

**LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

FILE

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVALS
 - a. Minutes of the April 27, 2010, City Council Meeting
 - b. Claims totaling \$75,694.57
4. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
5. CONSENT
 - a. 2010 Business Licenses
 - b. City Park Applications
6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS
 - a. Citizen's Academy Graduation
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS Public hearings are conducted so that the public affected by a proposal can have input into the decision.
8. REPORTS
 - a. Garage Sale – May 15
9. DISCUSSION / ACTION
 - a. Set Date and Time for Goal Setting Session
 - b. Request by Owner of 2401 Larpenteur to Extend Deadline for Driveway Repair
 - c. Follow up Discussion on Weed Control Options
10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
12. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING
 - a. Follow up to April 13 meeting with Twin City Die Casting
13. WORK SESSION
14. CLOSED SESSION
 - a. Discuss Law Suit Settlement Offers with City Attorney
15. ADJOURN

April 27, 2010

The Mayor called the City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Councillors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Lara Mac Lean, and Mayor Jeff Dains.
Councillor absent: Denise Hawkinson.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City
Administrator; Dave Himrichs, Public Works Coordinator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councillor Mac
Lean moved to approve the agenda. Councillor Gaasch seconded the motion and it
passed unanimously.

Councillor Gaasch moved to approve the April 13, 2010, City Council meeting minutes.
Councillor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councillor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$21,505.47. Councillor
Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the Council. No one present
wished to do so.

Mayor Dains asked if councillors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. There
being no one, Councillor Mac Lean moved the consent agenda items approving the
installation of pet waste signage in the parks and open spaces and acknowledging the
first quarter investment report and March finances. Councillor Grove seconded the
motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski said two Lauderdale Girl Scouts, Samantha and Danielle Nelson, were Gold
Award recipients. The Gold Award is the highest award given to Girl Scouts upon
completion of a deserving project. Samantha and Danielle explained for the Council how
they organized and taught swimming and water safety lessons for refugee children. The
Mayor and Council expressed gratitude for their great work as they presented the Nelson's
with certificates of recognition.

Bownik reminded all present that the city-wide garage sale would be held May 15. All are
welcome to register; there is no cost to participate.

The Mayor noted that the Council discussed the dog park at the March 23 meeting. He reiterated the lack of city funding to make improvements to the dog park but recognized that the dog park users may want to fundraise for or contribute to dog park improvements. He suggested a meeting outside of a council meeting for a more in depth conversation. Councilors Mac Lean, Grove, and Gaasch reiterated their support for the dog park and desire to participate in a meeting with the dog park users.

Leslie Kratz, 1773 Carl Street, expressed her desire for a committee chaired by a council member. Dan Murphy, 1939 Carl Street, indicated that residents were interested in organizing a group to learn more about dogs. He offered a mailbox and encyclopedia about dogs for dog owners to use.

After further discussion, staff said they would organize a meeting after councilors had an opportunity to check their schedules. Time and date will be posted at the park and on the City's website.

Butkowski said at the end of each year the City retains 50% of the next year's operating budget in the General Fund to support operations until the first tax settlement in late May. Generally at year-end, the fund balance exceeds 50% so the Council transfers the excess to capital improvement funds to pay for future expenses. At the end of 2009, the City had \$93,510 available for transfer. Since recent legislative action cut an addition \$40,699 for 2010 and \$45,891 for 2011, staff recommended keeping the available dollars in the General Fund to cover the aid cuts.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt Resolution 042710A – A Resolution Depositing the Excess Unreserved Fund Balance in the General Fund. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski noted that staff met with the city engineer to determine the Council's options with regard to Twin City Die Casting's (TCDC) request to build over the sewer easement area between their buildings. The city engineer recommended televising the sewer line before making any decisions. The Council's options will be determined by the condition of the sewer line. Staff noted the manhole found during the bridge project needs to be televised and the stormsewer jetter-vacuated. This work plus the televising around TCDC can be done by the same contractor that performed the smoke testing work in 2008, if the Council so desired.

Councilor Gaasch moved to contract with Intratech to televise the sections of sewer described in the memo and clean the sumps at a cost not to exceed \$210/hour. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

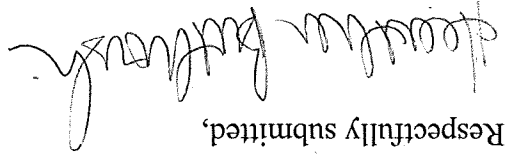
and peeling paint nuisances. Butkowski presented the Council and those present with slides of some of the nuisances most commonly seen in Lauderdale.

