

MINUTES OF THE LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007
7:00 p.m. Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street

Mayor Jeffrey Dains called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and asked Administrator Heck to call roll.

Council members present were Denise Hawkinson, Clay Christensen and Mayor Jeffrey Dains.

City Administrator, Brian Heck; Assistant to the Administrator, Jim Bownik; Heather Butkowski, Deputy City Clerk; Chief John Ohl; Officer Mark Mosby; and Marc Guess from Mn/Dot were also present.

Mayor Dains began the meeting by welcoming all in attendance for the sound wall presentation and discussion. Mayor Dains provided some historical background and introduced Mr. Marc Guess from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).

Mr. Guess outlined the current situation related to the construction of a sound wall along TH280. He said the department does not have the funding at this time, but is requesting the sound barrier as part of the emergency appropriation. He stated a standard sound wall is constructed of concrete posts and timber slats and can be up to 20' high. Lauderdale's sound wall could run from the corner of the Midland Hills Golf Course fence to just north of Larpenteur Avenue thereby closing off both Walnut Street and Roselawn Avenue.

The meeting was opened for public comments and questions. Questions related to height, location, timing, and who to contact to "lobby" for funding.

Mayor Dains asked which residents were in favor of the wall. All in the room favored a wall; two preferred the wall south of Ione Street be tiered to preserve their view of the Minneapolis skyline.

The community meeting ended at 8:00 p.m. and the Council recessed.

The Council returned from recess at 8:23 p.m.

Council member Christensen moved to approve the agenda. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council member Christensen moved to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2007, City Council meeting. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Christensen moved approval of the claims in the amount of \$28,878.80. Council member Hawkinson provided the second and the motion carried.

Council member Hawkinson moved to approve the consent agenda approving the appointment of Kendra Kauppi to the PCIC. Council member Christensen provided the second and the motion carried.

Bownik provided information on the planning progress for the annual Halloween party at City Hall.

Bownik provided the Council with information and background on the request by Mr. and Ms. Vincze of 1821 Malvern Street to construct a 6' privacy fence extending from 2' off the rear property line to 1' off the front yard property line. Bownik stated the fence extends approximately 18' into the front yard and Council approval is required for front yard fences.

Council member Christensen asked if an explanation was given and Bownik stated a reason was not provided. Butkowski stated her conversations with the requestors; the couple indicated they wished to screen their property from the rental property to the south.

Council member Hawkinson raised concern for the sight lines coming out of the driveway. Bownik explained the end of the fence will stop 16' before the roadway.

Council member Doherty joined the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Council member Christensen moved to approve the request as submitted. Council member Hawkinson seconded and the motion passed with members Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen, and Mayor Dains all voting yes.

The Council laid out possible items for the next meeting and moved into work session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss the draft inflow and infiltration ordinance, the 2008 budget, and Community Park priorities.

Heck and Butkowski outlined the issues and answered questions relating to the suggested sewer ordinance amendments. Heck stated staff obtained information on certifying costs to repair non-conforming systems to owners' property taxes as a special assessment from Minnetonka and included it in the ordinance. Additionally, staff developed a policy outlining how the grant program works.

Staff was asked to send the draft ordinance to the attorney for review.

Heck outlined the draft 2008 budget and indicated the areas the Council might want to discuss further. The two items are continued funding to deliver the Roseville Review to residents and prioritizing community park improvements.

Council requested Heck meet with the publisher to discuss ongoing issues of delivery and coverage.

Heck indicated the Council identified two priorities associated with community park improvements, and based on estimates received from Bonestroo and Game Time, the cost to move ahead with both projects is prohibitive. Heck suggested the Council identify the priority project to complete in 2008.

The Council determined the project to complete in 2008 is surfacing the hockey rink. The Council agreed to leave the rink the same size and will determine orientation and surface material upon receiving information on the cost to paint the surface annually. The Council asked staff to check with the hockey association about assisting with the project. Additionally, the Council requested the hazardous equipment be removed from the playground area and to have the PCIC work over the next spring and summer to develop plans and options for enhancing the playground for the 2009 budget.

Council member Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Heck
City Administrator