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Mayor Dains called the meeting of the Lauderdale City Council to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2005 for the purpose of conducting general business of the City of Lauderdale.

ROLL CALL

Council members Clay Christensen, Moose Giannetti, Karen Gill-Gerbig and Karen Doherty were present along with Mayor Jeffrey Dains and City Administrator Brian Bakken-Heck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Dains asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There being none, council member Christensen moved and Council member Giannetti seconded approval of the agenda and the motion carried.

MINUTES

Council member Doherty made a correction to the Minutes of August 9, 2005 by striking item 9 as this is from the minutes of July 26. There being no further changes, Council member Giannetti moved approval of the minutes as amended, second by Council member Gill-Gerbig and passed.

CLAIMS

Mayor Dains asked for questions on the claims. Council member Doherty asked about payment of calls for locates to Gopher 1 Call. Bakken-Heck stated the city pays for locates within the city and the amount represents one months worth of calls. He stated there is about one located per day.

Council member Christensen inquired about the bill for a Swamp Oak. Bakken-Heck stated this represents a reimbursement to a resident who purchased a tree to replace one removed during the road project. He said the city agreed to replace the tree. Because the city could not find one satisfactory, it was agreed the owner would find a tree and have it delivered and planted and the city would reimburse the cost up to a maximum of \$300.00.

There being no further questions on the claims, Council member Christensen moved and Council member Giannetti seconded approval of the claims. The motion carried.

REPORTS

County Commissioner Jan Parker appeared before the council to present information on the activities of the County over the past year. She highlighted several areas where the County excelled and achieved national and state recognition for financial, human services, and other areas.

Commissioner Parker touched on the legislative session and the important issues the County followed and supported. She also touched on the status of some federal

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legislation as well highlighting the award of funds from the state and federal governments for rail projects in Downtown St. Paul as well as down University Avenue.

Commissioner Parker ended with comments on the 800 Mhz radio system and encouraged the city to have a representative at an upcoming meeting where a discussion on funding and other issues will take place. She also commented the county is looking at the 2006 maintenance and construction program and the city should get any projects to the engineer as soon as possible for possible consideration.

Mayor Dains indicated he would like to see Eustis street on the plan. He said the street received a mill and overlay in 1990 with a projected life of 7 to 10 years. The road is 15 years old and in need of repair or reconstruction. Mayor Dains also indicated Larpenteur Avenue is in need of striping. Staff will contact the County on these two issues.

Lieutenant Dominic Cotroneo presented the Annual Report of Law Enforcement Activities in Lauderdale to the County.

Following the presentation, the council thanked him and the department for the excellent job they are doing in the city.

ACTION ITEMS

Recreational fire ordinance – Administrator Bakken-Heck updated the Council on the draft recreational fire ordinance and stated additional items were included in the ordinance at the suggestion of the City Attorney.

Ordinance moved by Council member Christensen and seconded by Council member Doherty and carried on a roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Nextel Telecommunications Conditional Use Permit – Administrator Bakken-Heck stated the Council held the public hearing on this item two weeks ago and staff completed the required findings of fact. Bakken-Heck recommended the Council approve the CUP for Nextel.

Conditional use permit for Nextel moved by Council member Moose Giannetti and second by Council member Karen Gill-Gerbig to permit the construction of a telecommunications tower and utility building at 1633 Eustis as proposed. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting yes.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Resolution setting preliminary levy and setting date for public hearing
2. Nuisance abatement hearing

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WORK SESSION

1. Larpenteur Avenue development discussion - Don Brauer and representatives from the Charrette Center along with Dave Callister and Jessica Cook presented draft plans and financial considerations to the council for review. The council asked several questions regarding size, phasing and estimated costs.

Dave Callister indicated the gap in the project ranges from \$8 to \$13 million and added that with greater density, the gap decreases.

Following additional discussion and questions, the council directed Ehlers and Associates to set up preliminary meetings with several developers to get a feel for the general marketability of such a project and how best to approach the project. It is anticipated these meeting will take place with in the next few weeks and another update provided to the Council in October.

2. Tax increment District 1-1 – Jessica Cook brought up the issue of this district at a prior work session. She presented the Council with a memorandum and options for the use of the funds in this district. Following some discussion, the board directed staff to work with Ehlers and the City Attorney to have the increment from District 1-1 pledged to cover street improvement bonds issued in 2000, 2002 and 2003.
3. Budget discussion other funds – Bakken-Heck suggested the council set the draft levy for the city at the same level as 2005. He made this suggestion due to the fact the Council has a new member, the city a new administrator and the council has not had an opportunity to go through a goal setting process to identify priorities for the city.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on a motion by Council member Christensen and a second by Council member Doherty.