The city attorney, Katrina Joseph, addressed the council. She explained the tools available to the Council for nuisance code enforcement which include: abatement, civil injunction, citation, issuance, and criminal summons. Butkowski explained that while these tools are available to the Council, they have not been presented to them before.

Residents in attendance addressed the Council regarding situations in their neighborhoods they believe to be nuisances and asked the Council to address them. After further discussion, Councilors noted that the City may need to revisit sections of the zoning, nuisance, and building regulations ordinances to address some of the concerns discussed during the meeting.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Mac Lean moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator

**CITY OF LAUDERDALE
CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL
May 11, 2010 City Council Meeting**

Payroll	
04/30/10 Payroll: Direct Deposit # 500953-500962	\$7,860.85
04/30/10 Payroll: Payroll Liabilities, e-payments 446E-449E	\$6,710.27
Vendor Claims	
05/11/10: Check #'s 20175-20195	\$61,123.45
SUBTOTAL	\$75,694.57
Total Claims for Approval	
	\$75,694.57

CITY OF LAUDERDALE Payments

Current Period: APRIL 2010

Batch Name 043010payrol Payment Computer Dollar Amt \$6,710.27 Posted

Refer	1423	NORTH STAR BANK, CHECKING S	Ck# 000446E 4/30/2010			
Cash Payment	G 101-21703	FICA WITHHOLDING.	4/30/10 Payroll			\$1,836.36
Invoice						
Cash Payment	G 101-21701	FEDERAL TAXES	4/30/10 Payroll			\$798.03
Invoice						
Transaction Date	5/4/2010			Due 0	NORTH STAR CHEC	10100
Total						\$2,634.39
Refer	1424	MN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	Ck# 000447E 4/30/2010			
Cash Payment	G 101-21702	STATE WITHHOLDING	4/10 State Withholding			\$1,345.51
Invoice						
Transaction Date	5/4/2010			Due 0	NORTH STAR CHEC	10100
Total						\$1,345.51
Refer	1425	PERA	Ck# 000448E 4/30/2010			
Cash Payment	G 101-21704	PERA	04/30/10 Payroll			\$1,417.29
Invoice						
Transaction Date	5/4/2010			Due 0	NORTH STAR CHEC	10100
Total						\$1,417.29
Refer	1426	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST - 457	Ck# 000449E 4/30/2010			
Cash Payment	G 101-21705	ICMA RETIREMENT	04/30/10 Payroll			\$1,313.08
Invoice						
Transaction Date	5/4/2010			Due 0	NORTH STAR CHEC	10100
Total						\$1,313.08

Fund Summary						
10100 NORTH STAR CHECKING						
						\$6,710.27
						\$6,710.27
						\$6,710.27

Pre-Written Checks	\$6,710.27
Checks to be Generated by the Compute	\$0.00
Total	\$6,710.27

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Check #	Date	Description	Amount	Invoice #	Comment
10100		NORTH STAR CHECKING			
Paid Chk# 020175	5/11/2010	ABDO EICK & MEYERS LLP			
E 101-41500-301		AUDITING	\$3,120.00		2009 Audit Progress Bill #2
E 602-49100-301		AUDITING	\$390.00		2009 Audit Progress Bill #2
E 601-49000-301		AUDITING	\$390.00		2009 Audit Progress Bill #2
Total		ABDO EICK & MEYERS LLP	\$3,900.00		
Paid Chk# 020176	5/11/2010	AFSCME			
G 101-21709		UNION DUES	\$109.18		4/10 union dues
Total		AFSCME	\$109.18		
Paid Chk# 020177	5/11/2010	AHDN ATTORNEYS			
E 101-41500-355		MISC PRINTING/PROCESS SER	\$14.06		4/10 Legal Services
E 101-41500-300		LEGAL FEES - PROSECUTING	\$850.00		4/10 Legal Services
Total		AHDN ATTORNEYS	\$864.06		
Paid Chk# 020178	5/11/2010	BANYON DATA SYSTEM			
E 101-41200-307		COMPUTER SERVICES	\$1,561.20		10 fund/payroll software annual support
Total		BANYON DATA SYSTEM	\$1,561.20		
Paid Chk# 020179	5/11/2010	BOWNIK, JIM			
E 101-41200-331		TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$60.30		1q10 Mileage Reimbursement
Total		BOWNIK, JIM	\$60.30		
Paid Chk# 020180	5/11/2010	CINTAS			
E 601-49000-425		CLOTHING	\$19.09		PW Clothing
E 602-49100-425		CLOTHING	\$19.10		PW Clothing
Total		CINTAS	\$38.19		
Paid Chk# 020181	5/11/2010	CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS			
E 101-42100-321		FIRE CALLS	\$438.68		4/10 Fire Calls
Total		CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS	\$438.68		
Paid Chk# 020182	5/11/2010	CITY OF ROSEVILLE			
E 101-41200-391		TELEPHONE/PAGERS	\$95.40		5/10 Phone Services
E 101-41200-306		CONSULTING FEES	\$453.33		5/10 IT Services
Total		CITY OF ROSEVILLE	\$548.73		
Paid Chk# 020183	5/11/2010	CITY OF ST ANTHONY			
E 101-42100-319		POLICE CONTRACT	\$48,216.25		5/10 Police Contract
Total		CITY OF ST ANTHONY	\$48,216.25		
Paid Chk# 020184	5/11/2010	EUREKA RECYCLING			
E 203-50000-389		RECYCLING CONTRACTOR	\$1,883.64		4/10 Recycling Contract
Total		EUREKA RECYCLING	\$1,883.64		
Paid Chk# 020185	5/11/2010	GLENWOOD INGLEWOOD			
E 101-41200-208		WATER DELIVERY	\$46.85		4/10 Cooler Rental & Water

