendment request. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit, Beaupre Aerial Equipment

HHC and Beaupre submitted the CUP application. Bownik stated the Use is compatible with other nearby uses. Many of the concerns were addressed at a previous Council meeting. Most items including delivery vehicles will be stored inside the building. The large boom lifts will be stored outside and can be lowered.

Mayor Pro Temp Gaasch called the Public Hearing at 8:02. John Young of Paramount Real Estate addressed the Council. Mr. Young is the Agent for Beaupre. Mr. Young addressed screening the items in the yard of the property which is difficult due to Hwy 280 being at a higher elevation than the parking areas of 2520 Broadway Drive. Mr. Young stated that outside storage of the booms will be lowered when applicable. The Public Hearing closed at 8:05 with no further public comment.

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Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow for a construction equipment rental, leasing and sales facility in the I-1 Industrial District. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Business Assistance Policy

Butkowski stated the City updated the policy to meet state standards and Council input on businesses appropriate for the City and to increase the City tax base.

Mayor Pro Temp Gaasch called the Public Hearing at 8:10. Don Vandenberg of Brandy Chase asked what the policy was going to be used for. Butkowski stated the policy addressed the potential need for the City to provide funding to a redevelopment project. The Hearing closed at 8:13 with no further comment.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the Business Assistance Policy. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discharge of Weapons Ordinance

The previous ordinance had not been updated to meet the State conceal and carry ordinance. The amended ordinance defers to State ordinance regarding weapons. No one except authorized personnel can discharge a weapon within the City.

Councilor Mac Lean stated she has been approached by Lauderdale residents who are concerned with an increase in wildlife in the City and at the University Golf Course.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the Discharge of Weapons Ordinance. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Resolution 112113B – No Fault Sewer Backup Coverage

This item has been discussed at previous Council meetings. This insurance offered through the League of Minnesota Cities will cover the 610 sewer connections in the City from any sewer line back up. The cost to the City will be \$1,091.00 per year. The policy will provide \$10,000.00 in coverage to property owners in the event of a sewer backup into private property. Butkowski explained the policy also covers water main breaks.

The Mayor joined the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt Resolution 111213B the No Fault Sewer Coverage. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

City Logo

The Council made a final decision on the new City Logo.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the new City of Lauderdale logo. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Additional Items:

Butkowski stated that the owner of Dakota Sweeping, the company scheduled to do the street sweeping this year, has asked for an extra \$800.00 over their agreed to bid. Dakota Sweeping did not properly estimate the amount of work it would take to clean up all the leaves and other debris on the streets. The Council stated that Dakota Sweeping needed to do an "impeccable job" of street sweeping and did not want a decision to approve the increase to set a precedent of the Council being open to the renegotiation of signed contracts. The Council agreed to half of the \$800.00 request.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve an additional \$400.00 to Dakota Sweeping for the fall street sweeping. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda items for the November 26 Council Meeting may include a discussion of the Larpenteur Avenue Project, establishing 2014 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Fees, the 2014 Budget and Levy Public Hearing and Adoption, Zoning Ordinance Updates and the Eureka! Recycling Contract.

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. Don Vandenberg from Brandy Chase stated he has seen coyotes in Falcon Heights Community Park and they do not seem to be frightened by humans.

Dan Murphy of 1938 Carl Street would like to form a coffee club in Lauderdale and would like to use the Social Room at Lauderdale City Hall for the gathering. Mr. Murphy would like to foster "friendly conversation" among neighbors. The Council agreed that the coffee club would be a good thing. Mr. Murphy will work with City Staff to schedule time at City Hall for this group.

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Steve Lange of 1790 Carl Street stated he has heard Roosters crowing from inside a house along Community Park. Butkowski stated the Council adopted an ordinance recently to address the keeping of Roosters, which is prohibited. The City has given chicken owners until January 1, 2014 to come into compliance with the ordinance.

Don Vandenberg told the Council that he is looking into starting a neighborhood watch group in the City. Butkowski directed Mr. Vandenberg to contact Sergeant Jon Mangseth of the St. Anthony Police Department to implement this idea.

Work Session:

2014 Recycling, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Fees

Butkowski and the Council discussed appropriate fees. The Recycling contract ends at the end of the 2014 and there will be no increases in fees for 2014.

Butkowski stated there are surpluses in the Sanitary Sewer Fund and proposed a 1 to 1 ½ % increase and excess funds will be set aside for future projects

Butkowski stated the City's goal is to increase reserves in the storm sewer fund. Butkowski proposes a 12.5% increase in this fee which is approximately \$5.00 a year per residential property.

Community Development Update

Butkowski updated the Council that Luther Seminary has met with the Trust for Public Land recently.

2420 Larpenteur - Butkowski stated the EPA approved Phase I testing of the site. There is an electric utility through the property in which there is not easement, which must be resolved. Duane Grace, the City Commercial Building Inspector, looked at the building and found no safety issues with the building and that it was suitable for cold storage. Grace reported the roof was the best asset of the building.

Corval Group (1633 Eustis) – Butkowski stated she attended a “safety celebration” event at Corval recently. Butkowski stated Corval is looking to redevelop the property and proposed an idea to take down an out building to add more office space.

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Larpenteur Avenue Project – Ramsey County is working on getting MNDOT approval of the project. The area between Carl and Pleasant Streets has been found to lack the space for trees but there still may be space for street lighting. The bump-out proposed for Malvern Street isn't feasible as the bump caused storm water difficulties. Steve Ramlow from 2449 Larpenteur has agreed to the price for the easement onto his property.

The Council went into closed session at 9:15 to discuss the labor contract.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk