

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

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Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

The Council and City Administrator drove the City to evaluate the location of the proposed sound wall at Walnut and Ione and Walnut and Ryan. The Council also examined the location of stop signs and potential crosswalks. The Council visited Falcon Heights to look at crosswalk placement along Garden Street east of Snelling.

The Council returned to City hall at 6:25 p.m. to begin the goal setting session.

The Council reviewed the 2008 goals and priorities. The Council discussed Eustis Street and working with the County on sharing the cost of a reconstruction feasibility study. Staff also indicated Roselawn needs a mill and overlay. The Council discussed the 10-year capital improvement plan and discussed the use of TIF funds for road projects. The mayor suggested having a road committee discuss turn back issues as well as cost sharing of a feasibility study of Eustis. Committee members are Council Member Mac Lean and Mayor Dains.

The Council exited the goal setting and entered in to the formal meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Dains asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the meeting agenda. Mayor Dains requested the addition of recreational fire discussion.

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

Council member Doherty moved approval of the March 11, 2008, City Council meeting minutes. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Doherty moved approval of the claims totaling \$34,666.72. Council member Mac Lean provided the second and the motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the council on items not on the agenda. No members of the public wished to address the Council.

Council member Hawkinson moved the Consent Agenda approving 2008 rental-housing licenses and the agreement with Infratech to televise the city's sanitary sewer system. Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

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Mayor Dains invited Emily Peters to discuss with the Council her proposal to include trees in the Community Park as part of her urban tree research. Ms. Peters told the Council she is conducting research on the environmental affects of urban forests. This process requires taking sap flow samples from various trees during the growing season as well as assessing the canopy a few times. She would like to use a stand of trees in the Community Park. She said she inserts probes about 2mm into the tree and connects the probes to a data collector. The wires are buried approximately 2"-3" underground so the setup does not interfere with mowing, maintenance, and use of the park. She showed photos of the site she studied last year.

The Council supported her research and use of the park and requested staff work with Ms. Peters to figure out the details.

Heck provided a brief summary of the changes to the Sanitary Sewer Ordinance to address the inflow and infiltration problem. Heck said a small change was needed to remove the imposition of an increased fee for residents who refuse entry to inspectors. He said the ordinance now indicates the city may initiate an Administrative Warrant order from the court if a resident refuses to allow entry for an inspection.

The mayor opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. No one was present to speak to the issue and the mayor closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Council member Doherty moved Ordinance #08-01 relating to sewers as presented. Council member Hawkinson provided the second and the motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Council member Doherty moved Resolution 032508A regarding the Clear Water Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program Policy as presented. Council member Hawkinson provided the second and the resolution passed on a roll call vote with all members voting yes.

The council discussed municipal consent for the sound wall along TH280 from Larpenteur Avenue north to the end of Walnut Street. Mayor Dains indicated the City is prepared to provide municipal consent, but first wants to meet with Mn/DOT on site to verify the location of the wall particularly as it pertains to the section from Larpenteur to Ione and the section north of Ryan.

During the tour, Heck told the Council he participated in several meetings with Mn/DOT following the March 11, 2008, public meeting. He told the council Mn/DOT agreed to move the wall north approximately 16' before turning the wall to the east to Walnut. He said they also agreed to end the wall at Ryan. To the south, Heck said Mn/DOT agreed to begin tapering the wall down so it would end at the city owned lot (AKA Walnut and Ione Park).

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After looking at the sites, the Council wanted more information on the actual location of the wall as the council might want to consider the wall extending all the way to the end of Walnut on the north and the possibility of a 6' to 8' wall extending to Larpenteur to the south.

Council Member Mac Lean also wanted further consideration of the material.

The Council then discussed traffic calming options and agreed to add this to the April 8 council meeting.

Council member Mac Lean moved to begin the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to facilitate meeting with Mn/DOT on site to discuss the sound wall. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brian W. Heck
City Administrator