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Total GLENWOOD INGLEWOOD		\$46.85	
Paid Chk# 020186	HOME DEPOT CRC	5/11/2010	
E 101-45200-228	MISC REPAIRS MAINT SUPPLIE	\$73.91	4/10 Misc Supplies - lawn care
E 101-43000-228	MISC REPAIRS MAINT SUPPLIE	\$3.20	4/10 Misc Supplies - cleaner
Total HOME DEPOT CRC		\$77.11	
Paid Chk# 020187	KAMRAM, SUSHMA	5/11/2010	
E 101-41200-442	MISC	\$55.00	Refund for room cancellation
Total KAMRAM, SUSHMA		\$55.00	
Paid Chk# 020188	LILLIE SUBURBAN NEWS	5/11/2010	
E 101-41200-352	PUBLIC INFO NOTICES	\$37.50	4/10 Public Notice - Zon Ord. Update
E 101-41100-352	PUBLIC INFO NOTICES	\$30.00	4/10 Public Notice - Special Meeting
Total LILLIE SUBURBAN NEWS		\$67.50	
Paid Chk# 020189	LMC	5/11/2010	
E 101-41100-308	TRAINING\CONFERENCES	\$20.00	MG - 2010 Loss Control Training
E 101-41200-308	TRAINING\CONFERENCES	\$20.00	JB - 2010 Loss Control Training
Total LMC		\$40.00	
Paid Chk# 020190	MIKE MC PHILLIPS	5/11/2010	
E 101-43000-314	STREET SWEEPING	\$2,262.25	Spring 2010 Street Sweeping
Total MIKE MC PHILLIPS		\$2,262.25	
Paid Chk# 020191	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	5/11/2010	
E 101-43400-386	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$31.90	4/10 Locate Calls
Total ONE CALL CONCEPTS		\$31.90	
Paid Chk# 020192	PARK SERVICE	5/11/2010	
E 101-43000-212	MOTOR FUELS	\$226.62	4/10 Motor Fuel
E 601-49000-212	MOTOR FUELS	\$48.57	4/10 Motor Fuel
E 602-49100-212	MOTOR FUELS	\$48.57	4/10 Motor Fuel
Total PARK SERVICE		\$323.76	
Paid Chk# 020193	RAMSEY COUNTY, PROP REC & REV	5/11/2010	
E 101-41200-355	MISC PRINTING/PROCESS SER	\$25.00	5/10 Health Insurance
G 101-21706	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$401.77	5/10 Health Insurance
Total RAMSEY COUNTY, PROP REC & REV		\$426.77	
Paid Chk# 020194	UNIVERSITY OF MN	5/11/2010	
E 602-49100-308	TRAINING\CONFERENCES	\$50.00	DH-JH Erosion Class - IDDE
Total UNIVERSITY OF MN		\$50.00	
Paid Chk# 020195	WASTE MANAGEMENT	5/11/2010	
E 101-43000-384	REFUSE DISPOSAL	\$122.08	5/10 Waste Services
Total WASTE MANAGEMENT		\$122.08	
10100 NORTH STAR CHECKING		\$61,123.45	

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Fund Summary

101 GENERAL	\$58,274.48
203 RECYCLING	\$1,883.64
601 SEWER UTILITIES	\$457.66
602 STORM SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$507.67
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	\$61,123.45

LAUDERDALE COUNCIL ACTION FORM

- TYPE OF REQUEST**
- Consent
 - Action
 - Resolution
 - Information
 - Work session

MEETING DATE <u>May 11, 2010</u>
AGENDA NUMBER <u>6A</u>
DESCRIPTION <u>2010 Rental/Business Licenses</u>

