

**LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2002
CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

The City Council is meeting as a legislative body to conduct the business of the City according to ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER AND BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. Unless so ordered by the Mayor, citizen participation is limited to the times indicated and always within the prescribed rules of conduct for public input at meetings.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P. M.

2. ROLL:

Councilmembers:

McCloskey _____
 Gill-Gerbig _____
 Mayor Dains _____
 Christensen _____
 Gover _____
 Getschow _____

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of minutes of the Joint Work Session with the City of Roseville of 1/14/02 and the regular City Council Meeting of 1/22/02
 B. Approval of claims totaling \$56,773.68

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Any member of the public may speak at this time on any item NOT on the agenda. In consideration of the public attending the meeting for specific items on the agenda, this portion of the meeting will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals are requested to limit their comments to four (4) minutes or less. If the majority of the Council determines that additional time on a specific issue is warranted, then discussion on that issue shall be continued under Additional Items at the end of the agenda. Before addressing the City Council, members of the public are asked to step up to the microphone, give their name, address and state the subject to be discussed. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any member thereof. No person other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter any discussion without permission of the presiding officer. Your participation, as prescribed by the Council's ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER AND BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, is welcomed and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

6. CONSENT
7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ CITIZENS ADDRESSING STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS
 - A. 2002 Legislative Session: Senator John Marty and Representative Mary Jo McGuire
 - B. Plans and Specifications for the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements (City Engineer)
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings are conducted so that the public affected by a proposal may have input into the decision. During hearings, all affected residents will be given an opportunity to speak pursuant to the ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER AND BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
10. ACTION
 - A. Resolution 021202A: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering an Advertisement of Bids for the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements
 - B. Approval of Step Adjustment for the Administrative Analyst position
11. REPORTS
 - A. 2002 Lauderdale City Budget
 - B. Refuse Collection Task Force Update
12. DISCUSSION
13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING
16. ADJOURNMENT

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2002**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M.
2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL

Lauderdale Council present: Gower, Gill-Gerbig, Christensen, and McCloskey.
Roseville Council present: Schroeder, Maschka, Kough, Klausung and Mayor Kyslyczyn
Lauderdale Staff present: Getschow
Roseville Staff present: Beets

3. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Duane Schwartz, Roseville Public Works Director provided an overview for the purpose of the meeting.

Frank Patko, Area Manger for MNDOT, introduced staff and the main presenter, engineering consultant Glenn Van Wormer.

Van Wormer provided background by describing the history of TH 280, traffic counts and accident data, the current geometrics of the highway, and the funding that has been secured. He then presented the design options and alternatives for upgrading TH 280. He presented his analysis of the various options in terms of engineering, safety considerations, and the impact on all adjacent or surrounding properties.

Mayor Dains arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Frank Patko then gave an overview on financial and timeline issues as it relates to MNDOT.

Questions were asked and discussion occurred between City Council members of Roseville and Lauderdale regarding the presentations and highway construction options made by Van Wormer and Patko.

Mayor Dains stated that the City's position is not to take out any residential homes.

Schroeder presented an interchange option he had designed that only impacts the Midland Hills Country Club on the NE corner of Broadway.

Lowell Thompson, Midland Hills Country Club, opposed this option and any option that impacts the east side of the highway.

The Council's again discussed the options, narrowing the options down to the median closure option or the central alignment option.

Mayor Kysyliyczyn called for a break at 8:31 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:47 p.m.

Roseville Motion.

Motion by Kysyliyczyn, second by Kough to approve the Central Alignment option. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

Lauderdale Motion.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the Median Closure Option. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

Roseville Motion.

Motion by Kysyliyczyn, second by Kough to oppose the Median Closure Option. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

Lauderdale Motion.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to approve the Central Alignment Option without any consideration of an interchange at any time, with encouragement to MNDOT to address the safety issues on the highway, and to direct MNDOT to consider improvements to the Larpenteur Interchange before again considering a Broadway interchange, while providing emergency vehicle access off of Walnut Street when MNDOT closes other entrances to TH 280. Roll: Yes: Gower, Gill-Gerbig, Christensen, and McCloskey. No: Dains. Motion carried.

Roseville Vote on the Above Motion.

Roll: Yes: Schroeder, Maschka, Klausning and Mayor Kysyliyczyn
No: Kough. Motion carried

Patko stated that he would champion this approved motion and pursue its approval through applicable MNDOT committees. He will then report back to the respective City's on the motions approved by the Council's this evening.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. ROLL
3. Council present: Gower, Christensen, McCloskey, Gill-Gerbig and Mayor Dains
Staff present: Getschow
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
A. *Approval of Agenda.* Motion by Gower, second by McCloskey to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVAL
5. *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.
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 Larpentour 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 Gover 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 Gover 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 Larpenieur Avenue.* The City Administrator stated that the Tree Inspector sent notices to 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 Larpenieur 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 Larpenteur 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.

