

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2005**

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

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Administrator Bakken-Heck and Assistant to the Administrator
Bownik

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 McCloskey to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2005 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. *Approval of Claims totaling \$47,541.42.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Christensen to approve the claims totaling \$47,541.42. 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. *Commendation presented to Council Member Jeff McCloskey.* Mayor Dains thanked McCloskey for his years of public service as a council member and member of the refuse task force. He asked Council member Christensen to read the Resolution of Commendation presented to Council Member McCloskey.

Mayor Dains provided an opportunity for other Council members to say a few words about Council member McCloskey.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. REPORTS

- A. *First Quarter Financial Report.* Assistant to the Administrator Jim Bownik presented the council with information on the City's financial standing for the first quarter of 2005. Bownik stated there is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary and that revenue and expenditures are in line with where they should be for this period.

The Council accepted the report on a motion by council member Giannetti and a second by council member Gill-Gerbig. The motion carried with all voting yes.

11. DISCUSSION

12. ACTION

- A. *Emergency 911 dispatch resolution.* City Administrator Bakken-Heck presented information on the 911 consolidated dispatch issue. He informed the Council that both Roseville and Falcon Heights adopted similar ordinances. The affect on the city's residents is an increase in the County property tax to support the consolidated center. Bakken-Heck stated the idea is a good one and the city should support this effort, however, the funding formula needs to be reconsidered.

Council member Christensen moved adoption of Resolution Number 05-01 Resolution Regarding Consolidated E-911 Dispatch In Ramsey County. Resolution seconded by Giannetti and carried on a roll-call vote with all members voting yes.

- B. *Corporate resolution changing signatories.* Mayor Dains asked for a motion on a house cleaning item that removes former Administrator Getschow as a signatory and adding new Administrator Bakken-Heck as a signatory. Moved by council member Gill-Gerbig and seconded by council member Giannetti to remove Rick Getschow as a signatory and add Brian Bakken-Heck. Carried on unanimous roll call vote.

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. *Street Issues.* Council member Gill-Gerbig told the council a resident spoke to her about concerns he has about the condition of the roads that were reconstructed in 2000. He indicated the roads are developing cracks and is suggesting the city look into the feasibility of seal coating or filling the cracks to ensure the integrity of the road. It was the consensus of the council to have staff review the situation with the city engineer and take necessary steps to correct problems if they exist.

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

No items for the June 14th agenda were suggested or identified

16. WORK SESSION

- A. *Parking Issues.* Administrator Bakken-Heck described the issue to the council. He said staff has differing interpretations regarding the driveway and front yard parking issue. The conflict is determining what constitutes the side yard and front yard. Bakken-Heck indicated one opinion holds that side yard space means the entire vehicle must be on the side yard, whereas the other holds that as long as the driveway extends beyond the front plane of the house, the driveway is conforming. Bakken-Heck also said conflicts appear to exist in the various codes and ordinances addressing parking and driveways. Staff is looking for the Council's intent and direction regarding this issue.

The council discussed the issue and all recalled the discussion on the issue focusing on improving the parking/driveway area of those residents who had dirt areas in front of their house where vehicles were parked, to provide additional off-street parking for residents, and to ensure there was not parking in the boulevard (right-of-way).

Council indicated it was not the intent to require homeowners to construct a parking surface that went all the way to the back of the home, but rather to have a parking/driveway surface made of concrete, bituminous, rock, or other structurally sound surface and that the surface extend approximately 18 to 20 feet beyond the curb-cut and apron.

Bakken-Heck summarized his understanding of the Council's intent and direction to 1) bring back revised codes and ordinances so the language is conforming; 2) include a distance requirement of 20 feet beyond the driveway apron; and 3) to reinforce the original intent that parking/driveway spaces off the street are constructed of appropriate material.

- B. *Selection of New Council Member.* The Mayor thanked the Administrator for providing the options and stated he preferred to solicit interested residents and conduct interviews in order to select a new council member.

Following additional discussion, the Council directed staff to post an announcement soliciting interested residents to fill the vacancy. The timeline is to result in the Council conducting interviews of candidates prior to the June 28 Council Meeting.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.