BACKGROUND OR PAST COUNCIL ACTION	<p>Attached is a list of business owners that successfully completed the licensing renewal process for a 2010 license.</p>
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OPTIONS	
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approve licenses for 2010.</p>
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COUNCIL ACTION	
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STAFF ACTION

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MOTION BY _____

LAUDERDALE COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Rental Properties successfully completed the application process

❖ Carol Berg, 1971 Carl Street

Tree Care Companies successfully completed the application process

❖ Pohl's Tree Service

Mechanical Contractors successfully completed the application process

❖ Home Energy Center

❖ Capital City Heating and Air

LAUDERDALE COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date	May 11, 2010	ITEM NUMBER	5B City Park Applications
STAFF INITIAL	_____	APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATOR	_____

Action Requested	
Consent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Action	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work Session	<input type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE AND PAST COUNCIL ACTION:

The City received three applications for use of the park from residents. Since the groups are larger than 30 people, council approval is required. The applications are attached for your review.

OPTIONS:

A) Approve the requests to use the park.
 B) Do not approve the requests.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By approving the consent agenda, the Council approves use of Lauderdale City Park by residents on June 13 and June 27.

COUNCIL ACTION:

APPLICATION FOR USE OF COMMUNITY PARK

APPLICANT INFORMATION:
 Name: Karen Dorneth Address: 1926 Malvern St.
 City: Lauderdale State: MN Zip: 55113
 Telephone No.: 651-638-9377 Name of Organization (if applicable): Girl Scout Troop #53745

PARK USE INFORMATION:
 Date(s) of Park Use: 6/6/10 Hours Used: 4-7
 * Number attending: 40-50 * Note: Groups of 30 or more must receive council approval
 Part of Park to be reserved (circle all that apply):
 Picnic shelter Ballfield Hockey rink / Ice skating rink (winter only) Other: _____
 Please note: the hockey rink is only available for reservation from the hours of 8 - 10 pm.

By signing this application, the applicant agrees to the following:

- The park facilities will not be used for advertisement of any product, goods, or services, nor for personal profit.
- The applicant will clean up the area after the event has occurred. Please bring your own garbage bags and take garbage with you when you go.
- The proposed event will not unreasonably interfere with the general public use of the park, or with the safe and orderly movement of traffic on streets surrounding the park.
- The applicant is aware that there is a parking lot on Roselawn Avenue, including spaces for the handicapped.
- The applicant understands that the park opens at 8:00 am and closes at 10:00 pm.
- The applicant understands that no intoxicating liquor may be present or consumed at the park.

Applicant's Signature: [Signature]
 Please Print Applicant's Name: Karen Dorneth
 Date: 6/1/10

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
 Date Application Received: 5-7-10 Approved By: [Signature]
 Temporary Non-Intoxicating Liquor License Granted? Yes If so, date Council granted: 5/6/10

APPLICATION FOR USE OF COMMUNITY PARK

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: Angela Lalt Address: 1852 Fost's Street
 City: Lauderdale State: MN Zip: 55113
 Telephone No.: 651 4971632 Name of Organization (if applicable): _____

PARK USE INFORMATION:

Date(s) of Park Use: 6-13-10 Hours Used: 3pm - 8pm
 * Number attending: 50 * Note: Groups of 30 or more must receive council approval
 Part of Park to be reserved (circle all that apply):

Picnic shelter Ballfield
 Hockey rink / Ice skating rink (winter only) Other: Sand volleyball
 Please note: the hockey rink is only available for reservation from the hours of 8 - 10 pm.

By signing this application, the applicant agrees to the following:

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- The applicant is aware that there is a parking lot on Roselawn Avenue, including spaces for the handicapped.
- The applicant understands that the park opens at 8:00 am and closes at 10:00 pm.
- The applicant understands that no intoxicating liquor may be present or consumed at the park.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
 Date Application Received: 5/5/10 Approved By: 5/5/10
 Temporary Non-Intoxicating Liquor License Granted? No If so, date Council granted: _____

Applicant's Signature: Angela Lalt
 Please Print Applicant's Name: Angela Lalt
 Date: 5-4-10

City of Lauderdale

1891 Walnut Street • Lauderdale • Minnesota 55113
Phone: (651) 792-7650 Fax: (651) 631-2066

APPLICATION FOR USE OF COMMUNITY PARK

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: Esther Joy Mungai Address: 1578 Gustis Street
City: Lauderdale State: MN Zip: 55108
Telephone No.: 651 917 0244 Name of Organization (if applicable): _____

PARK USE INFORMATION:

Date(s) of Park Use: June 23rd 2010 Hours Used: 3:00-9:00 p.m.
* Number attending: ~ 70 * Note: Groups of 30 or more must receive council approval

