

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006

Mayor Jeffrey Dains called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked administrator Heck to call roll.

Council members present: Karen Gill-Gerbig, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen and Mayor Jeffrey Dains

Staff present: Jim Bownik and Heather Butkowski.

Mayor Dains asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Heck informed the council that State Senator John Marty was unable to make the meeting due to a last minute conflict. There being no other additions or deletions, council member Christensen moved and Hawkinson seconded the agenda. The motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of June 27, 2006. There being none, council member Hawkinson moved and council member Doherty seconded the minutes as presented and the motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked for questions on the claims. There being none, council member Gill-Gerbig moved and Hawkinson seconded approval of the claims totaling \$90,633.93. The motion carried.

Mayor Dains stated this was the time for members of the audience to address the council on items not on the agenda. No one was present to address the council.

The consent agenda authorizing the addition of Joseph Kennedy to the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee carried on a motion by council member Hawkinson and a second by Doherty.

The council set the agenda for the July 25, 2006 meeting. The following will be on the agenda: presentation by Coralie Wilson, CTV; State Senator John Marty; adoption of the rental housing license ordinance; PCIC and Tennis Court / Park Plan update; Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee update; resolution adopting fee for rental license; dispatch services agreement, and discussion of windmill on the Bolger printing property.

Bownik provided information on "Day in the Park" scheduled for Saturday, August 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Work Session convened at 7:35 p.m.

Heck and Mary Tietjen, city attorney, provided an outline of the alterations to the most recent draft of the rental housing license ordinance. They stated the major alteration requires an initial inspection of the building proposed for use as rental. The inspection will determine what level of license is required.

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Mayor Dains expressed concern over language in the ordinance that allows the city to assess the cost of an inspection conducted based on complaints made by the occupant. He felt this provision will cause a chilling effect on occupants with valid concerns.

Gill-Gerbig said she favored the language and stated the language is permissive. She preferred keeping the language and modifying it as necessary.

Christensen asked if the council can remove the language and then come back at a later date and insert the language if abuse is occurring.

Tietjen said the council can amend the ordinance at any time. She also raised the issue of enforcing and collecting the inspection fee and stated the license is an agreement between the city and the landlord.

After further discussion, the council instructed staff to make final changes to the ordinance and bring it back for adoption at the next meeting.

The council thanked staff, Ms. Tietjen and the public for their input and assistance in the development of this ordinance.

Heck provided background on the budget and how the budget is tied to the goals and objectives of the council. He discussed specific goals the council established in the past as well as mentioning some areas the council may wish to allocate resources in the future.

Mayor Dains expressed concern over the housing issue and led discussion to the Larpenteur Avenue situation. While he feels the market should drive the development, he also feels the city needs to be involved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Christensen and a second by Gill-Gerbig.