

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

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Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

Mayor Dains asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the meeting agenda. Heck added a National Night Out announcement.

**Council member Christensen moved to approve the agenda. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.**

**Council member Hawkinson moved approval of the July 8, 2008, City Council meeting minutes. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.**

**Council member Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$79,374.69. Council member Hawkinson provided the second and the motion carried.**

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the Council; none did.

**Council member Doherty moved the consent agenda as presented approving payment request #1 for seal coating for \$42,566.08; payment request #1 for the hockey rink project for \$20,642.79; appointment of Tygve Hansne to the PCIC; and accepting the PCIC minutes. Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.**

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing to take input on the City of Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan at 7:40 p.m. As no one present wished comment, Mayor Dains closed the hearing at 7:41 p.m.

**Council member Christensen moved adoption of Resolution #072208-A Submitting the Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council. Doherty seconded the motion and it carried on a roll call vote with members Hawkinson, Christensen, Doherty, and Dains all voting yes.**

Mark Doneux, executive director of Capitol Region Watershed, presented the Council information on what the watershed is doing. The watershed covers the portion of the city that lies south of Larpenteur Avenue and east of Eustis Street. He said the watershed is currently in the process of updating its water management plan. They want a representative from Lauderdale involved in the process.

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The Council thanked Mr. Doneux for his excellent presentation.

Brad Schleeter from Bonestroo presented information to the Council on the recently completed Lauderdale Surface Water Management Plan. He covered the purpose of the plan, what the plan covers, and implementation. Mr. Schleeter informed the Council each of the watersheds reviewed the plan and that Capitol Region approved the plan. Rice Creek and Middle Mississippi provided comments. Brad said these would be responded to and worked into the plan where necessary.

Mayor Dains asked about the comments and questions raised by the MWMO. Brad stated these will not be hard to respond to and that the plan will not have to change much, if at all, to address these concerns.

The Council thanked Mr. Schleeter for his presentation.

Council member Mac Lean arrived at 8:05 p.m.

Marc Goess from Mn/DOT addressed the Council in regards to the Larpenteur Avenue bridge project. He discussed the project timeline and construction process. The bridge is still on schedule for letting in April and construction planned to begin in May. The construction process will route traffic along the exit and entrance ramps for a short time while the bridge is removed and the center supports are installed. Traffic will then be routed back on the main road while the ramps are closed.

There was a question on the timing to complete the balance of the sound wall south of the Cook property. Mr. Goess responded this would be completed after the traffic is routed back to the main road from the ramps. He acknowledged this is different than what was indicated at the previous meeting.

Mr. Goess stated the Department is requesting Municipal consent for the project.

The Council thanked him for his presentation and took a break at 9:09 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

Heck provided information on discussions taking place to create a joint powers agreement covering the provision of computer and voice services in the east metro area. He said this agreement would take the place of several individual contracts.

Bownik provided information on the upcoming Music under the Trees event and National Night Out.

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The Council discussed how to proceed following the departure of Brian Heck as City Administrator. The Council discussed several options including appointing Heather Butkowski as administrator or making her the interim administrator.

Heck suggested the Council appoint Heather as the Acting Administrator for a fixed period and if all agree and things are working out, to appoint her as the regular administrator.

**Christensen moved to appoint Heather Butkowski as Acting City Administrator for the time and period to be approved by the Council at their August 12, 2008, meeting. Doherty seconded the motion and it carried with all members voting yes.**

Council members Christensen and Mac Lean will work with Heck on drafting agreements for this situation.

The Council discussed the 2009 budget and asked staff to provide a few options on levy amounts based on increases of 1%, 2%, and 3.9%.

**Council member Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Heck  
City Administrator