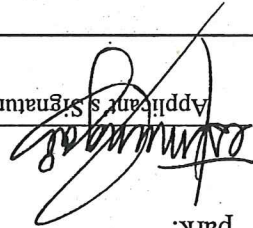
Part of Park to be reserved (circle all that apply):

Picnic shelter Ballfield Hockey rink / Ice skating rink (winter only) Other: tennis courts
basketball court volleyball court
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Applicant's Signature



Please Print Applicant's Name

Esther Joy Mungai

Date

5-4-10

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Application Received: _____ Approved By: _____
Temporary Non-Intoxicating Liquor License Granted? If so, date Council granted: _____

5-6-10

**LAUDERDALE COUNCIL
ACTION FORM**

Action Requested

Consent _____

Public Hearing _____

Discussion _____

Action _____

Resolution _____

Work Session _____

Meeting Date May 11, 2010

ITEM NUMBER 6A - Citizen's Academy

STAFF INITIAL HS

APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATOR _____

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE AND PAST COUNCIL ACTION:

This year Lauderdale had four representatives at the Citizen's Academy. They will be at the meeting to receive their graduation certificates and say a few words about their experience. They are holding St. Anthony's graduation ceremony right before ours, so the officers may be a few minutes late. We will just need to skip over the item until they get here.

Those who participated were:

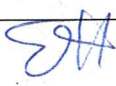
- Kendra Kauppi
- John Nordin
- Jodi Steffen (Manager, City Gables)
- Heather Butkowski

OPTIONS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

LAUDERDALE COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date	May 11, 2010	ITEM NUMBER	9A - Set Goal Setting Date	STAFF INITIAL		APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATOR
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Action Requested	
Consent	_____
Public Hearing	_____
Discussion	_____ X _____
Action	_____ X _____
Resolution	_____
Work Session	_____

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE AND PAST COUNCIL ACTION:

Annually, the City Council hosts a goal setting session to discuss priorities for the upcoming year so they can be included in the next year's budget. Last year the Council did not hold the meeting until August as there was a lot of uncertainty about the amount of LGA the City would receive. The LGA issue is still up in the air and won't be resolved any time soon. The sooner the meeting, the more opportunities the Council will have to work the priorities into the budgeting process. Generally, the goal setting session is held before a regularly scheduled council meeting. From a timing perspective, the best dates would be June 22 or July 13. Last year the goal setting session began at 5:00 p.m. Once the date is decided, it will be posted and published in the Roseville Review. Staff will arrange for a food option.

OPTIONS:


Set time and date for the annual goal setting session.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve _____ (Date) _____ at _____ (Time) _____ at Lauderdale City Hall to hold the annual goal setting session.

COUNCIL ACTION:

LAUDERDALE COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date	May 11, 2010	ITEM NUMBER	9B - Driveway Repair Ext.
		STAFF INITIAL	
		APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATOR	

Action Requested	Consent	_____
	Public Hearing	_____
	Discussion	X _____
	Action	X _____
	Resolution	_____
	Work Session	_____

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE AND PAST COUNCIL ACTION:

Je Drobac, 2401 Larpenteur, replaced an asphalt driveway with a gravel driveway last year. As that is not a surface allowed by ordinance, staff asked her to install one of the two permitted surfaces (concrete or asphalt). She said she was unable to complete the project last year, so the Council granted her permission to complete the project by June 1, 2010. Per the attached email, she said she is unable to do it by this date. She is asking the Council to grant her an extension until September 30.

OPTIONS:

1. Deny Ms. Drobac's request for an extension. If she doesn't complete the driveway by June 1, staff would turn the matter over to the city attorney for ordinance enforcement.
 2. Grant Ms. Drobac an extension to a date determined by the City Council.
 3. Grant Ms. Drobac an extension to her requested date of September 30.
- If the Council grants an extension, staff recommends including in the motion a statement that the Council will offer no further extensions. That way staff can turn the matter over to the city attorney if the driveway is not completed on time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to deny or approve the request by Je Drobac extending the time period she has in which to install an approved driveway surface.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Heather Butkowski

From: J Piperace [mailto:stpauigir2010@live.com]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 12:10 PM
To: Heather Butkowski
Subject: RE: asphalt driveway

Hello Heather,

Thanks for your quick response and follow-up to my extension consideration inquiry; I appreciate the mayor's input as well. I certainly agree with you that October 31, with Minnesota weather, makes it a bit of a risky deadline; it's my intention to have it completed sooner, but for the sake of including any additional complications, I figured the extra time might be my saving grace, if needed.

