

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

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Tuesday, May 13, 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. Heck requested adding "Citizens Academy Graduation" to the Special Order of Business.

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

**Council member Mac Lean moved approval of the April 22, 2008, City Council meeting minutes. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.**

**Council member Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$98,988.18. Council member Hawkinson provided the second and the motion carried.**

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the council. Ms. Linda Huber told the Council she is requesting to have a garage moved on to her property and hoped the council will approve the request.

**Council member Hawkinson moved the Consent Agenda approving the first quarter investment report and authorizing attendance at the annual LMC conference in Rochester. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.**

Heck provided a brief update on meetings regarding potential redevelopment along Larpenteur Avenue and the NewMech site. Heck also provided an update on proposals received from consultants interested in facilitating a council/staff workshop.

Park Fence: Bownik provided information on the quotes received for the installation of a 5' fence along the southern boundary of the park. Three vendors initially responded to the request for quotes. Following a letter from a resident abutting the park, one vendor withdrew his quote. Bownik recommends the council approve and authorize Midwest Fence to install the fence and install a retaining wall along one section of the park.

Council questioned the need for a retaining wall and landscaping along one section on of the proposed fence. Staff said the area is steep and felt a retaining wall near the fence location will help to stabilize the installation. Staff went on to say a fence might work without the retaining wall, and if necessary, a retaining wall could be added later.

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**Council member Christensen moved to approve Midwest Fence as the park fence contractor with Blue Chip removing trees and brush where needed. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried with all voting yes.**

Mayor Dains introduced the park use item and stated the council granted this type of request in the past.

**Council member Hawkinson moved approval of the request to allow alcohol in the park for the event on May 31, 2008. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried with Dains, Mac Lean, Hawkinson, and Christensen voting yes. Council member Doherty abstained.**

Bownik presented information regarding a request to move a garage into the community. He said Ms. Huber, 1760 Carl Street is requesting to move a used garage on to her property. The proposed location meets zoning requirements and the conditions outlined in the ordinance regulating the moving of structures.

Council asked if the garage will replace an existing garage. Ms. Huber stated the property has never had a garage.

**Council member Christensen moved to allow the moving of the garage to 1760 Carl Street. Council member Mac Lean offered the second and the motion carried with all members voting yes.**

The Council established the following items for consideration at the May 27 City Council meeting: PCIC Minutes, Dog Park, Facilitators, Street Light Policy, and Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment.

The Council entered the work session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the sound wall color, stop sign and cross walk placement, and preliminary discussion on the 2009 City Budget.

Council member Hawkinson addressed the issue of sound wall color. She stated she communicated with Mn/DOT over the past week about the issue and suggested a darker "coco" brown color. Heck said Mn/DOT indicated if the council chose a different color scheme, Mn/DOT could amend the bid documents with the new color at no additional cost.

Council consensus is to accept the color indicated by member Hawkinson.

Heck then provided the council with information on the Larpenteur Avenue Bridge. He said the design provides for the installation of lighting and at some point the Council needs to select a style of street light. Upon review of the different options, the Council consensus is to consider one of the following designs: the "Evans", the "Lantern (aka Timeless Classic)", or the "Vernon."

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Staff will research the cost and responsible party for the lighting.

Heck told the Council the budget development process is beginning and the first objective is for Council to provide guidance on what they feel the priorities are for the community. Council asked about the status of local government aide. Heck outlined what he knew from the League of Minnesota Cities and Metro Cities. He indicated the present legislation includes levy caps for communities over 2,500, additional local government aid, and enhanced property tax refund.

Consensus of the Council is to maintain 24-hour police service, continue improvements in the community park, and focus on redeveloping the southwest frontage of Larpenteur Avenue.

**Council member Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Brian W. Heck  
City Administrator