

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2005**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. The Mayor requested the Administrator to call the roll.

Councilmember present: Christensen, Gill-Gerbig, Giannetti, and Mayor Dains

Staff Present: Administrator Bakken-Heck

3. INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL VACANCY

The Mayor stated the Council is conducting interviews with two candidates for the council seat left open by Jeff McCloskey who resigned his seat last month because he moved to New Brighton. The Mayor stated two residents submitted letters of interest and the Council will ask the candidates questions.

Following the interview of both candidates, Ms. Karen Doherty and Ms. Denise Hawkinson, the Council discussed the merits and qualifications of the two candidates.

Council member Christensen moved to appoint Karen Doherty to fill out the remaining term, second by Council member Gill-Gerbig. Motion carried on a roll-call vote with all voting yes.

Administrator Bakken-Heck administered the Oath of Office to Karen Doherty.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Giannetti, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the Agenda and carried.

5. APPROVALS

1. Minutes: Christensen moved the approval of the minutes with the addition of consent items approved second by Gill-Gerbig and carried.
2. Claims: Giannetti moved approval of the claims totaling \$53,456.64, second by Gill-Gerbig and carried.

6. CONSENT

Councilmember Gill-Gerbig moved and Christensen seconded the consent items authorizing the administrators attendance at the 2005 ICMA National Conference held in Minneapolis September 24 -28 at a cost of \$440 plus usual and customary expenses and the purchase of office furniture for the Administrators office at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Driveway and Parking ordinances': the Administrator introduced the item and described the few changes suggested by the Council at the meeting on June 14, 2005.

Council member Christensen moved to adopt the Driveway Requirements ordinance, Chapter 10, Section 9, and Parking Restrictions, Chapter 1, Section 6 as amended. Motion second by Council member Gill-Gerbig and carried on a roll-call vote with council members Christensen, Giannetti, Gill-Gerbig, and Mayor Dains voting yes, Council member Doherty abstaining as she is new and is unfamiliar with the issue.

8. WORK SESSION

Administrator Bakken-Heck will attempt to arrange visits by Commissioner Parker, the St. Anthony Police Department and Elhers and Associates for next meeting.

Rental Property: several residents were present to discuss with the council the issues experienced in the neighborhood from persons in a particular rental building.

Kari Goodmanson stated she owned a duplex across the street and stated there is plenty of activity at the building in the form of police calls, noise, and other undesirable behavior.

Michelle Upham who lives a few houses down from the property in question stated last year one of the tenants chased her into her home while he was naked. This same person attempted to enter her home. She also described loud fights, drinking, and loud music. She stated there are others on in the area who are considering selling due to the behavior of the tenants in the building.

All are asking the Council to find a way to address this issue by making the owner of the building more responsible.

Mayor Dains asked the group if they would be willing to meet with representatives of the police department to discuss what can be done and improve communications between the residents, the city, and the police department. The mayor also suggested getting the landlord out to meet with the council and neighbors about the issue. Council member Gill-Gerbig discussed the potential for creating an ordinance on the regulation of rental property similar to what other cities in the area have.

Following additional discussion, the neighborhood meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social room at City Hall. The Administrator was directed to make arrangements and get the notice out to the area home owners.

Camp/recreational fires : the mayor indicated that he and the former Administrator discussed this issue and did not arrive at any conclusion. He did state that at times there is an odor coming from back yard fires that is disturbing.

Administrator Bakken-Heck stated several cities have regulations regarding backyard fires. The regulations concern when a resident can burn, what they can burn, the location of the fire pit, and restricts burning under certain conditions such as burning bans and air quality warnings. He stated he is drafting an ordinance amendment that includes these issues.

Following further discussion, the administrator was directed to continue to work on the ordinance amendments and bring it back to the council at the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Christensen and a second by Gill-Gerbig.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.