And while I greatly appreciate the 2-month extension suggestion (i.e., August 31st), if at all possible, I would be most comfortable proposing September 30th as a deadline consideration--again, due to the expense and budgetary feasibility of the project. (As my previous budget plan had been going exactly as planned--I had gotten my bids down to two contractors that agreed either could do the job in May--until two unforeseen, back-to-back circumstances that required major financial revamping surfaced; so I'm striving to be certain my one-time extension request is a realistic one that will allow, with as much certainty as possible, that I (and my contractor) can make this future deadline without issue.

The bids I've gotten to asphalt the driveway have been \$1800 - \$2700, with issues such as the thickness of the bituminous itself, as well as the added cost of possibly needing to remove some of the Class 5 rock that is presently on the driveway, and various other time-/money-consuming issues that need to be worked out. However, each contractor has said he can complete the project this year, and when all is confirmed, I (or he, with my knowledge) will apply for a permit to have this work completed.

Regarding my attending a City Council meeting, as I work most evenings, the sad irony is that for me to attend a meeting to present my situation, and in person ask for an extension which would be my druthers, would require my taking time off work--something I simply can't financially afford to do, especially in light of my more recent stringent financial requirements (including but not limited to the driveway completion). I'm hoping this letter will convey my intentions, appreciation, and myriad details of why and how regarding completing the asphalt process my driveway and extension request, and ultimately override my absence.

Of course, I'm happy to answer any additional questions staff or Council may have, either by phone or email.

I hope this is enough information to be included on the agenda for an upcoming meeting, Heather, but please let me know if I've omitted any necessary information.

As always, thank you for your continued graciousness in resolving this matter fairly and synergistically.

Sincerely,

Jc Drobac
2401 Larpenteur
(651) 206-1171

From: heather.butkowski@ci.lauderdale.mn.us
To: stpaulligir2010@live.com
Date: Fri, 30 Apr 2010 10:23:02 -0500
Subject: RE: asphalt driveway

Dear Jc,

Thank you for the e-mail. I spoke to the Mayor briefly to get direction on your request. We live in Minnesota and there is always the risk we will have an early winter, so October 31 seems like an awfully late deadline. We discussed a possible August 31 extension, if the rest of the council agreed. What I need from you is a letter (or e-mail) addressed to the council with your request. You may want to include cost estimates or anything you think may support your request for an extension.

If I receive your request by next Wednesday (May 5), I can add it to the council agenda for discussion at the May 11 meeting. I presume the Council would not consider any further extensions as this has become a two year issue. Obviously, the driveway needs to be completed this year. I will email you a copy of the agenda for the next meeting once it is completed. You may want to attend the meeting, should there be questions about costs, your intentions etc.

Take care,
Heather

From: J Piperace [mailto:stpaulligir2010@live.com]
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 11:21 AM
To: Heather Butkowski
Subject: asphalt driveway

Hello Heather,

If you recall, you kindly worked with me last year regarding a completion date to have my class 5 driveway re-asphalted; the month agreed to was June of this year.

I would, however, like to request an extension due to extenuating circumstances that make completing this expensive project unlikely by the timeline proposed. I am hoping to get the City's OK to extend the completion date/month to have the newly asphalted driveway finished to October 31st, 2010. Please let me know if there is a protocol for extension requests that I may not be aware of (forms?), and I will follow suit.

Thank you kindly.

Jc Drobac
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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Colleen Callahan, Deputy City Clerk

Date: May 7, 2010

Re: Organic Lawn Care

Organic Lawn Care.

Typically, a lawn care service provider claiming they provide organic services are referring to fertilizers and best practices in lawn management. There is no organic product on the market that kills weeds. However, corn gluten meal has been found to be effective at inhibiting root formation and germination of plants.

There are two strategies that stem from organic land management. These can make improvements in a lawn without the use of chemicals over time. One is a soil and lawn renovation and stems from the belief that the health of the lawn is a reflection of the soil conditions. The microbiology of the soil influences what that thrives in a lawn. The other is the application of corn gluten meal.

Renovation

Soil testing and assessment are the first steps in identifying the condition of the soil. Weeds and grass require different soil conditions to thrive; dandelions thrive in compaction, creeping charlie likes a pH imbalance, and clover thrives in low nitrogen conditions. Once you have identified the condition of the soil an action plan can be established and implemented.

The action plan, in essence, outlines the renovation process. This may include: planting seed into an existing lawn using new grass varieties that are more suitable to the conditions; a rigorous lawn care management approach; and organic fertilizers. The idea is that over time, as the soil conditions become more conducive for grass, the grass thrives and the weeds die out. Renovations alone can not fix a problem if it is too severe; it is recommended that you start over or consider applying herbicides to address weed control. This includes cases where the soil is excessively compacted, contains greater than 50% weeds or bare soil, or a thatch problem. (See attached information from Organic Bob.)

