

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

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April 28, 2026

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:04 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; 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. Administrator Butkowski stated that the annual police department presentation by Chief Jeff Spiess will be moved to a different meeting. There being nothing else, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the April 14, 2026, City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the April 14, 2026, City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the claims totaling \$18,734.81. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the March financial report and the quarterly investment report.

Public Hearings

A. Application for a Variance to the Front Yard Setback at 1765 Carl Street

Steven Sventek is proposing to rebuild their front yard deck and extend it 4 feet to the south. The addition would not extend east toward the street. The house sits 31 feet from the front property line, and the current deck extends 6 feet from the front of the house. Thus, a 5-foot variance to the 30-foot front yard setback is requested.

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to those interested in addressing the Council on this topic at 7:13 p.m.

Steven Sventek, 1765 Carl Street, addressed the council to clarify why a variance was never previously requested, and why it is needed now.

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There being nobody else interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor at 7:15 p.m.

Councilor Sayre made a motion directing staff to bring back a resolution of approval for the next meeting. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

At the last meeting, Jennifer Haskamp, the City's consulting planner, reviewed and commented on the plans to redevelop the gas station/convenience store at 2421 and 2439 Larpenteur Avenue. She also provided draft recommendations for the Council to consider as conditions on the development stage approval.

Vince Kelly, the engineer for the project, sent a revised signage plan prior to the meeting. The branding would be Circle K instead of Holiday. The signage packet reflects that change and a revised monument sign. The applicant is requesting that they be allowed to have dynamic signage.

After a review by Haskamp and questions from the Council, Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to those interested in addressing the Council on this topic at 7:35 p.m.

Anne Feider, 1698 Eustis Street, addressed her concerns about lighting at the entryways and adjoining premises. She asked about the possibility of landscaping on the east side of the property. She also didn't like the proposed digital signage and wondered about the car wash hours.

Joseph Mueller, 1728 Pleasant Street Unit E, asked about the age of the fuel tanks in the ground. He also addressed his experience with light pollution at similar buildings.

There being nobody else interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor at 7:45 p.m.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution No. 042826A - A Resolution Approving the Development Stage Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 2439 and 2421 Larpenteur Avenue to Combine the Lots and Redevelop the Site with a Convenience Store, Fueling Station, and Carwash

Councilor Pulford made a motion to approve Resolution No. 042826A as amended – A Resolution Approving the Development Stage Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 2439 and 2421 Larpenteur Avenue to Combine the Lots and Redevelop the Site with a Convenience Store, Fueling Station, and Carwash. This was seconded by Councilor Kelly and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the next meeting may include the annual audit presentation, a contract for architectural services with Studio EA, revisions to the sewer utility ordinance, and the annual police department presentation by chief Jeff Spiess.

Work Session

A. Staff Project Updates

Butkowski shared that staff received the application from Lifestyle Communities for a senior co-op. She also said the City received a bid to repair the damage at the warming house.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

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

Joseph Mueller, 1728 Pleasant Street Unit E, thanked Butkowski for running the e-newsletter. He continued to ask for help from public works to fix potholes on Fulham and Ione.

There being nobody else interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk