

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

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April 26, 2011

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Denise Hawkinson, Lara Mac Lean, and Mayor Jeff Dains. Councilors absent: none.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. **The Mayor added a follow up discussion to the meeting with Lauderdale business owners held on April 14, Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the April 12, 2011, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$18,433.41. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if councilors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. There being no one, **Councilor Hawkinson moved the consent agenda items: March finances and the quarterly investment report. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Butkowski provided an overview the of the City's efforts to meet the goals of the MS4 permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System). The City continues to meet the 55 best management practices of the SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program). The City puts an exceptional amount of effort into public education and outreach. With little construction within the City, construction and post-construction runoff efforts are at a minimum. The City continues to street sweeps and inspect ponds and basins. This year, the City also met its obligation to post signs reminding residents to clean up after their pets.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing regarding the City's storm water pollution prevention program at 7:46 p.m.

No one present addressed the Council.

The public hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

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Butkowski said the Roseville Youth Baseball Association offered to improve the City's ball field in exchange for preferential scheduling each year. The Baseball Association said they would hold practices and play games Sunday thru Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from April thru July. The Council thought the idea was a great way to get the park improvements at no cost to the City. The Council was concerned about the exclusive use of the ball fields on Sunday nights as many families use it that night. *Staff will ask the Association if limiting their preferential scheduling from Monday thru Thursday would be a deal-breaker. If not, staff will draft an agreement for the Association and Council to consider.*

With the addition of playground equipment at the park at the end of Walnut Street, Councilor Gaasch suggested installing signage letting residents know. Staff asked the Council whether they would like to give the park an official name instead of the hodge-podge of things it has been called. The Council debated Skyview Park, Rosehill Park, Kiddie Park, Skyline Park, and Highway View Park. *The Council will consider the name while staff explores sign options.*

County Commissioner Jan Parker will be at the May 24 City Council meeting. The Council discussed issues they would like her to be prepared to address. They especially want her to address pedestrian safety for Eustis Street south of Larpenteur and county road turn back options as Eustis Street was last milled and overlaid over 20 years ago. *The Council suggested that two councilors show Commissioner Parker the issues on Eustis Street prior to the start of the meeting. Councilors Gaasch and Mac Lean volunteered to meet with her.*

The City has been allotted federal funding for bike racks. Butkowski said staff was considering three locations for five racks: two in Community Park, two in the Walnut/Ione Park, and one at City Hall. To participate in the program, the Council must adopt the resolution presented in the packet.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt Resolution 042611A – Cooperative Agreement between the City of Minneapolis and the City of Lauderdale Regarding Bicycle Parking Project. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

With no legislative decisions regarding state aids and credits, the Council was provided data on the taxes paid by the largest businesses within the City. The data was purely for the Council's information in light of previous budget discussions.

The Mayor said representatives from Croix Oil, City Gables, Peace Lutheran Church, and Finn Sisu met on April 14 to learn about the Council's discussions regarding a municipal liquor store. Croix Oil expressed interest in working with the City on the venture as it may help them improve their facilities.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included the visit by County Commissioner Jan Parker.

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

Mayor Dains asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the Council. No one present wished to do so.

The Council began planning for a Community Meeting in July or early August. The discussion will focus on the options available to the Council to manage the City's way through the ongoing cuts to state aids and credits. The Council will continue to prepare for the meeting after the legislature and governor finalize budget decisions this month.

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 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator