

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2005**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

1. The Mayor requested the Administrator to call the roll.

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

Staff Present: Administrator Bakken-Heck

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVALS

1. Minutes: Christensen moved the approval of the minutes second by Doherty and carried.
2. Claims: Gill-Gerbig moved approval of the claims totaling \$72,347.40 second by Giannetti and carried.
4. Public Discussion of items not on the agenda.
 - a. Ray Seeger appeared before the Council to discuss the issue of the council and mayor not being responsive to citizen issues and for not communicating in a timely manner. He requested the Council pass a resolution or ordinance regarding city communications. Specifically, Mr. Seeger spoke to the street and storm sewer projects of several years ago and the problems he encountered. He also addressed the issue of Midland Hills golf course and their early morning maintenance. Finally, he asked about Ryan Avenue and its use by the Midland Hills and why the city needs the road. Following additional comments by the Council and Mayor, the Mayor said the Administrator will look into the issues raised by Mr. Seeger and provide a writer response.
 - b. Mr. Isaac Lewis of 1846 Walnut addressed the council. He thanked the council for hosting the neighborhood meeting on July 7th and stated that he lives in the building where the problems are occurring. He indicated he spoke to the landlord and will continue to contact him and the police as he wants to be part of the solution

and not the problem. The Mayor encouraged him to get involved in the neighborhood watch group. The council thanked Mr. Lewis.

5. CONSENT

- A. Council member Christensen moved and Giannetti seconded the consent item A) Acknowledge the resignation of Kevin Walsh, Deputy Clerk, and effective 7/8/05 and authorize replacement. Motion carried.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council member Doherty spoke about the day in the park celebration event held on Saturday, July 16, 2005 and encouraged all to come down and enjoy the park, fun and neighbors.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

- A. Proposed Radio Tower construction by Nextel Communications. Nextel representatives spoke to the council about the proposed tower they hope to construct on NewMech property. He said they plan an 85 foot tower locating it next to the existing tower. He stated the company looked at the existing tower and three other towers, but found them unacceptable. The company plans to have the Conditional Use Permit ready for Council consideration by the first part of August. Their timeline has construction completed by fall of this year.
- B. Mr. Mike Heffernan presented the Council with information relating to his desire to use the building at 1801 Eustis as an office building and rent the upper level as housing. He stated the building is not conducive to single family and the current zoning prohibits use as an office or shop of any type.

The Council thanked Mr. Heffernan for addressing the council on the issue.

8. ACTION

Council member Christensen moved adoption of Resolution 072105A commending Kevin Walsh for his service to the City of Lauderdale. Motion seconded by Gill-Gerbig and carried.

9. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Commissioner Parker will attend the August 23 Meeting
2. Ehlers and Associates will be present
3. League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Representative.
4. Preliminary Budget Discussion

10. WORK SESSION

1. The council discussed the draft ordinance on recreational burning. Following discussion, the council directed the Administrator to pare down the ordinance to address the issues of appropriate materials, appropriate time and prohibitions during health alerts.
2. The mayor addressed the issue of meth houses and materials and stated the city of St. Anthony recently passed a comprehensive ordinance on the issue and indicated it seemed to be an issue Lauderdale should address. The Administrator was directed to obtain the ordinance and bring back a draft to the Council as soon as possible.
3. The council continued discussing the building at 1801 Eustis. It was the consensus of the Council that something needs to be done with the property and agreed to get community input on the subject. The meeting is slated for Tuesday, August 9th, 2005 at the regular council meeting. The Administrator is to get notification to the residents in the area.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. on a motion by Christensen and a second by Gill-Gerbig.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.