

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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May 14, 2013

Mayor Pro Tem Gaasch called the City Council meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Councilors present: Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, and Mayor Pro Tem Gaasch.

Councilors absent: Roxanne Grove 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 Tem Gaasch asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Councilor Mac Lean added a discussion by the Council regarding private property acquisition. Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the April 23, 2013 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$107,962.87. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved adoption of the Consent Agenda approving a Respectful Workplace Policy. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Special Order of Business/ Recognitions/ Proclamations:

Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt Resolution 051413A, proclaiming National Police Week in the City of Lauderdale. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Informational Presentations/ Reports:

Karen Gill-Gerbig, the City of Lauderdale's representative to the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO), addressed the Council with informational updates over the past year.

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Discussion/ Action Items:

Park Use Application

Paul Winkelaar, 1747 Malvern Street, addressed the Council regarding hosting a bean bag tournament at Lauderdale Community Park. Winkelaar mentioned 350 people attended the event last year and he expects more this year. He requested reserving the park on June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be food trucks and live music. Winkelaar will provide extra portable toilets and arrange for cleanup. The Council noted there were no concerns from the event in 2012.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve Paul Winkelaar's Park Use Application for June 22. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

City Logo

The Council discussed the logo design options created by Tara Thorenson. The Council suggested revisions to the design which they would like her to make. Councilor Hawkinson will discuss the changes with Thorenson.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to authorize logo design by Tara Thorenson based on the estimate provided. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Survey for Larpenteur Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project

Ramsey County has not conducted a survey of the Larpenteur Avenue area. Stantec will complete a survey of the area in order to determine property lines so design work by Stantec can be completed.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve \$4,256 for the survey work proposed by Stantec. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Additional Items:

Councilor Mac Lean mentioned there are several properties for sale in Lauderdale that they Council may want to acquire. She noted the commercial property at 2430 Larpenteur and a fire damaged home on Walnut Street. Mac Lean said the City Council may want to purchase the properties to influence redevelopment.

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Agenda items for the May 28 Council Meeting include a presentation of the Larpenteur Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Plan by Paul Bilotta of Stantec, a discussion of the proposed fence for Skyview Park, and a discussion of the Animal Control Ordinance.

The Mayor arrived at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Dains explained the Council was moving into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meeting but not aired on community television.

The Mayor asked if anyone present wished to address the Council; no one did.

Work Session:

Ramsey County Transit Improvements

Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough, Shoreview City Councilor Ady Wickstrom, and Jonathan Weinhagen of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council regarding the East Metro Transit Alliance (EMTA). The EMTA is being reformed to advocate for improved transit in the east metro which will increase transit options and economic growth for the east metro.

2014 Police Contract

Butkowski presented costs regarding the police contract for 2014. The proposed increase of 2.5% results in a cost of \$617,081. Their costs are driven by a 2% pay increase and 13% health insurance increase. St. Anthony will be assuming all insurance deductible costs going forward which will save the City \$5,000. The net increase in police costs is \$10,051. The contract language will be brought to the Council for review at the next meeting with contract approval needed by June 15.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk