

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

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August 25, 2009

The Mayor called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilors present: Clay Christensen, Karen Doherty, 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. There being none, **Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Doherty moved to approve the August 11, 2009, City Council goal setting meeting minutes. Councilor Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the August 11, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Mac Lean asked about the barricades for National Night Out. Councilor Hawkinson asked about the City's experience with Cintas.

**Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$42,398.47. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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

Mayor Dains asked if councilors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. Councilor Doherty removed the item concerning Day in the Park. **Councilor Doherty moved the remaining consent agenda item approving the park shelter request for September 12. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Christensen updated the Council on what he learned at the recent Ramsey County League of Local Governments Meeting. The meeting was held with the Metropolitan Council so the topic was regional planning. Among the items discussed were transit, regional parks, and the regional wastewater treatment system.

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Butkowski said Ehlers and Associates provided a resolution for the Council to adopt if they would still like to call the 2000a series bonds in October. Member Doherty introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 082509A  
CALLING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF  
GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2000A

WHEREAS:

- A. The City of Lauderdale, Minnesota, has heretofore issued its General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2000A (the "Bonds").
- B. The Bonds maturing on February 1 in the years 2010 through 2012, both inclusive, are subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the City on February 1, 2009, and on any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.
- C. The City Council deems it desirable and in the best interests of the City to call the Bonds maturing in the years 2010 through 2012, both inclusive, on October 15, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lauderdale, Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Bonds maturing on February 1 in the years 2010 through 2012, both inclusive, shall be redeemed and prepaid on October 15, 2009, at a price of par and accrued interest.
2. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the call to be mailed to the paying agent for the Bonds at least 30 days prior to October 15, 2009. The notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Christensen and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof; council members Christensen, Doherty, Hawkinson, Mac Lean, and Mayor Dains.**

Butkowski told the Council that the three year agreement with Abdo, Eick, and Meyers (Abdo) for auditing services was completed. The Council may consider retaining Abdo or have staff prepare an RFP for auditing services.

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Councilors recognized the benefit of retaining Abdo. They are helping the City prepare for the GASB 45 standard in addition to having prepared the city's TIF statements for a number of years. The Council directed staff to get a one to three year quote from Abdo for auditing services to consider.

The Council looked at the updated preliminary budget. Since the last meeting, staff learned that the City would receive \$11,311 more in fiscal disparities than 2009 and that the median home value in Lauderdale had dropped 5.6% to \$186,150. The drop in median home value impacted the local tax rate, which results in little net benefit from the fiscal disparities increase. Councilors noted that the .8% levy increase reflected in the proposed 2010 budget only netted an additional \$4,452 to off-set operating increases and the potential for further unallotments, emerald ash borer expenses, and the uptick in tax petitions. The proposed general fund budget is 5.0% less than 2009 due to the loss of local government aid. The 2010 budget has no budgeted transfers to the reserve funds to save for infrastructure improvements.

The Council asked staff to bring back information on the revenue generated from one, two, and three percent levy increases. The preliminary levy will be set at the next meeting.

Councilor Doherty removed the Day in the Park item from the Consent Agenda. Councilors Doherty and Mac Lean read the names of Day in the Park contributors and volunteers including: Lauderdale Wellness Center; Nelsons Financial Services; James Roehrenback, State Farm Insurance; Xcel Energy; International Operating Engineers Local #70; SuperUSA; Lauderdale BP; Caribou Coffee Har Mar; Tim and Tom's Speedy Market; Flaherty's Bowl; Bruegger's Bagel Bakery; Boy Scout Troop #254, Northern Lights 4-H; City Gables; CTV Television; Parks and Community Involvement Committee; City Council; city staff; and community volunteers.

**Councilor Doherty moved to formally accept and thank the volunteers and contributors that made Day in the Park a success. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The Mayor acknowledged the list of agenda items for the next meeting which included setting the preliminary 2010 levy.

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.

Councilor Christensen explained the proposal he prepared with Councilor Hawkinson to allow dogs off-leash in the City Park. The proposal required that dogs be under sight and voice control at all times. He said if control could not be demonstrated, an officer may require the owner to put the dog on a leash.

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Councilor Doherty asked what would happen to repeat offenders? She favored a warning and citation system so that owners could be held accountable for their pets. Staff was asked to invite Captain Cotroneo or Chief Ohl to the next meeting to discuss the concept and update the document originally prepared by Councilors Christensen and Hawkinson with the suggestions from the meeting.

**There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski  
City Administrator