

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2005**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Acting City Administrator Bownik, Deputy Clerk Walsh

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL

*A. Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2005 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$34,541.77.* Motion by Giannetti, second by Christensen to approve the claims totaling \$34,541.77. 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. Mary Croteau.* The Mayor expressed the City's sympathies on the passing of Mary Croteau. Mary was an active leader of the Park and Community Involvement Committee and a valuable volunteer. Mary was wonderful to work with and will be missed.

*B. Snow\*Commotion.* Council member Giannetti stated that the new and improved Snow\*Commotion was successful and well attended this year. The medallion hunt was held at the park, with the rest of the activities occurring at City Hall, which worked out well since the unseasonably warm weather created a lot of standing water by the warming house. New activities this year included a book sale and a chili feed, with the horse and buggy traveling between City Hall and the park. She thanked the Committee and the staff involved in planning the event.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. REPORTS

11. ACTION

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

The City Council listened to presentations from two search consultants to assist the City in the process of finding a new City Administrator. Sharon Klumpp, Vice President of Springsted, proposed a base price of \$9,600, which could be adjusted depending on the City's needs. Wally Wysopal, City Manager of North St. Paul, proposed a cost not to exceed \$5,625. The City Council discussed the two proposals, which offered similar services but differed in price.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to accept the proposal presented by Wally Wysopal to assist in the City Administrator search, not to exceed \$5,625. Roll: Yes. All. Motion carried.

*B. 2004 Year-End Financial and Investment Report*

Acting City Administrator Bownik stated that this report highlights revenue and expenditure activity in 2004 prior to the completion of the financial statements and the audit. The report also included investment information for the year 2004.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve the Year-End 2004 Financial and Investment Report as presented. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

12. DISCUSSION

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

*A. Sound Quality of Meetings.* Mayor Dains stated that he had received some complaints regarding the sound quality from residents watching the meetings. Acting City Administrator Bownik suggested that the cable commission be consulted to help troubleshoot problems and suggest improvements

*B. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO).* Council member Gill-Gerbig informed the City Council and staff that the MWMO has moved their offices from downtown Minneapolis to Lauderdale. They are settling in at a location on Larpenteur Avenue next to Rapit Printing.

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Annual Storm Water Meeting- NPDES Phase II Permit
2. Replacement of the City Administrator Update

A break was taken at 8:02 p.m. to transition into a work session discussion.

16. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m.

*A. Replacement of the City Administrator- Contracted Search Assistance.* The City Council discussed aspects of the City Administrator search with Mr. Wysopal.

*B. Park Improvements.* The City Council discussed the future of the tennis courts, as well as possible ways to honor people such as Mary Croteau and Nora Gille. The City Council directed staff to consult the Park and Community Involvement Committee regarding whether or not to reapply this year for the tennis court grant.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen, to adjourn at 10:06 P.M. Ayes: All.