

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

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Tuesday, February 26, 2008

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

Council members present: Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Jeff Dains. Council member Karen Doherty was not present.

Mayor Dains asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the meeting agenda. Council member Christensen requested adding a notice by the City of Roseville on a request to vacate easement to Midland Hills, consideration of the Waste Technologies, Inc. garbage haulers license, and a letter from a resident regarding the residents' guide and directory.

Council member Christensen moved to approve the agenda as amended; council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Christensen moved approval of the February 12, 2008, City Council meeting minutes. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$32,746.11. Council member Christensen provided the second and the motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the council on any items not on the agenda. Harvey Skow moved to the podium and addressed the Council. He raised the issue of his retaining wall to the Council once again. The mayor and council acknowledged his comments.

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

Council member Hawkinson moved the Consent Agenda approving 2008 rental housing licenses and HVAC licenses, plans and specifications for seal coating and plans and specifications for the hockey rink project. Christensen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains moved the police report up on the agenda. Chief Ohl presented the 2007 Annual Police report. He stated crime statistics for 2007 remained relatively unchanged from 2006. He outlined achievements for 2007 including a crime clearance rate of over 60% in Lauderdale.

The Council thanked the Chief and the department for work done well and the continuing positive relationship with the St. Anthony Police Department.

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The Mayor moved to the proposed sound wall discussion.

Mr. Marc Goess from Mn/DOT presented information on the proposed sound wall along Highway 280 from Larpenteur Avenue to Walnut Street. Mr. Goess provided photos and design plans for the project. He said the department identified \$1.5 million for the project and plans to let bid and begin construction after July 1, 2008. Mr. Goess said the department would proceed with a sound wall based on the needs and desires of the community.

Those present asked about wall height and Mr. Goess indicated the standard height is 20', however, if desired, the department can construct the wall at 15', 12', etc. He said the wall generally tapers at the ends. It was the consensus of those present to have a 20' wall.

The Council asked if the wall could be stopped around Ione Street. Mr. Goess reiterated the department would follow the wishes of the community. The consensus of those present was to extend the wall to Larpenteur Avenue.

Council member Mac Lean asked about the sound wall materials. Mr. Goess said the standard materials are concrete posts with timber planks. He indicated it is generally the most cost effective material. For new roads they prefer earthen berms, which provide the best sound reduction.

Mr. Goess said the department would like the council to consider municipal consent of the project. The mayor wanted to give the community a final opportunity to provide feedback and input on the project before granting municipal consent.

The Council thanked Mr. Goess and took a five-minute break.

After reconvening, council member Christensen mentioned the City of Roseville is holding a hearing on the vacation of easement north of Ryan Avenue and east of Walnut Street. Roseville would vacate this easement to Midland Hills Golf Course.

Council member Christensen moved to approve WTI's request for a hauler license and to assess a \$100.00 administrative penalty for operating without a license for 2007. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

The Council discussed Mn/DOT's presentation and decided to move the council meeting to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 and have a final public input / comment session at 7:30 p.m.

Council member Hawkinson moved to begin the official Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

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Mr. Jeff Berends of Verdi Construction representing CorVal and NewMech appeared before the Council to discuss company plans to relocate its operation and work with the city to redevelop its site and the property along Larpenteur Avenue. Mr. Berends discussed some of the ideas regarding the site such as self-contained student housing for the University of Minnesota.

After additional discussion, Stacie Kvilvang of Ehlers suggested the development of regular meetings with benchmarks. Stacie, Jeff and Brian will meet to begin this process.

Mayor Dains requested Heck speak with Chief Ohl about having Law Enforcement present for the start of city council meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted

Brian W. Heck
City Administrator