Corn Gluten

This approach uses corn gluten meal as an inhibitor and fertilizer. A corn gluten approach requires several applications a year, for the first couple of years. Applications must begin before the plants have a chance to germinate as it prevents sprouting seeds from developing normal roots. This does not kill the seedlings, but makes them more vulnerable to dry conditions. Established plants are not affected. Over time, as the weeds become inhibited and grass is fertilized, the grass will take over. Both of the organic approaches require a commitment to the process. Positive results will not be realized in the first year. Depending on the severity of the weed infestation, it may take several years for the lawn to change.

Outlined below are estimates of the three alternatives to maintaining lawns. Assuming that six acres need regular care and maintenance (park, City Hall, and maintenance garage) and two acres (ball field and open field next to dog park) require more aggressive revitalization.

Options

1. Weed control and fertilizer by a commercial provider.
 Approximate cost: \$1,200
 May be additional restoration costs.
2. Soil and lawn renovation by Organic Bob.
 Approximate costs: \$750 for assessment including 1 soil sample
 \$200-\$400 per additional soil sample
 Renovation costs TBD after assessment.
3. Corn gluten meal lawn care.
 Approximate costs:
 Materials \$284/acre
 \$60-125 per freight shipment
 \$1,704/year (6 acres @ 1 time per year)
 \$1,136/year (2 acres @ 2 times per year)
 Application (Approx cost: \$100/hour labor + equipment)
 \$600/application (6 acres @ 1 time per year)
 \$400/application (2 acres @ 2 times per year)

\$2,840/year materials
 \$1,000/year application
 \$ 120/year freight
 Total: \$3,960/year

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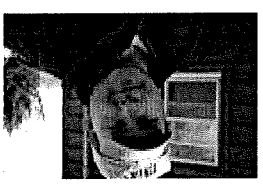
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 Iowa State Website
 Commercial Lawn Care Providers
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I was raised on a family farm near Early, Iowa. My parents taught me to "care for the land and it will care for you". My mother won awards for teaching soil conservation as an elementary school teacher. My dad and both grandfathers reluctantly used agricultural chemicals on their farms. Later, I watched my dad, grandfather and many of Dad's friends die of cancer.



In 1986 I became grounds manager for a children's psychiatric hospital and I had a problem: How could I care for the playground grass without exposing the kids to toxic lawn chemicals? The solution was organic lawn care methods and products.

After three years of organic treatments, the playground looked better than the rest of the grounds treated with conventional chemicals and it took less work. Employees of the hospital began to ask me to do their lawns and Organic Bob was born.

Since then I have learned what works and what doesn't, what's safe and what's toxic. More importantly, I have discovered the truth that toxic chemical manufacturers and service providers don't want you to know: organic lawn care is achievable, available and affordable.

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Most people want organic lawn care because they don't want toxic chemicals on their lawns. The most common concerns I hear from my customers include children, pets, wildlife, the environment, and personal health.

Many pesticides that have been banned in Europe and in Canada are still being used here. Organics offer viable options for those wanting peace of mind for their families and their environment.

Does organic lawn care work as well as chemical lawn services?

Organic lawn care, if done properly, works better than conventional chemical methods. Organically produced microbes relieve soil compaction, make nutrients available for grass, and let water, air and nutrients penetrate the soil to make roots grow deeper. The result is a healthier lawn, no chemicals, and less work in the long run.

What about weed control?

Weeds are a symptom of a problem in the soil. Dandelions love compaction, creeping Charlie likes a pH imbalance and clover thrives in low nitrogen conditions. The answer is simple: correct the soil problem and the weeds go away. The microbial life available in the fertilizers, compost tea and other organic products I use relieve and correct most weed-generating soil problems.

Are organic products harmful?

When used in a manner consistent with manufacturer guidelines all organic products are safe. I sometimes bring my daughter along when doing applications. If there were any risk, I wouldn't let her near the truck.

My lawn is in terrible shape. Can organics handle challenging lawns like mine?

I approach every lawn as a renovation project because there is typically very little microbial activity in most urban soils. I then replace the most damaged areas of lawn and overseed new grasses into your lawn on a regular basis to thicken the turf and introduce low maintenance and drought resistant varieties. The result is a healthy, chemical free lawn.



Do organics cost more than chemicals?

In the first 2-3 years of heavy soil correction, organics may cost more than chemicals. However, once the soil is balanced and healthy, it can be maintained with only a few applications per year resulting in lower costs in the long run.

Do organic products smell?

The organic products I use do not have unpleasant odors. Our compost tea smells like wet fall leaves. Any smells that are present dissipate in about an hour and are preferred over the unmistakable odor of synthetic fertilizers and herbicides.

