

***MINUTES OF THE LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007  
7:30 p.m. Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street***

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Mayor pro-tem Doherty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked Administrator Heck to take the roll. Members present: Council members Karen Gill-Gerbig, Denise Hawkinson, Clay Christensen, and Karen Doherty. Mayor Dains was not present.

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

Mayor pro-tem Doherty asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There being no additions or deletions from the agenda, council member Christensen moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by council member Hawkinson and carried.

Mayor pro-tem Doherty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 6, 2007, City Council minutes. There being no amendments to the minutes, council member Hawkinson moved approval. Council member Gill-Gerbig seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor pro-tem Doherty asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being no questions, council member Gill-Gerbig moved to approve the claims in the amount of \$61,449.85. Council member Christensen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor pro-tem Doherty 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.

Mayor pro-tem Doherty asked if the Council wished to add or remove anything from the consent agenda. There being no such motion, council member Hawkinson moved approval of the consent agenda approving rental housing license applications. Council member Gill-Gerbig seconded the motion and it carried.

The Council set the agenda for the next meeting. Administrator Heck said the items for the next agenda included Larpenteur Avenue discussion, street discussion on speed limits and bumps, possibly County road turn back, 2008 budget, and Day in the Park.

The Council moved into their work session following a five minute break.

The first item discussed by the Council was the first section of the draft nuisance ordinance. The section related to abandoned property. The Council made suggestions for staff to review and will discuss the first two parts of section two of the ordinance at the next meeting.

The Council then discussed the 2008 draft budget. Specific items of discussion included park development funding concepts, providing for development funds, and drawing down the TIF fund balance.

Heck stated the proposed budget includes approximately \$36,000 as contingency. 2007 has \$15,000 in contingency. It was suggested to keep \$15,000 in contingency and move the balance to the development line, approximately \$20,000.

Heck addressed the Park Improvement Fund and indicated the 2008 draft calls for a \$90,000 transfer from the General Capital Improvement Fund to help cover the costs of a rehabilitated hockey rink and playground. Heck went on to say he understands the Council has park maintenance and improvement as a high priority, and to that end, a funding source needs to be arrived at. Heck described several possible methods. After discussion, the council asked Heck to put in a fixed dollar amount in the General Fund as a budgeted transfer to the Park Improvement Fund.

Finally, Heck addressed the TIF account. He went over the uses of TIF and suggested the City budget funds to cover the cost of a feasibility study for Eustis Street and work with the County on the turn back issue. He also suggested funds be set aside to purchase vacant and other property in the city and then offer the housing sites to Habitat for Humanity, the Rondo Land Trust or some organization for development of new or rehabilitated housing for low and moderate income families. The Council endorsed the general idea and asked staff to include expenses relating to these activities.

There being no further items to discuss, Council member Gill-Gerbig moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and the Council adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.