

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

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May 26, 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.

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 May 12, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Doherty 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 \$20,356.12. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the Council. Matt Saumweber, 2349 Summer Street, addressed the Council about the conduct seen at Community Park. He mentioned an altercation that occurred, swearing at the basketball courts, and off-leash dogs. The Mayor invited Saumweber to stay for the work session as park issues were on the agenda for discussion.

Mayor Dains asked if councilors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. There being none, **Councilor Christensen moved the consent agenda approving the PCIC minutes from May 18, 2009, and park reservation applications. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Butkowski said the city attorney reviewed the illicit discharge detection and elimination ordinance since the last meeting and provided no additional comments for the Council. The ordinance is a requirement of the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program. It prohibits the discharge of pollutants into the storm sewer system and provides the City with enforcement tools in the event of a violation.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing regarding ordinance 09-01 pertaining to the illicit discharge detection and elimination ordinance at 7:38 p.m. As no one wished to address the Council, the public hearing was closed at 7:39 p.m.

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As there was no further council discussion, **Councilor Doherty moved to adopt ordinance 09-01 adding Section 8-5 to the Code of Ordinances regarding Illicit Discharge and Illicit Connections to the Storm Sewer System. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Christensen moved to adopt resolution 052609B – A Resolution Authorizing Publication of Ordinance 09-01 by Title and Summary. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski explained that Melissa Carr, owner of 1903 Walnut Street, applied for a fence and retaining wall permit. As she requested a front yard fence, Council approval was required. Carr provided an updated diagram of the proposed fence showing she intended to stay 22 feet from the road or nine feet from the right-of-way.

Councilor Christensen moved to approve the front yard fence as presented in the updated site plan and as presented in the council packet. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski said that Ramsey County notified the City that American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, also known as stimulus funds, were available through Ramsey County in the form of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). City staff submitted an initial letter of interest from which Ramsey County allowed the City to submit a formal request for funding for playground improvements. Staff drafted the application to fund the \$50,000 worth of playground improvements planned for 2009 that were put on hold in light of local government aid cuts. A city council resolution must be submitted along with the application.

Councilor Doherty moved to adopt resolution 052609A – A Resolution Authorizing Application for CDBG-R Funds for Playground Improvements at Lauderdale Community Park. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor suggested postponing the goal setting session agreed upon at the last meeting (June 23) until more information regarding the local government aid cuts was available. The council members agreed.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to postpone the June 23 goal setting session until another time and date were chosen by the city council. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor acknowledged the list of agenda items for the next meeting which included review of an updated stormwater management ordinance, a sanitary sewer agreement with

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Roseville, 2010-2011 police contract, floodplain ordinance, Music Under the Trees report, and recycling fees joint powers agreement.

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.

The Mayor said that he received complaints about a number of park issues ranging from litter to inappropriate language and conduct. He said he spoke to Chief Ohl about the issues and they agreed on additional foot patrol in the park and discussed developing signage.

The councilors discussed the issues brought to their attention by residents. Saumweber also contributed his experiences living by the park to the discussion. St. Anthony Police Officer Josh White was in attendance and noted many of the same issues occur in other parks in the area.

The Council agreed on a course of action for addressing the park issues. The Council will hold the June 9 city council meeting work session at the park. Staff was directed to advertise the event through the usual media tools in addition to sending letters to residents that live around the park. Staff was also asked to develop signs promoting appropriate park conduct.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Christensen seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski
City Administrator