

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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February 10, 2009

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

Councilors present: Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Dave Hinrichs, Public Works Coordinator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, **Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the January 27, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if there were questions about the claims. There being none, **Councilor Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$76,543.89. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the Council. No one present wished to address the council.

Mayor Dains asked if councilors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. There being none, **Councilor Doherty moved the consent agenda approving the appointment of Roxanne Grove to the PCIC, the purchase of a network switch and wireless access point, and the 2008 Investment Report. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Butkowski reported that Mn/DOT plans to let bids for the bridge replacement project in mid-March with construction starting in May and finishing in October. In advance, Xcel Energy will need to close west bound Larpenteur intermittently to construct a transmission tower and bury distributions lines under TH280 that are currently imbedded in the bridge. Xcel's projects are anticipated to last until bridge construction begins. Finally, sound wall construction will begin shortly with sod laying and painting starting in mid-April (weather permitting).

Darren Amundson and Kim Hayden of Bonestroo presented the Eustis Feasibility Study. They explained the options and costs of reconstructing Eustis Street both north and south of Larpenteur Avenue. To accommodate two twelve foot driving lanes and two eight foot

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parking lanes, the street would require widening from 35 to 40 feet. They noted the project would be similar to the previous road constructions with the exception of the infiltration requirements of the watershed districts. The study proposes infiltration basins along Eustis Street to meet the requirement of absorbing the first inch of rain on site. Councilors inquired about the size and location of the infiltration basins. Amundson said that was an unknown as it relates to the size of available boulevard space and soil types. Sidewalks would also increase the size of the infiltration basins. The Council thanked Amundson and Hayden for the presentation.

Butkowski introduced Duane Schwartz, Roseville's Public Works Director. He summarized previous discussions dating to 2004 regarding Roseville's need to replace the aging lift station that serves Paper-Calmenson (PaCal). Due to Mn/DOT's plans for the Broadway / TH280 intersection, the discussion is back on the table. Schwartz told the Council he feels the best option for Roseville is to connect the 27 acre PaCal site to Lauderdale's sanitary sewer system that runs along the west side of TH280. Schwartz referenced the letter he provided the Council acknowledging the need to negotiate such things as connection and maintenance costs.

The Council asked staff to prepare a response to the request and bring the materials to the next work session for further discussion.

Xcel Energy has distribution lines imbedded in the Larpenteur Avenue Bridge that is about to be replaced. They requested permission to bury the distribution lines under TH280 and along the alley on the west side of the 1700 block of Malvern. Hinrichs explained the current plans are an improvement from the initial plans that would have buried the lines under Ione and Malvern Streets. He said Xcel planned to trench in such a manner as to minimize the disruption to residents. Xcel will also restore the area such that it is better than its current condition.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve Xcel Energy's application for permission to place, construct, and thereafter maintain electric facilities for the MNDOT Larpenteur Avenue Bridge over Hwy 280 replacement project SP. 6241-51. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Previously, the City Council decided to retain the City of St. Paul for pedestrian light maintenance on the replacement Larpenteur Avenue/TH280 Bridge. Since then, St. Paul drafted an agreement for the Council to consider.

Councilor Christensen moved to approve the Traffic and Lighting Infrastructure Maintenance Agreement between the Cities of St. Paul and Lauderdale as presented. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Butkowski told the City Council that since staff learned of Falcon Height's desire to host a 5k run, there had been discussion about the cities hosting the event together as Lauderdale already hosts a fun run/walk. City staff discussed responsibilities and costs for holding the event which were provided in the council packet. The goal of the event is to raise money for the community events fund. In order to move forward, the Council needed to approve the addition of a Lauderdale-Falcon Heights Fun Run/Walk to the Day in the Park events.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the addition of a Lauderdale-Falcon Heights Fun Run/Walk to the Day in the Park events. Councilor Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski responded to outstanding Council questions regarding workers' compensation insurance. After checking with the city's insurance agent, she learned the medical coverage would extend until the councilor was well and it would cover council members whenever they were acting in their official role as a council member.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt Resolution 021009B – Authorizing Workers' Compensation Coverage for the Lauderdale City Council. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Since the last meeting, city staff updated the 2009 fee schedule with the Council's suggestion to raise the cigarette license fee to \$200.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt Resolution 021009A – Establishing License and Permit Fees and Administrative Fees and Fines for 2009. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor acknowledged the list of agenda items for the next meeting which included presentations by the city's chief of police and prosecuting attorney as well as a discussion of crosswalks and traffic controls.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Christensen seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski
City Administrator