

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2005**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

2. ROLL

Council present: Giannetti, Christensen, McCloskey, Gill-Gerbig and Mayor Dains

Staff present: Getschow, Bownik, Walsh

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. *Approval of Agenda.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Giannetti to approve the agenda. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL

A. *Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2005 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. *Approval of Claims totaling \$56,076.70.* Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$56,076.70. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. CONSENT

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. *Presentation of Plaque to Rick Getschow by Coralie Wilson, Executive Director of the North Suburban Communications Commission.*

Ms. Wilson presented Mr. Getschow with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the North Suburban Communications Commission and the Telecommunications Advisory Committee (TAC). Mr. Getschow had served as the Chair of TAC since July 2001.

*B. Resolution 012505A: Resolution of Commendation for Rick Getschow.*

The City Council thanked Mr. Getschow for his contributions to the City of Lauderdale during his tenure as City Administrator. Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve Resolution 012505A: Resolution of Commendation for Rick Getschow. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*C. Snow\*Commotion, Saturday, February 5, 3:00-6:00 p.m.*

Council member Giannetti stated that while some activities will once again be at the park, new this year will be a chili feed and book sale at City Hall. Also, the horse and buggy ride will travel between City Hall and the park.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. REPORTS

A. 2005 Budget Presentation

Administrator Getschow presented the 2005 budget, stating that where the City sits for 2005 is a product of 2004. Mr. Getschow stated that the levy increased slightly for 2005, by 1.5 %. This is the first increase in the levy since 1999. Even with the increase, if housing values remained the same, the city tax rate would still decrease. Property tax increases are all due to increased property values. Mr. Getschow also stated that copies of the budget are available for review at City Hall.

11. ACTION

*A. Appointment of the Assistant to the City Administrator as the Acting City Administrator.*

The City Council discussed appointing Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator as Acting City Administrator at step 1 of the City Administrator compensation scale.

Council member McCloskey stated that he did not disagree with the appointment, but disagreed with the recommended compensation.

Council member Gill-Gerbig stated that she supports the compensation because anyone in that position deserves fair market value according to the City's compensation scale.

Mayor Dains stated that he supports the compensation because the appointment would be a temporary promotion with a lot of responsibilities.

Council member Christensen stated that he supports the compensation because the appointment would mean that Mr. Bownik would be dealing with the management of people and additional fiduciary and legal responsibilities in addition to his regular job responsibilities.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, Second by Giannetti to appoint Jim Bownik Acting City Administrator at step 1 of the compensation scale effective January 31, 2005. Yes: Dains, Christensen, Giannetti, Gill-Gerbig. No: McCloskey.

*B. Replacement of the City Administrator- Contracted Search Assistance.*

The City Council discussed the search process for the replacement of the City Administrator. The council directed staff to ask Springsted and Wally Wysopal to give a presentation to the City Council at the next meeting.

12. DISCUSSION
13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING
  1. Replacement of the City Administrator
16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig, to adjourn at 8:13 P.M. Ayes: All.