

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

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September 10, 2013

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:34 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 to the 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 Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the August 27, 2013 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Grove moved approval of the claims totaling \$101,807.55. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

*Discussion Items:*

*Lot Consolidation of the 1818 and 1824 Walnut Street Parcels*

Brian and Dana Malzer are the owners of 1818 and 1824 Walnut Street. They purchased the property at 1818 Walnut Street in order to convert the single family home on that parcel into a garage. The lot consolidation would combine both properties under one Parcel Identification Number (PIN). Both lots are 40' x 127'.

**Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt Resolution 091013A the Lot Consolidation Request for 1818 and 1824 Walnut Street. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

*Lot Consolidation of the 1850 and 1858 Walnut Street Parcels*

Gene Christenson owns the parcels at 1850 and 1858 Walnut Street. The lot consolidation would combine both properties under one PIN. The 1850 Walnut Street parcel is 60' x 127' and the 1858 parcel is 39' x 127'.

**Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt Resolution 091013B the Lot Consolidation Request for 1850 and 1858 Walnut Street. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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*Fence Quotes for Skyview Park*

The Council discussed at the June 11 Council Meeting the proposed fence on the northern boundary of Skyview Park abutting the property at 1738 Walnut Street. Bownik presented three quotes for different types of fencing. The Council discussed the merits of different types of fencing such as chain link versus cedar privacy fencing. The Council discussed that in the areas of Community Park which abut private property a chain link fence is in place. Earl Peterson the property owner of 1738 Walnut Street addressed the Council. Mr. Peterson stated he would prefer a community garden in the Park. If a fence must be placed, he prefers a privacy fence. Overall, he prefers no fence.

**Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the installation of a cedar privacy fence at Skyview Park if the owner of 1738 Walnut found that to be an acceptable option. Councilor Grove seconded the motion. Councilors Grove, Gaasch, and Hawkinson and Mayor Dains voted to approve the motion and Councilor Mac Lean voted in opposition. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote.**

*2014 Budget and Levy*

Based on previous budget and levy discussions, the Council concluded than a 1% levy increase for 2014 was necessary (total levy with Fiscal Disparities equaled \$616,215). The preliminary budget for 2014 totaled \$1,226,906.

**Councilor Hawkinson moved Resolution 091013C – A Resolution Levying Taxes for 2013 Payable in 2014 in the mount of \$616,215 and Establishing November 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time of the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

*St. Paul Regional Water Appointment*

The St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS) Board is seeking a Lauderdale representative for 2014. As the SPRWS Board meets on City Council meeting nights, it would be difficult for a councilor to be appointed to the board. The Council will recommend potential SPRWS Board members to staff and staff will notify residents of the open seat through the newsletter.

*Sanitary Sewer Lining*

Butkowski explained that the areas of the lining project which can be lined in their present condition have been lined. Two spot repairs of the sewer lines must be completed before work continues. Staff expects to bring a quote for that work to the next City Council meeting.

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Agenda items for the September 24 Council Meeting may include a discussion of the Larpenteur Avenue project, the Animal Control Ordinance, the sanitary sewer lining project, and the city logo. Ramsey County Sheriff Matt Bostrom is scheduled for the October 22 meeting.

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:*

*Revisions to the City Redevelopment Policies*

Stacie Kvilvang, the City's financial advisor from Ehlers, Inc. proposed to the Council that the City's redevelopment policy be updated. Currently, the City only has a TIF Policy which does not address whether the City would use tax abatement or other redevelopment tools. Whether the City wants to be active or passive with regard to development, the policy should reflect that.

The Council decided to meet in closed session at 5:00 p.m. on Friday September 13 to discuss whether to purchase the property at 2430 Larpenteur Avenue, which is for sale.

*Zoning Ordinance Update*

The Council began suggesting changes to the district uses portion of the Zoning Ordinance. The Council compared Lauderdale's ordinance to that of the cities of Falcon Heights and Roseville, which had been updated more recently. Staff will proceed with changes based on the Council's suggestions.

**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 9:58 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kevin Kelly  
Deputy City Clerk