

***MINUTES OF THE LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007  
8:00 p.m. Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street***

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Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and asked Administrator Heck to take the roll. Members present: Council members Karen Gill-Gerbig, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Jeff Dains.

Also present were staff members Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator and Heather Butkowski, Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Dains asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Heck said there will not be a formal recognition and graduation of the residents who participated in the St. Anthony Police Department's Citizen Academy but one student is here to be introduced. Heck also indicated item 7-A could be removed due to ongoing litigation. Mayor Dains asked to have three items added to the agenda. He requested a moment of silence to honor a request from a resident in recognition of D-Day, a discussion of funding available through Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) and an update on the status of the BP gas station. There being no further suggested changes, council member Gill-Gerbig moved approval of the agenda. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 24, 2007, City Council minutes. There being no amendments to the minutes, council member Hawkinson moved approval. Council member Christensen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains asked if there were any questions on the claims. Council member Gill-Gerbig asked for clarification on the item marked "Storm water education". Heck stated it was for joining a metropolitan storm water protection group that does education and promotion. There being no further comments on the claims, Council member Hawkinson moved to approve the claims in the amount of \$59,357.17. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains asked if anyone present wished to address the Council on issues not on the agenda. There being none, the Council took up consideration of the consent agenda.

Council member Christensen moved approval of the consent agenda approving change orders for the tennis and basketball court project, approval of pay request #2 for the community park project, and approval of rental housing license applications. Council member Gill-Gerbig seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains said he received a request from a resident asking that the council have a moment of silence for those who participated in D-Day. Following the moment of silence, Mayor Dains recognized Mr. Bob Lerfald as a recent participant in the "Citizens Academy" a program that gives citizens an insight into the workings of the police

department. Mr. Lerfald outlined the content of the program for the council and encouraged other residents to get involved with this program.

Mayor Dains told the council he spoke to a Transit for Livable Communities board member. He said she was surprised Lauderdale did not submit an application and she encouraged Lauderdale to submit one. The mayor stated he thought Lauderdale was going to participate and submit an application.

Heck told the council staff met with and discussed several project options with St. Paul, Minneapolis, Roseville, St. Anthony, Falcon Heights, and the U of M. As it turned out, St. Paul submitted their own application and Falcon Heights and Roseville submitted a joint application. He said staff decided to wait until the next possible funding opportunity to submit an application as there would be a better opportunity to connect to other trails. Heck said staff would look into this opportunity.

The council moved into their work session to discuss capital plans for Lauderdale parks and open space. Micah Harpel and Kathy Lerfald, members of the PCIC, were present for this discussion.

Heck outlined the memorandum and the process used to arrive at the suggestions presented.

The council discussed the general purpose of each Lauderdale park area. All agreed there needs to be additional emphasis on the maintenance aspect of the parks. The council also felt the Ione and Walnut area should not have a community fire pit and felt the Walsh lake area did not need picnic tables but benches instead.

Council member Hawkinson commented she would like to see improvements to the hockey rink moved up to 2008. Her reason for doing so is to give kids who roller blade, skateboard and bike a place to do this so they are not on the new tennis courts.

The rest of the council agreed with this suggestion.

Heck asked if this meant moving the playground improvements. Heck stated staff put the playground upgrades in 2008 due to the age and potential hazards the existing equipment poses. He also said it was the intent of staff to use volunteers to install new equipment under the supervision of the manufacture or supplier.

Lerfald suggested both the hockey rink and the playground area be completed in 2008 if there is a way to make the funding work.

Additionally, council member Gill-Gerbig didn't feel that only signs were enough to identify public from private land and that some type of physical barrier, such as a split rail fence, was necessary.

After further discussion and suggestions, Heck said staff would revise the park plan and work the playground and hockey rink into the 2008 budget for council consideration.

Council member Doherty suggested the Falcon Heights / Lauderdale Lions as a possible source of funding for part of the improvements for 2008. She also wanted to make sure the items identified by the PCIC last year were included in this document.

The Mayor mentioned he and the Administrator spoke to a representative from the BP gas station on Monday about possible plans for remodeling and expansion. Mayor Dains stated Kirk is considering moving forward with previous plans for an expanded convenience store and a possible coffee shop.

There being no further items for Council consideration, Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Gill-Gerbig seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.