**CITY OF LAUDERDALE
Claims for Approval
February 12, 2002 City Council Meeting**

Payroll

02/01/02 Payroll: Check # 7085 - 7095 \$6,658.36
02/01/02 Payroll: Federal Payroll Taxes/FICA EFT \$2,580.45
02/01/02 Payroll: PERA EFT \$992.51
02/01/02 Payroll: ICMA EFT \$969.99
2001 STATE SALES & USE TAX EFT \$207.00

Payment Claims

02/12/02 Claims: Check # 15621 - 15654 \$45,365.37

Total Claims for Approval

\$56,773.68

CITY OF LAUDERDALE

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Lauderdale City Council Memorandum

Council Meeting Date: February 12, 2002

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rick Getschow, City Administrator

Agenda Item: 2002 Legislative Session- State Legislators

BACKGROUND:

Senator Marty and Representative McGuire will be in attendance at the February 12, 2002 meeting. This was the only Lauderdale Council meeting in the next six weeks that they could attend. It is actually a very good time for their attendance, since this may be a very short legislative session.

I have enclosed in the packet the invitation that was sent to the state legislators along with an issue sheet that they received on the budget deficit and the Governor's proposed "Big Fix". I have also included the 2001 Legislative Initiatives, since the proposed state aid cuts is the preeminent issue for 2002.

I have also enclosed information about the legislation that Senator Marty and Representative McGuire have authored or co-authored this session, along with some biographical information.

ENCLOSURES:

1. Invitation to Legislators to attend Council meeting
2. Issue Sheet – "City of Lauderdale: the Budget Deficit and the Big Fix"
3. 2001 Legislative Issues
4. Legislative Information on Senator Marty and Representative McGuire

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January 31, 2002

Senator John Marty
325 Capitol
Minnesota Senate
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Marty:

The City of Lauderdale and the Lauderdale City Council is requesting your and Representative McGuire's presence at an upcoming Council meeting. We appreciate the time that you have taken out of your busy schedule in the past to attend these meetings, and we hope that you can join us again.

In past years, I have provided a list of legislative priorities that are pertinent to our community, but this year there is only one issue that is foremost on the city's legislative agenda- the budget deficit. I have attached an issue sheet on the Budget Deficit and the "Big Fix's" effect on Lauderdale. I understand that the Legislature may take action on the deficit prior to your ability to attend a City Council meeting, so I urge you to consider the issues outlined on the attached sheet when considering alternatives to the budget deficit issue that is currently before you.

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. The upcoming meeting dates that are February 12, February 26, and March 12. Please let me know which of these dates will work.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
CITY OF LAUDERDALE

Rick Getschow
City Administrator

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**CITY OF LAUDERDALE:
THE BUDGET DEFICIT AND "THE BIG FIX"**

SUMMARY

- Cities are being asked to disproportionately contribute to solving the state's budget shortfall. Aid to cities comprises 10% of state general fund expenditures, but cities are being asked to absorb approximately 30% of the proposed revenue cuts.
- Cities did not proportionately benefit during the state's economic growth. From 1992-2002, aids to cities have grown approximately 10% while state general fund revenues have increased by more than 60% during that time. In fact, aids to cities were cut 10% for 2002 alone.
- Cutting aids will have consequences on city services. 36% of Lauderdale 2002 General Fund Revenue comprises state aids.
- Cutting city fund balances is not a fair or effective solution. City bond ratings would be adversely affected by sharp reductions in reserves. Also, looking at fund balances on December 31st is very deceiving since cities have just received state aid payments and property tax settlements. It is analogous to looking at your checkbook on payday before you account for the bills that must be paid.

THE EFFECTS ON LAUDERDALE

- The Governor's proposed cut to Lauderdale state aid is \$123,391. This is a proposed 41% cut in state aid! It will be subtracted from the \$300,824 we were expecting to receive. This \$123,391 proposed cut has two components:

1. \$109,857 is a targeted "growth" cut aimed at cities that had their "aid+levy" increased by more than the 3-year average rate of inflation from 2001 to 2002. We did not increase our levy, but due to LGA formula changes by the Legislature as part of the 2001 property tax reform, we gained in LGA. With this targeted cut, that LGA gain is completely erased.
2. \$13,535 is part of a flat 2% proposed cut of LGA to every city in that State of Minnesota.

- The 41% aid cut of \$123,391 comprises more than 15% of Lauderdale's 2002 General Fund Budget. This is one of the hardest cuts on any municipality in the entire State of Minnesota. (See Governor's Recommendation: City Aid Reductions).

- Lauderdale, along with many other cities, are being unfairly targeted by this "growth" cut. 2002 was the first year that Lauderdale had an increase in "aid+levy" greater than the rate of inflation in five years. As was stated above, this occurred because mainly because of a state aid formula change that prompted a significant aid increase to the City as part of the 2001 property tax reforms. Lauderdale was the only city in Ramsey County to actually lower their tax levy for 2002. Looking at only one year for a targeted cut is grossly unfair. Lauderdale is using these funds for a major capital improvement project in 2002. Many other cities have levied for capital projects in prior years and have not been the target of cuts. Being a victim of poor timing does not sit well with the City.

