

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

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April 14, 2026

**Call to Order**

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Councilors present: Jeff Dains (virtually), Sharon Kelly, Evan Sayre, Duane Pulford, and Mayor Mary Gaasch. Councilors absent: None.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator (virtually); Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk (virtually).

**Approvals**

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the March 24, 2026, City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the March 24, 2026, 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 \$158,984.58. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent**

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the quote from Midwest Groundcover for playground surface improvements, and a hen chicken permit application from the owners of 2385 Summer Street.

**Informational Presentations/Reports**

A. April 18 Sustainability Fair Update

Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik shared that the sustainability fair will be this coming Saturday, April 18, at Falcon Heights City Hall. The event is taking place from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and will feature free paper shredding; free textile and electronics recycling; guest speakers; and activities for the entire family to enjoy.

**Public Hearings**

A. Development Stage Review of Planned Unit Development Application for the Redevelopment of 2421 and 2439 Larpenteur Avenue West

Jennifer Haskamp, the City's consulting planner, reviewed and commented on plans to redevelop the gas station/convenience store at 2421 and 2439 Larpenteur Avenue West. She joined the Council at the dais to go over the materials and explain the project.

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Upon completion of the discussion, staff were directed to prepare a resolution of approval with all of the suggested conditions plus additional conditions around signage. The conversation will be carried over to the April 28 meeting for final comments from the public before the Council votes on the development stage PUD application.

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

Seda Yildizlar, 1698 Malvern Street, shared her concern about the location of the proposed gas station. She was worried her garage would be impacted by the proximity of the car wash.

Haskamp responded that one of the proposed conditions was to close any potential access to the car wash from the alley which eliminates the need for patrons to be near her garage.

There being nobody else interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor at 8:07 p.m.

**Discussion/Action Item**

A. Selecting a Date for the Annual Day in the Park Event

After discussion, the Council decided to host Day in the Park on Thursday, July 9 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Lauderdale Community Park.

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

Bownik stated that the next meeting may include the March financial reports, the quarterly investment report, a contract for architectural services with Studio EA, the annual police department presentation, and the revisions to the sewer utility ordinance.

**Work Session**

A. Staff Project Updates

Bownik stated that he did not have any further updates at this time.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to those interested in addressing the Council. There being nobody interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miles Cline*  
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Deputy City Clerk