

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
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Tuesday, April 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; council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Hawkinson moved approval of the April 8, 2008, City Council meeting minutes. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Doherty asked about the \$100 payment to the Houston School District. Heck stated it was a refund of their damage deposit for use of the social room.

Council member Doherty moved approval of the claims totaling \$23,699.53. Council member Hawkinson 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 one present wished to address the Council.

Council member Doherty moved the Consent Agenda approving the 2008 Pay Equity Report, appointment of Donna Yamashita-Berry to the PCIC, and authorization to obtain quotes for installation of a fence along the south border of the community park. Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Steve McDonald presented the Council with the 2007 Audit Report. He thanked staff for preparing the information as that made the audit process more efficient. He went over the year-end information with the Council indicating Lauderdale is in excellent financial condition with healthy fund balances in the dedicated and non-dedicated funds.

The Council thanked Mr. McDonald for the report. The Mayor stated copies of the audit are on file at City Hall for anyone interested.

Mayor Dains asked Administrator Heck to outline the issue relating to the street light request. Heck explained the Hawkinson's requested a fix to the streetlight located at the corner of Summer Street and Fulham Street. The request is to have the light replaced.

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Mayor Dains indicated he would like to see the City develop a policy for such requests. Council member Doherty concurred.

Council member Hawkinson described the situation and stated she brought this up earlier and there was no resolution. She said Xcel tinted one side of the light but that did not correct the problem.

Council member Christensen asked if there is an engineering solution such as baffles. He also added he supports some type of policy.

Council member Doherty moved to have staff develop a policy and contact Xcel to investigate further options. Christensen seconded the motion and it carried.

Heck stated a resident on Fulham is requesting the Council ask the City of Falcon Heights to post the east side of Fulham Street no parking.

Council member Christensen moved to keep Fulham Street as is and not to request Falcon Heights to designate the east side no parking. Mac Lean seconded and the motion carried with all members voting yes.

Christensen moved to adopt Resolution 042208-A A Resolution granting municipal consent for SP.6241-59. Doherty provided the second and the motion passed with all members voting yes.

The Council discussed the proposed stop sign location map. After additional discussion, the Council directed staff to provide an updated map with all existing stop signs, proposed new locations and those suggested for removal.

Council member Hawkinson moved to send a letter in support of the grant application for bike/walking trails for the Cities of Roseville and Falcon Heights and the University of Minnesota. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried with all voting yes.

The Council moved to the work session to discuss the issue raised by Mr. Mark Salovich at the April 8, 2008, meeting pertaining to amending Chapter 9 of the Lauderdale City Code relating to the moving of structures into the city.

Council member Mac Lean began the discussion stating the Council should consider if moving the structure brings value to the community, which she feels it would. She asked about the dimensions.

Mr. Salovich stated the structure is 64' long x 26' wide x 35' tall.

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Council member Hawkinson stated she is uneasy with the request and is not comfortable with amending the ordinance.

Mayor Dains agreed with Hawkinson and he too is reluctant to consider a change to the ordinance.

Council member Christensen indicated there are too many variables and is uncomfortable with the prospect of two housing units on one parcel. Due to that and several other issues, he is not in favor of amending the ordinance.

Council member Doherty concurred with the other members and is not comfortable with any amendments.

The consensus of the Council is not to amend the existing ordinance.

Mayor Dains opened the Dog Park discussion by indicating he feels there is only one location for a dog park and that is in the area now used for the archery range. He stated a few residents over the years raised concerns over the safety of the range.

Christensen stated a year or so ago he was approached by a young man who considered making improvements to the archery range as an Eagle Scout project.

Council member Hawkinson stated she was out in the park and feels there might be a possible location for an off leash dog area. The area is on the northeast part of the park along Fulham between the parking lot and the hockey rink.

After additional discussion, the Council asked staff to bring the issue back to the PCIC for review and recommendation along with potential costs to install a fence.

Council member Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brian W. Heck
City Administrator