

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present: Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Mayor Dains asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the meeting agenda.

Council member Christensen moved to approve the agenda and council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Mac Lean moved approval of the January 8, 2008, City Council meeting minutes as amended. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$58,892.30. Council member Mac Lean provided the second and the motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked if there were any items to remove from the consent agenda.

Council member Doherty moved the Consent Agenda approving 2008 rental housing licenses and HVAC Licenses, 2008 Waste Hauler Licenses, and 2008 Score Grant. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Jan Parker addressed the Council and outlined the County's budget and areas of growth. She indicated public safety continues to involve a larger part of the county budget. Commissioner Parker outlined briefly the priorities of the Board of Commissioners and highlighted the juvenile diversion program. Commissioner Parker introduced Judge Gary Bastian who spoke on the issue of juvenile diversion.

The Council asked a few questions and thanked Commissioner Parker and Judge Bastian.

The Council recessed at 8:10 for ten minutes and reconvened at 8:20.

Heck advised the council there is a meeting on January 29 with Mn/Dot to discuss the new bridge and council member Hawkinson indicated an interest in participating. Heck also said the plan is to begin work on the sound barrier in June or July. Mn/DOT representatives wanted to know about meeting with the Council and/or a community meeting.

The Council directed staff to invite Mn/DOT to the February 26 council meeting to meet with the council and return on March 11 to discuss the plan with affected residents.

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Bownik provided information on Snow*Commotion, Lauderdale's winter event. The event is Saturday, January 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The council set items for the February 12, 2008, city council meeting. The meeting will include discussions on Larpenteur Avenue, Snow*Commotion, the administrator's wage, establishment of a personnel committee, and a closed session with the City Attorney.

Bownik discussed with the council a recommendation by the PCIC to place a sign near the playground to solicit ideas from users on design and features. The consensus of the council was to forgo the sign and use the internet, newsletter, cable station, and idea cards at city events to gather information and ideas.

The Council moved into the work session to discuss changes to the inflow and infiltration ordinance.

Heck and Butkowski outlined the need to update the ordinance. They told the council the ACLU challenged the application of a fee for residents who refused to allow a city official to inspect for illegal sewer connections. Heck said he spoke to Little Canada's administrator who experienced the same situation with their ordinance. Heck said Little Canada changed their ordinance from an automatic fee to initiation of an administrative warrant and that cleared up the situation.

Heck and Butkowski are recommending amending the ordinance to reflect the language adopted by Little Canada.

The council went into closed session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss the performance of the City Administrator. The Council returned to open session at 10:00 p.m.

Council member Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brian W. Heck
City Administrator