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All of my lawn care programs have been developed to reestablish the natural biology within your soil to create a thick, vigorous lawn and protect your family and environment from the harmful effects of chemical treatments. I don't apply toxic chemicals because the organic systems work so well, there's no need.

Superior (Best)

The Superior program is designed to be an all-inclusive approach to revitalizing your lawn in the shortest amount of time possible. This plan uses a blend of products and services which, when used together, greatly reduce soil compaction and increase the biological activity within your soil. Your lawn will receive: corn gluten meal, compost tea, soil activator, aeration, topdressing and overseeding.

Mille Lacs (Better)

This program takes a moderately aggressive approach to revitalizing lawns that have been depleted of nutrients due to neglect or the use of chemical treatments. Because these treatments are scaled back, positive visual results may take longer to be achieved. This program solely consists of compost tea applications.

Calhoun (Good)

This program works well if you are looking to save money or like to do the work yourself. Simply go to my home page and subscribe to Organic Bob's Almanac and receive a monthly e-newsletter (April through November) that instructs you on what to do, when to do it and how and why to do it. The e-newsletter contains tips, contests, lots of info and fun stories to boot!

You may also select products or services from the following list in case you don't want to do some things yourself or simply want more service:

Corn Gluten Meal (CG)

Corn Gluten Meal is an organic weed and fertilizer that prevents seeds from fermenting. Applications in the spring and fall help control crabgrass, creeping Charlie, dandelions and other insidious weeds.

Compost Tea (CT)

Our compost tea is brewed from the highest quality compost and other organic ingredients in a special aerobic process. Applications of compost tea provide your lawn with all the microbes, fungal elements and other organisms that are present in a healthy, mature ecology.

Spraying compost tea on your lawn will help to:

* Release nutrients already in your soil making them available for plants

* Aerate the soil and relieve compaction

* Correct soil conditions that sustain weed growth

* Improve germination and rooting of plantings

* Increase root and fungal development

* Provide greater access for water and roots to penetrate the soil.

Calcium Treatments (CaT)

The calcium treatments I use are a blend of engineered calcium types. The treatments correct a number of poor soil conditions that contribute to weed growth.

Calcium treatments help to:

* Release bound up nutrients already in the soil

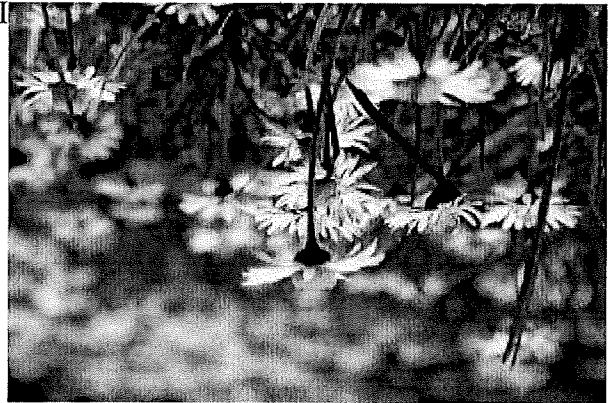
* Relieve compaction

* Break up clay within the soil

* Balance the pH level

* Neutralize synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other salts thereby eliminating previously applied toxic lawn products.

Additional Services



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topdressing, weed control, fertilizing, soil testing, lawn renovation and replacement, soil amendments, education, consulting and more!

May 11, 2010

To the Members of Lauderdale City Council:

We at Peace in Lauderdale would like to share some very exciting news! The maker of Triscuit crackers is partnering with Urban Farming (www.urbanfarming.org) to sponsor 50 community gardens in 20 cities across the nation. Peace Lutheran Church has been selected as one site.

One of the goals of Urban Farming is to eradicate hunger and it is our goal to distribute the produce from the garden to those in the Lauderdale area who may need some assistance. We may need to seek the advice of the city council, city staff, and/or police officers to help us identify these residents. We will then contact these residents to see how we can get our produce to them.

We also want this to be the impetus for a larger community effort. We plan to set up a table once a week on which we would place excess produce that could be used by any member of the community. Since our garden is small, we will invite other gardeners in the community to put their excess produce on this table, so that even more people can benefit. Any excess produce from the table would be brought to a local food shelf. Members of the community will also be invited to help us tend the garden.

Finally, we would like our garden to encourage others in the community to plant gardens. We have members who are willing to assist residents in getting a garden started. Down the road, we may even try to educate residents in techniques for preserving fresh produce for use in the off season, such as canning, freezing, etc.

We invite the members of the council to walk through our gardens, pick a weed or two, and – as summer progresses – participate in our table.

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