

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2006
7:30 p.m. Lauderdale City Council Chambers

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked the administrator to take the roll.

Present were council members Karen Gill-Gerbig, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen and Mayor Dains.

Staff present was Brian Bakken Heck, Jim Bownik and Heather Butkowski.

The mayor added a discussion item to the work session regarding the possible redevelopment of the BP gas station on Larpenteur Avenue. The agenda as amended was approved on a motion by Christensen and a second by Doherty. Motion carried.

The mayor asked the council for additions or corrections to the council minutes for the November 29, 2005 meeting. There being none, the minutes passed on a motion by Doherty and a second by Gill-Gerbig. The mayor then asked for additions or correction to the minutes for the December 13, 2005 council meeting. Gill-Gerbig made a correction to page 4, paragraph 3, line one by inserting "...no earlier than..." after "time". Minutes were approved with the addition on a motion by Gill-Gerbig and a second by Christensen.

Claims in the amount of \$434,838.79 were presented for approval. Gill-Gerbig suggested changing the detail on the purchase of propane for the Halloween event to reflect it being used for a grill, not the mini-doughnut machine. Claims as presented were approved on a motion by Gill-Gerbig and a second by Doherty.

The council approved the consent agenda consisting of a) decrease in the mileage reimbursement rate from .485 cents per mile to .405 cents per mile and b) modifications to the petty cash policy on a motion by Christensen and a second by Gill-Gerbig.

On a motion by Christensen and a second by Doherty, the council appointed Denise Hawkinson to fill the council seat vacated by Moose Giannetti.

The council took up the variance request made by Kevin and Donald Bumgardner for property located at 1801 Eustis. Assistant to the Administrator, Bownik provided the council with a background on the issue and the specifics of the variance request. Bownik stated a variance is required because the addition is increasing by two feet (2'). Bownik also indicated the Bumgardner's plan to remove the existing flat roof and replace it with a pitched roof.

Following this presentation, the mayor opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. Kevin Bumgardner told the council they plan to remove the existing addition and reconstruct it. He stated the existing addition is constructed on a slab and as a result, the floors are bowing and there are other problems with the building. They plan to rebuild the addition and extend it back approximately two feet (2').

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Council member Christensen asked about building height. Bownik stated the ordinance allows a two story building or a height of 30', which ever is higher. The proposed height of the building with the new pitched roof is expected to be just over 22'

Larry Lambert of 1803 Eustis addressed the council regarding the proposal. He asked about the size of the addition as well as potential water run off. Kevin Bumgardner said the proposal is to extend the addition 2' toward the ally. He also said they will be installing gutters and downspouts.

There being no further comments, the mayor closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Christensen moved approval of the variance request with the condition the Bumgardner's install gutters and downspouts on the roof. Motion seconded by Gill-Gerbig and carried with council members Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and mayor Dains.

The council then addressed the Solid Waste Ordinance. Bownik provided information on the changes to the ordinance and addressed questions the council posed from the last discussion on the issue.

The mayor opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m. There being no parties present to address this issue, the mayor closed the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Council member Gill-Gerbig moved and council member Hawkinson seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance number 06-01: An Ordinance Amending Section 4-2 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Garbage and Refuse. Motion carried with council members Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and mayor Dains all voting yes.

Bakken Heck presented the 2006 fee schedule for consideration by the council. He indicated the prior issue of the council dealt with the charge for a tobacco license. Staff recommended if the council desired to increase this fee, to do it gradually over time.

Following discussion, council member Christensen moved Resolution Number 011006B Establishing 2006 License, Administrative Services, Permits and Penalty Fees and amending the tobacco license from \$40.00 to \$100.00. Motion seconded by Gill-Gerbig and carried with council members Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and mayor Dains all voting yes.

On a motion by council member Doherty and a second by Gill-Gerbig, the council made the following appointments:

Primary Legal Newspaper	Roseville Review
Secondary Legal Newspaper	St. Paul Pioneer Press & Lauderdale Newsletter
Official Depository	North Star Bank

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Acting Mayor	Clay Christensen
NSCC	Mayor Dains (Hawkinson alternate)
Planning Commission	Christensen (Mayor alternate) Staff – Bownik
RCLLG	Mayor Dains (Christensen alternate) Staff – Bakken Heck
MWMO	Gill-Gerbig
RCW	BRAA
SRA	Bakken Heck (Christensen Alt)
LMC	Bakken Heck
Police Committee	Mayor Dains Bakken Heck Staff
City Engineer	Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik
City Attorney Civil	Kennedy and Graven – Ron Batty
City Attorney Criminal	Hughes and Costello – Martin Costello
Tree Commission	Gill-Gerbig (Mayor Dains alt) Staff - Bownik

Motion carried with council members Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and mayor Dains voting yes.

Christensen moved the approval of 2006 wages and benefits for city employees. Motion seconded by Doherty and carried with Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and mayor Dains all voting yes.

Butkowski presented the council information on the city's investment policy and discussed the strategy the city will use in managing the investments. Council member Gill-Gerbig moved and Christensen seconded the approval of the 2006 City of Lauderdale investment policy. Motion carried with council members Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen and mayor Dains voting yes. Council member abstained.

Council member Hawkinson offered Resolution No. 011006D Designating Official Depositories and Investment Institutions. Motion second by Christensen and carried with council members Gill-Gerbig, Hawkinson, Christensen and mayor Dains voting yes. Council member Doherty abstained.

Bownik presented the council with background on the tree commission and offered options for the council to consider. He stated the council appointed three members to the commission last January but due to staff turn over and the departure of one member of the commission, they never met.

Gill-Gerbig suggested the council create an environmental policy commission that would encompass trees, land, water and other concerns related to the environment and public lands held by the city.

Following additional discussion, the council directed staff to attempt to recruit new members for the commission.

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WORK SESSION

Bakken Heck discussed the rental issue with the council. He said staff is suggesting a different approach to the whole program. This new approach would involve the adoption of the International Housing Maintenance Code covering the maintenance of rental properties and a licensing section covering the requirements for licensing.

The council generally liked the idea of adopting the International Housing Maintenance Code but wanted to know how doing this address the problems and issues the community raised last summer regarding problem property and residents. Bakken Heck said the proposal is to have a separate licensing provision that will address the issue of police calls, violations of the ordinance, licensing issues and such. He said staff will have this part of the program ready for council discussion at the next meeting.

Bakken Heck discussed with the council the manner in which they receive compensation. It was the consensus of the council to receive their pay checks monthly with the final payroll of the month. Staff encouraged the council to utilize direct deposit.

Mayor Dains informed the council that the owners of the BP in town are interested in expanding their facility and in the process creating a car wash, additional service capacity and a convenience store. He presented the council with a preliminary design and asked if the council would support such a concept. Part of the plan would require a zoning change from the residential district to some other district that supports service station activities.

Gill-Gerbig voiced concern over changing the current R1 zone to something to allow repair bays. She felt this may lead to other R1 areas becoming commercial/retail. She also felt the repair bays may cause problems being so close to the residential area.

After further discussion, the council voiced the opinion of keeping an open mind toward such a project.

There being no further discussion, council member Christensen moved, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.