

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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January 10, 2012

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:42 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.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Councilor Grove added municipal liquor store discussion to the agenda. **Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the December 13, 2011, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$208,436.18. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains removed the Chinese Christian Church's donation from the consent agenda.

Councilor Grove moved the consent agenda acknowledging November finances and approving 2012 rental housing licenses, 2012 business licenses, 2012 City Council meeting schedule, 2012 city newspaper, 2012 investment policy, Resolution 011012B designating the official depository and investment institutions for 2012, the collateral pledge from North Star Bank, and recreation agreement with the City of Falcon Heights. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bownik presented plans for Snow Commotion scheduled for January 28. The Council discussed the lack of snow and cold weather. Without winter weather, the activities aren't possible. Ultimately, the Council decided to cancel Snow Commotion for 2012.

Councilor Grove moved to cancel Snow Commotion for 2012 due to weather conditions. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed committee appointments for the upcoming year. The Council kept the same appoints as last year with the exception of appointing Councilor Gaasch as mayor pro tem, Councilor Grove as PCIC liaison with Mac Lean as alternate, Stantec as the city engineer, and Hughes and Costello as the prosecuting attorneys.

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Councilor Mac Lean moved to appoint Councilor Gaasch as mayor pro tem and adopt committee assignments as discussed. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt Resolution 011012C – a resolution establishing license and permit fees and administrative fees and fines for 2012 as presented. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

One of the public works staff plans to take time off soon. Last year the City hired a back up snow plower driver to replace him. Staff said the same driver is willing to do it again this year.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to hire Kyle Hughes as a temporary, seasonal snow plower from January 22 to February 17 at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council previously discussed winter parking on Eustis Street. As this year has been very mild, staff said they would continue exploring options and report back to the Council at a later date.

Mayor Dains removed the donation from the Chinese Christian Church from the consent agenda. He said he appreciated their donation and all of their contributions to the City.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt Resolution 011012A – a resolution accepting a \$1,500 donation from the Chinese Christian Church. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove asked when the Council would begin discussing the establishment of a liquor store again. She said many people experienced a big property tax increase and the City needs to do something soon. Butkowski mentioned that the City Council has money in the 2012 budget to work with a consultant on the project. Staff will ask him to be at the next meeting to discuss options for moving forward.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included parking revisions, city administrator evaluation, and the municipal liquor store.

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 addressed the Council.

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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 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowsky
City Administrator