

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2002**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Getschow

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Gower, second by McCloskey to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Christensen, second by Gower to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2002 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$216,623.88. Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$216,623.88. 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. MNDOT Highway 280 Project- Joint Work Session Meeting with the City of Roseville. The Mayor and Council summarized the work session that the City Council of Lauderdale conducted with the City Council of Roseville. MNDOT will return with a layout for approval at a meeting in the late Spring based on the direction given by the cities at this work session. This direction included reconstructing the highway to a central alignment (similar to the current configuration) that would include safety enhancements, but would never include an interchange. Any future interchange discussion must first address the Larpeur interchange before any other area on the 280 Corridor through Lauderdale and Roseville.

B. Snow Commotion. Council member Gower stated that Snow Commotion is scheduled for Saturday, January 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition to the regular activities, the hayride will be led by a team of horses this year for the first time.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements. The City Engineer provided the City Council and those present an overview of the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements.

The City Administrator then discussed the assessment process for the project.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. The following residents in attendance then addressed the City Council:

1. *Harvey Skow, 1931 Carl Street,* asked about assessments in general, and specifically about their applicability to properties also abutting Roselawn Avenue.
2. *Jack Schultz, 1953 Carl Street,* asked about the policy regarding the removal of items from the city right-of-way and the hook-up of temporary water.

3. *Steve Martinson, 1943 Walnut Street*, asked how the staking of properties for the project worked. He also asked about the proposed grade of Walnut Street.
4. *Gary Sax, 1935 Walnut Street*, inquired about road access and street parking during construction.

Council member Christensen asked about the proper use or non-use of a water softener during utility construction

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

The Mayor, City Engineer, and City Administrator addressed all of the inquiries and concerns presented by the residents both during the public hearing and immediately following it.

A break was taken at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:08 p.m.

10. ACTION

A. Resolution 012202A: Resolution Ordering the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements and Ordering the Preparation of Plans. Motion by Christensen, second by Gower to approve Resolution 012202A: Resolution Ordering the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements and Ordering the Preparation of Plans. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

B. Lauderdale Commission and Committee Appointments. Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to re-appoint the three current members of the Park and Community Involvement Committee and the two current members of the Tree Commission to additional two-year terms expiring December 31, 2003 and to appoint Leanne Lemire to the Tree Commission for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2002. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

C. *Approval of the 2002 Goals.* Council member Gill-Gerbig requested that the Council consider adding a goal related the Highway 280 Improvements that would state that the City have ongoing vigilance and interaction on the Highway 280 Project with MNDOT and other affected municipalities.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to approve the 2002 Goals including the Highway 280 goal. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

D. *Approval of a Private Water Main Agreement between the City of Lauderdale, Saint Paul Regional Water Services, and MGH Enterprises (Hamline Auto Body).* The City Administrator stated that as part of the Hamline Auto Body development, private water main and service is being installed under a separate arrangement by Hamline Auto Body with Saint Paul Regional Water Services. It is the policy of Saint Paul Regional Water to add the municipality as a named party to the agreement, even if the municipality has no rights or obligations as part of the agreement. In fact, following mention of the City at the outset of the agreement, there is no mention of any issues that would directly involve the City in the rest of the agreement. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement. He also concurs with the fact that the city has no rights or obligations in this agreement, even though Saint Paul has requested its approval.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to approve the Private Water Main Agreement between Hamline Auto Body, the Saint Paul Regional Water Services, and the City of Lauderdale. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

E. *Approval of Petition and Waiver Agreements for the Removal of Diseased Elm Trees at 1725 Malvern Street and 2401 Larpenteur Avenue.* The City Administrator stated that the Tree Inspector sent notices to three residents for the abatement of Dutch elm tree disease nuisances. Two of the three residents that did not immediately abate the nuisance requested that the City abate the nuisance on their behalf and assess the costs on to their property taxes. In this case, the regular nuisance abatement process need not be followed since the affected residents chose to cooperate on the abatement of the nuisance. The regular nuisance abatement process requires published notice, a public hearing and an approved resolution through the City Council following required mailed notice.

A petition and waiver agreement has been prepared whereby the resident approves of the work and waives any hearing or appeal of the assessment. The City Attorney has drafted the petition and waiver agreements and they were presented to the residents at 1725 Malvern and 2401 Larpenteur for approval.

All property owners have signed their agreements and have returned them to City Hall for approval by the Council.

Motion by Christensen, second by Gower to approve the Petition and Waiver Agreements for the Removal of Diseased Elm Trees at 1725 Malvern Street and 2401 Larpenieur Avenue. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. REPORTS

12. DISCUSSION

A. Conducting Council Work Sessions. The City Administrator stated that the City Code calls for the City Council to conduct work sessions once a month. Even though this practice has not been followed in recent years, the Council discussed attempting to conduct regular work sessions once again. The consensus was to conduct work sessions as needed after regular business meetings on a trial basis.

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Approve Plans and Specifications for the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements and Call for Bids
2. 2002 Budget Presentation
3. Discussion of the 2003-2004 Police Contract
4. CDBG Grant Application for the 2002 Improvements

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to adjourn at 9:50 P.M. Ayes: All.