

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2005**

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm and asked 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

The Council approved the agenda on a motion by Christensen and a second by Gill-Gerbig.

3. APPROVALS

1. Minutes: Giannetti moved the approval of the minutes second by Doherty and carried.
2. Claims: The Council approved the claims totaling \$19,245.69 on a motion by Gill-Gerbig and a second by Giannetti.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. No one present.

5. CONSENT

- A. Council member Christensen moved and Giannetti seconded the consent item A) Attendance by Administrator Bakken-Heck at the Clerks Conference at the League of Minnesota Cities on August 23 – 25, 2005 at a cost of \$225.00.

6. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS

7. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Discussion regarding 1801 Eustis. Mayor Dains opened the discussion by providing some background on the past activities regarding this property. He stated a group approached the City with a proposal to convert the building to a duplex. Following a hearing on the CUP, the Council voted to deny the request. He further indicated the major concerns of the neighbors were related to parking and general traffic.

Administrator Bakken-Heck added several people contacted the city to inquire about what could be done to the property and one individual appeared before the council with an idea to convert the property to office space with rental above.

The Mayor then invited members of the public to comment. Ms. Lambert, resident of 1803 Eustis stated she wants the property to become single family and does not want a business there. She inquired of the owner, Kevin Baumgartner, what he planned for the property.

Mr. Baumgartner stated he and his brother are not certain what they will do, however; his brother is an electrician and needs to relocate his business. The idea is to locate the business in this unit. The business would not create traffic issues as it is not a retail type operation.

Ms. Lambert then inquired about the upper level. Mr. Baumgartner stated it might be made into a one bedroom apartment to provide living quarters to one of the employees.

Ms. Lambert then questioned the issuance of a CUP and the process. Bakken-Heck stated the owner first needs to apply for a zoning amendment. If the amendment is approved, then they would have to apply for a Conditional Use Permit and possibly a variance.

Ms. Lambert then wanted to know if the project is approved by the council, is a business for ever. Bakken-Heck stated the CUP is with the applicant, not the site. If the unit is sold the new owner must come before the council for a CUP.

The Council thanked the parties for their comments.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) CUP for Nextel Radio Tower located at 1633 Eustis. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:57 pm and asked if there were any persons present who wished to comment on the Conditional Use Permit filed by Nextel. There being

no one who wished to comment the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:58 pm. Council directed staff to prepare findings of fact on the request and report back to the Council at the August 23, 2005 Council meeting.

- 2) Variance request 1827 Fulham. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:59 pm and asked if anyone wished to comment on the variance request. Ms. Mary Vierow, daughter-in-law of Paul and Bernice Vierow addressed the Council. She provided information on possible changes to the plan submitted to the council. Upon further discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:03 pm.

On a motion by Council member Gill-Gerbig and a second by Giannetti, the variance request passed as presented on a roll call vote with all members voting yes.

9. REPORTS

Council member Gill-Gerbig and acting Mayor Giannetti asked for a brief synopsis of the "Day in the Park" celebration. Council member Doherty provided a summary of activities and turnout.

10. DISCUSSION

11. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Recreational Fire Ordinance. Bakken-Heck provided a summary of the changes to the ordinance indicating he shortened the ordinance to include the main items of what is allowed to be burned and restrictions regarding recreational fires. Council member Doherty commented about the time a fire needs to be extinguished. Following discussion, the Council asked the ordinance be changed to state fires are not allowed between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- 2) Clandestine Drug Lab Manufacture Ordinance. The Mayor introduced this item. Council members Christensen and Gill-Gerbig provided suggested changes.

Council member Christensen moved the adoption of Chapter 5, Title 8 Clandestine Drug Lab Manufacture as

amended by Council. Motion seconded by council member Doherty and carried on a roll call vote.

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

14. SET THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- 1) Commissioner Jan Parker Report
- 2) St. Anthony Police Department Report
- 3) Don Brauer report on Larpenteur Avenue
- 4) Jessica Cook TIF Discussion
- 5) Nuisance Abatement
- 6) Discussion on 2006 Budget

15. WORK SESSION

The Administrator provided a brief summary of the 2006 general fund budget as currently drafted. He stated that while the budget is increasing by over \$40,000 the city does not need to increase the levy. This due to the additional LGA funding the city is due to receive in 2006.

Council members discussed at length the park and what the plans and priorities are for the parks in the city. Mayor Dains suggested the PCIC develop a long range comprehensive plan and capital improvement plan with projects prioritized. Council member Doherty suggested the PCIC and the Council meet and that the council empower the PCIC to move in this direction.

Doherty then asked about the election fund and the dramatic increase in the personnel costs. Bakken-Heck stated he would check into it.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, council member Christensen moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by council member Gill-Gerbig. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.