

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

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May 12, 2009

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

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

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Butkowski added a large-group park reservation for May 17, **Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Doherty moved approval of the April 28, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked the councilors if they had questions regarding the claims. There being none, **Councilor Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$84,886.54. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the Council. Larry Lambert, 1803 Eustis Street, asked the Council whether the City had a means to address property maintenance, especially at single-family homes that are rented. The Mayor explained the rental housing ordinance. Butkowski also explained that staff would be sending out nuisance violation letters now that the appointed "clean up" time is over.

Chief Ohl addressed the Council. He said this year the City was represented by three outstanding residents' that completed the Citizens' Academy. Officer Sunde explained the goal of the academy is to provide residents insight into the work of officers. She added that the academy was expanded to eight weeks this year. She then introduced the academy graduates in attendance: Tim Anderson and Dawn Bartylla. Melissa Carr completed the program but was unable to attend the city council meeting.

Mayor Dains thanked the residents and said their work was done in the traditional spirit of Lauderdale volunteerism. He said the academy is one of the hallmarks of the three city relationship and thanked St. Anthony Police for their hard work.

Bownik reminded the Council and residents of the May 16 garage sale starting at 8:00 a.m. Twenty six residents registered garage sales and the sale was advertized through a myriad of different venues.

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Butkowski updated the Council on the status of the Larpenteur Avenue Bridge project. She noted stop signs had been placed at the Como/TH280 intersection to prevent ongoing back ups onto TH280. Additionally, this Friday the traffic would start to be diverted up and down the exit ramps so bridge take-down could start Saturday.

Since the last meeting, the St. Anthony City Council considered the termination language proposed by Lauderdale and Falcon Heights for the 2010-2012 police contract. They did not approve the annual opt-out provision. Subsequently, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights proposed alternative language initiating a five percent penalty of the remaining contract for the party wishing to leave the contract. The Council discussed this option. If the language is agreed to by St. Anthony, a final draft of the police contract will be brought before the City Council for a vote at the next meeting.

The Mayor asked councilors which day they preferred to have the annual goal setting session. June 9 and 23 were discussed as options.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to hold the annual goal setting session on June 23 at 5:00 p.m. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

A park application for a large group was added to the agenda at the start of the meeting.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the park application from Silvana Stoyanova for May 17 from 1 – 8 p.m. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

The Mayor acknowledged the list of agenda items for the next meeting which included adoption of the illicit discharge ordinance, a discussion of proposed stormwater ordinance revisions from the city engineer, and an agreement with Roseville regarding the sanitary sewer on the west side of TH280.

Mayor Dains explained the Council was moving into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meetings but not aired on community television.

Staff highlighted aspects of the illicit discharge ordinance drafted by the city engineer. An issue brought up during the annual stormwater public hearing was misdirected sprinklers and whether they conveyed pollutants to the storm sewers. This ordinance would exempt landscape irrigation or lawn watering from the list of illicit discharges. The engineer said public education is a better mechanism for changing people's habits than criminal penalties.

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Also discussed were swimming pools as a couple of the multifamily units have them. The ordinance states that swimming pools are considered dechlorinated if they sit for seven days without receiving additional chlorine. After dechlorination, the water may be drained to the storm sewer.

Finally, the Council discussed the enforcement and penalty provisions. Staff told the Council the provisions were similar to those of the illicit discharge ordinance for the sanitary sewer, whereby the City reserved the right to inspect properties. If owners object, they may retain their own inspector so long as the inspector's credentials are acceptable to the City. As the Council had no additional questions, staff said they will bring the ordinance to the Council for adoption at the next meeting.

The Council evaluated the preliminary 2010 budget staff prepared. The goal of presenting the budget this early was to give the Council the opportunity to see the effects of proposed Local Government Aid (LGA) reductions. Staff said they would be analyzing the sewer enterprise funds to make sure the revenue covered the costs to run the sanitary and storm sewer systems.

The budget presented allowed for five staff members. Staff agreed to work with the Mayor to identify needs and costs for a permanent deputy city clerk.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski
City Administrator