

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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October 8, 2013

Mayor Pro Tem Gaasch called the City Council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Mayor Jeff Dains.

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

Pro tem Gaasch asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Butkowski added a donation from the Girl Scouts. Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the September 24, 2013 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$94,552.81. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved adoption of the consent agenda approving the HVAC duct cleaning, 2430 Larpenteur Avenue survey, and sanitary sewer lining payment request. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

School District 623 Superintendent John Thein addressed the Council. He updated the Council on progress and changes within the district. He especially highlighted the growth in enrollment the district is experiencing as retirees move out and young families move in. He also mentioned an operating levy question would be on the November 5 ballot.

Public Hearing and Discussion Items:

Revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance:

Butkowski noted the changes made to the draft ordinance since the last meeting. A public hearing was scheduled on the ordinance. After the public hearing, the Council considered adoption as they felt the ordinance was complete.

Pro tem Gaasch opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. No one addressed the Council and the public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m.

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Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt the amended Animal Control Ordinance and Resolution 100813A – A Resolution Authorizing Publication of Ordinance No. 13-03 by Title and Summary. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains joined the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The Council discussed the city logo versions presented. They suggested a minor change to the font. The final logo will be brought to an upcoming meeting for approval.

Butkowski said the City received another quote for sanitary sewer repairs that was almost \$9,000 less than the other two quotes. The city engineer is still determining if an alternative repair is feasible. To keep the project moving forward, staff is asking the Council to provide the city engineer the discretion to accept Bev-lor Utilities quote if the work is deemed necessary.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to provide the city engineer the discretion to accept Bev-lor Utilities quote for sanitary sewer line repairs on Eustis Street and in the sanitary sewer easement area behind 1753 Fulham if he determines the repairs are necessary. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council has been negotiating with the owners of 2430 Larpenteur Avenue to purchase the property. The terms of the purchase agreement were acceptable to the owners and approval of the Council was needed.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the purchase agreement for 2430 Larpenteur Avenue as presented. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Additional Items:

The Girl Scouts would like to plant a tree in Community Park. All donations require Council approval. Staff noted a couple of species that would work well and staff will determine a location for the tree. The Girl Scouts also plan to maintain the tree for the first year.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to accept the tree donation from the Girl Scouts. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda items for the October 22 Council Meeting may include a discussion of the Larpenteur Avenue project, a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County for elections equipment, revisions to the City's redevelopment policies, zoning ordinance revisions, and a presentation by Ramsey County Sheriff Matt Bostrom.

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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:

Butkowski explained that the joint powers agreement governing suburban representation on the St. Paul Regional Water Board was set to expire at the end of the year. Representatives from Maplewood, West St. Paul, Falcon Heights, and Lauderdale met to discuss the arrangement. Maplewood would like to see changes to their representation; the other Councils are considering this request too. The Council said they prefer to keep the representation the City currently has. If the other cities want to see changes, the Council would go along with them so long as the City retained Board representation three out of every ten years. Staff will be meeting with the other cities soon and will report back.

Butkowski presented information on the 2014 special revenue funds and capital improvement plan. No major projects are planned for 2014. Plans for chip sealing the city streets were pushed back a year as the streets seem to be holding up well.

Two easement agreements may be needed for the pedestrian improvement project. Staff explained the rule of thumb used when purchasing easements. Government entities generally pay equal to the tax assessed value of the land for sidewalks as the use going forward is entirely public. The Council did not find this unreasonable; staff will start the easement acquisition process with property owners.

Staff provided an update on things happening within the community. This included such things as the prospective sale of Hamline Autobody's building to new buyers and communication with Luther Seminary with regard to their student housing.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator