

***MINUTES OF THE LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL***

***TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007***

***8:00 p.m. Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street***

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Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. and asked Administrator Heck to take the roll. Members present: Council members Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, and Clay Christensen and Mayor Dains.

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

Mayor Dains asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mayor Dains requested removing the resolution prepared for council member Karen Gill-Gerbig and requested adding a comment on September 11, 2001. There being no further requests, council member Christensen moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by council member Doherty and carried.

Mayor Dains asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 28, 2007, City Council minutes. There being no amendments to the minutes, council member Hawkinson moved approval. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains asked if there were any questions on the claims. Council member Hawkinson asked about the size of the archery bails and if this will be the size from now on. Heck said he didn't know, but the information will be part of the Friday report. There being no further questions, council member Hawkinson moved to approve the claims in the amount of \$78,327.12. Council member Christensen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains asked if anyone present wished to address the Council on issues not on the agenda. No residents were present to address the Council.

Mayor Dains asked if the Council wished to add or remove items from the consent agenda. Council member Hawkinson requested removing item b) PCIC member appointment. There being no other items to remove, Council member Hawkinson moved approval of the consent agenda consisting of the following: a) accepting the low quote for installation of flooring in the social room, and b) approving the agreement with Bonestroo for sanitary sewer mapping. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains requested a moment of silence to commemorate those who died in the World Trade Center attack six (6) years ago.

Heck provided the Council with a brief update on the status of the TH280 project. Mayor Dains suggested Senator Marty and Representative Griling be invited to a council meeting before the legislative session begins to discuss the Larpentour / Hennepin Avenue Bridge replacement.

Mayor Dains opened the discussion on filling the vacant Council seat. He stated there were four candidates for the two open seats. He indicated the Council has a few options available including not filling the seat.

Following the discussion, Council member Doherty moved to delay the appointment until after the general election in November and to appoint the candidate with the highest number of votes to fill out the remainder of the term. Council member Christensen seconded the motion and it carried on a roll call with Members Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and Dains all voting yes.

Heck told the council the Minnesota Electrical Association requested the use of the social room to conduct training as a part of their apprentice program. Heck went on to say they would like to have a reduced rate and committed to 27 weeks.

Council Member Hawkinson moved and council member Doherty seconded a motion allowing the Minnesota Electrical Association to reserve the social room at the resident rate for weeknights. On weekend they will pay the full non-resident rate. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

Heck outlined the 2008 proposed tax levy and additional options. He said that in the two levy options, one allowed for additional funds for transfer to the Debt Service funds and the other is the original levy proposal.

Council member Christensen moved Resolution 091107-A Levying Taxes for 2007 Payable in 2008 in the amount of \$551,634. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried on a roll call vote with members Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen, and Dains all voting yes.

Council member Hawkinson asked that park committee appointments be removed for discussion. Bownik stated that Ms. Barbara Meier withdrew her application for appointment. Council member Hawkinson felt the Certificate of Recognition should be considered separately and not on the consent. Council member Doherty agreed with Hawkinson and extended her thanks to Ms. Michelle Krug for her involvement, work and support of the PCIC.

Council member Hawkinson moved to appoint Bob Milligan and Gretel Keene to the PCIC. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

The Council set the agenda for the next meeting:

- 1) Comprehensive Plan Update
- 2) Step Increase for Heather Butkowski
- 3) Halloween Party

The Council moved to the work session to discuss the request from 1953 Carl for a retaining wall in the front yard and to meet with Stacie Kvilvnag.

The Council discussed with Ms. Kvilvnag options and possible costs for the redevelopment of the Larpenteur Avenue corridor. Ms. Kvilvnag separated the area into three "project" areas and

provided the Council with information as to what type of development would work the best in these areas based on the market and her discussions with developers. She indicated that most of the areas are too small for retail type development and that housing or some type of housing / office mix might work on the southwest area. The main concern for retail development is access. The Council also discussed the possible impact the new Bridge will have on the area. After additional discussion, Heck was asked to organize a meeting together with owners/representatives along the corridor.

The Council discussed the request made by Mr. and Ms. Schultz of 1953 Carl for a retaining wall. Heck provided some information on their property before and after grading. The Council asked Heck to work with the engineer to get better information. They also requested that when this issue comes up again, to have the right staff at the table.

There being no further items for consideration, council member Christensen moved to adjourn. Council member Doherty provided the second and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian W. Heck  
City Administrator