

Prior to the City Council meeting, the City hosted a reception for Representative Greiling to thank her for her years of service to Lauderdale as a school board member and state legislator. Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Councillors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson 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. Hawkinson added graffiti on the tennis courts at Community Park and excess bags of leaves. Butkowski added employee recognition. **Councillor Gaasch moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councillor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

State Representative Mindy Greiling addressed the Council. She updated the Council on highlights from this legislative session. Greiling said she will continue to work on education issues after her term ends. Until then, she will continue to work on constituent issues through the end of 2012. Mayor Dains and the City Council thanked her again for her work on behalf of the residents of Lauderdale.

A recess was called after Representative Greiling's presentation to the Council.

The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Councillor Grove moved to approve the April 24, 2012, City Council meeting minutes. Councillor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councillor Hawkinson had a question regarding the portable toilet claim for Community Park. The vendor changed their billing system from paying after the service to payment ahead of the service. The City is paying for April and May service in this claims batch. **Councillor Grove moved approval of the claims totaling \$96,707.05. Councillor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councillor Hawkinson moved the consent agenda approving 2012 business licenses, IT remote access policy, and the first quarter investment report. Councillor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bownik presented information regarding the City Wide Garage Sale scheduled for May 19. The deadline to register is Friday May 11. The Garage Sale which will begin at 8:00 a.m. and is being advertised on the city website, Craig's List, and the City Pages.

Bownik presented the variance application request from Angela and Christopher Brasel, 1792 Walnut Street. They requested an eight foot variance to the 30 foot front yard setback to construct an arbor with a patio area underneath.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

Yongju Park, 1794 Walnut Street, addressed the Council. She said she liked the idea of a front yard arbor. Angela Brasel also addressed the Council. She said the cedar arbor will add curb appeal and interest to the front of her home.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the eight foot variance to the 30 foot front yard setback 1792 Walnut Street. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski explained that communities across the country were designating May 13-19 as police week. The Council could do the same with the adoption of the attached resolution.

Councilor Grove moved to adopt Resolution 050812A, a resolution to recognize and proclaim May 13-19 as Police Week in the City of Lauderdale. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization proposed changing the joint powers agreement to add the cities of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, and Fridley as new members. Karen Gill-Gerbig, Lauderdale representative to the MWMO Board, explained the three cities would like to be included as their current watershed district dissolved.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt Resolution 050812B, a resolution approving the joint powers agreement for the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the constitutional amendments relating to same sex unions and voter ID that will be on the ballot in November. The Council discussed their opposition to the current amendments and directed staff to draft a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

Councilor Mac Lean made a motion to oppose the constitutional amendment questions that will be on the ballot in November 2012. Councilor Gasch seconded the motion and the Council passed it unanimously.

Butkowski presented the union contract language tentatively agreed to at a previous meeting. In addition to the negotiated changes, the contract needed clarifying language around the areas of deferred compensation as it applied to part time employees.

Councilor Grove moved to adopt the 2012-2013 union contract. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and the Council passed it unanimously.

The Council discussed extending the same terms and benefits of the union contract to non-union city employees.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to extend the benefits of the union agreement to non-union employees effective January 1, 2012. Councilor Gasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the item removed from the Consent Agenda. The Council asked whether the City had a policy to reimburse picnic shelter users if their event was cancelled due to inclement weather. Staff will update the application to reflect the Council desire to allow users to reschedule or have their fees refunded.

Councilor Gasch moved the remaining consent agenda item approving the May 13 park use application. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson discussed the graffiti on the tennis courts. Staff is looking into options to clean up the graffiti without marring the appearance of the court.

Councilor Hawkinson also spoke about the excess number of bags of leaves in yards in the City. Butkowski said residents were notified of the spring clean-up in the latest city newsletter and the City will be sending out notices shortly to residents who are violating nuisance ordinances.

Butkowski announced that Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator, was awarded the Assistant Administrator of the Year award for 2012 by the Association of Public Management Professionals last week. Bownik thanked Butkowski for nominating him. The Council thanked Bownik for his 13 years of dedicated service to the City.

Agenda items for the next meeting are the annual storm water presentation and public hearing, Eustis Street sanitary sewer lining project, and an emergency management round table discussion.

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The work session was canceled for this meeting as the presenter on logo designs was unable to attend; her presentation will be rescheduled.

The Mayor asked if anyone present wished to address the Council. No one came forward.

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 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk