

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

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August 25, 2015

Mayor Dains called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Councilors present: Mayor Dains, Roxanne Grove, and Lara Mac Lean.
Councilors absent: Mary Gaasch and Denise Hawkinson.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant City Administrator; and Terry Berg, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, motion was made by Councilor Mac Lean to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the City Council meeting minutes of August 11, 2015. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$39,225.44. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Mayor Dains asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the revisions to the City Facility Use Policy and amendment to the Recycling Contract providing for alley collection and acknowledging the PCIC Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentations / Reports

A. Falcon Heights 5K Fun Run/Walk

City Administrator Butkowski noted that the Lauderdale - Falcon Heights 5K Fun Run/Walk is Saturday, September 12 with early registration ending August 30. Race begins at 8:00 a.m.

Discussion / Action Items

A. Ordinance No 15-04 Amending the Rental Property Licensing Provisions

City Administrator Butkowski reviewed the ordinance drafted by City Attorney Ron Batty addressing the issue of family members living in homes but denied relative homestead status by Ramsey County due to the property being purchased by LLC or other business entity. Current code requires a rental housing license without the homestead status. The proposed ordinance provides for an exemption in these unique circumstances. Motion was made by Councilor Mac Lean and seconded by Councilor Grove to adopt Ordinance No 15-04 Amending Title 9, Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Rental Property Licensing Provisions. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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City Administrator noted the next meeting may include the 2016 Levy and Budget, Brandy Chase Reimbursement Request, and presentation by Ramsey County Sheriff Bostrom. A meeting with Adult Services Managers from Ramsey County regarding group homes will be on September 22.

Work Session

A. Public Comment. None.

B. 2016 Budget and Levy

City Administrator Butkowski highlighted the second draft of the budget based on anticipated revenues and expenditures. Since the last meeting, fiscal disparities information has been received with the City receiving \$12,919 less in 2016 due to the tax petition of Ford Motors.

Administrator Butkowski noted that expenditures are coming in at a modest 3.2% over 2015. The primary cost increases are for the police contract (\$18,675), Comprehensive Plan update (\$15,000), staffing costs (\$14,877), and the loss of fiscal disparities totaling a deficit of \$68,823.

Council discussion ensued with consensus to raise the levy to cover the anticipated deficit. As the former Luther Seminary student housing site is now taxable property, the impact of the increase is expected to be diluted. Staff will refine the budget for discussion in September with levy adoption at the September 22 council meeting.

C. Community Development Update

Administrator Butkowski noted that pedestrian crosswalk request has not been addressed by Ramsey County to-date. Mayor Dains noted that he researched that intersection in comparison to others and the time is shorter than the standard 25 seconds. City Administrator will contact Ramsey County again.

Mayor Dains noted that he had received complaints regarding early morning lawn mowing. Administrator Butkowski noted that mowing and related activities are allowed on weekdays starting at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.

The new fitness center is under construction.

There being no further business on the council agenda, motion was made by Councilor Mac Lean and seconded by Councilor Grove, carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry J. Berg
Deputy City Clerk