- Even with the understanding that cuts in state aid may be unavoidable for municipalities, the concept that over 55% of the state aid cuts be targeted to those cities that increased their "levy+aid" above inflation for 2002 is very unfair. (The other 45% comes from an across-the-board 2% cut). Any actions affecting cities should be as equitable as possible. Reductions should not disproportionately undermine the revenue base of any types of cities.

**League of Minnesota Cities and
Lauderdale Legislative Issues (2001)**

1. Road Funding for Cities under 5,000 Population.

Cities under 5,000 population do not receive any non-property tax funds for their collector and arterial streets.

Cities under 5,000 population that are not eligible for Municipal State Aid (M.S.A.) should be able to use county municipal accounts and the 5 percent account of the highway user distribution fund.

Uses of county municipal accounts should be statutorily modified so counties can dedicate these funds for local arterials and collector streets within cities under 5,000 population. In addition, the five percent set-aside account in the highway user distribution fund should be used to meet this funding gap.

2. Unfunded Mandates.

Mandates force cities to reduce spending for other basic services or to increase taxes and service charges. New laws calling for reporting requirements for new state mandates and restraint on new federal mandates should help address the problem, but other steps are necessary. There should be attempts to review, modify, and repeal existing unfunded mandates. New mandates should not be pursued unless full funding is provided or a permanent, stable revenue source is established.

3. Opposition to the local government sales tax.

When the state was experiencing a budget shortfall in 1992, the Legislature repealed the sales tax exemption for local government purchases. This cost or "double-tax" to city residents in the State of Minnesota costs an estimated \$100 million dollars a year, adding to the state's revenue surplus. In addition, proposals to extend the sales tax to services would have the effect of further increasing local government's costs and property taxes. Such "newly taxable" services would include engineering fees, attorney fees, and financial consultant (auditing) fees.

The state should reinstate the sales tax exemption for all local government purchases. This exemption must not be coupled with cuts in LGA or HACA.

4. Tax Increment Financing

In Minnesota, tax increment financing is the most viable tool available to all cities in their economic development and redevelopment efforts. The state has been critical of cities use of the tool and has implemented a series of restrictions over the past several years, rather than partnering with cities and encouraging their endeavors to improve and enhance the economic well-being of Minnesota and the growth and redevelopment of its cities. Critics often claim that TIF is overused. Some of these critics have proposed TIF freezes, caps, and retroactive restrictions and limitations on current districts. Cities have used tax increment financing responsibly and examples of these positive uses abound.

To effectively compete with other states, Minnesota must provide its cities greater flexibility in the use of tax increment financing and other economic development programs. The state should partner with cities in economic development and redevelopment activities, and encourage cities use of tax increment in achieving the laudable goals of long-term tax base stabilization and growth, job creation, development of low-to-moderate income housing, remediation of pollution, elimination of blight, recycling and redevelopment of the infrastructure, and redevelopment of its communities.

5.

PERA Shortfall

Recent analysis has demonstrated that the PERA coordinated plan has been using overly optimistic actuarial assumptions for several years. The plan is expected to need additional funding of more than \$100 million a year over the next 25 years to cover projected pension benefits. If the additional funding comes exclusively from employer and payroll contributions, the increased contributions would be 30 percent higher than current levels. Contribution rate increases may reduce employees' take-home pay, strain local budgets, and result in property tax increases.

City officials recognize that employer and employee contribution rate increases are an important part of the funding solution. To reduce the magnitude of the increases, the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement should:

- a. Supply PERA with state aid funded through reduced contributions to the Teachers' Retirement Association and the Minnesota State Retirement System. In 1984, PERA and MSRS sufficiencies were similarly transferred to TRA when it was under-funded.
- b. Implement pro-rated service credit. PERA is the only major Minnesota pension plan that awards a full-year's service credit to part-time employees.

The property tax reform of 2001 that was passed did not support these initiatives. Levy limits were re-imposed and there were further significant class rate compressions. Also, the reliance on the property tax was greatly increased with the deletion of HACA aid in the State of Minnesota.

- a. Reviewing the combined impacts of property tax changes since 1997 and changing economic circumstances for taxpayers and for local governments so that policy makers can better understand where the system may need further changes;
- b. Expanding available city revenue sources to reduce the reliance on the property tax.

To remedy existing and avoid potential future unintended consequences of additional property tax changes, we support:

Minnesota's state and local government finance system is complex and intertwined. This complexity has been the subject of ongoing legislative scrutiny and has most recently resulted in a governor's initiative to review the system with the goal of developing a reform proposal for the 2001 Legislature. While cities rely on their partnership with the state to provide local services, they also must respond to the needs and desires of their residents. To that end, cities need flexibility in determining how to finance needed local services. In 1997, the Legislature began making changes to Minnesota's property tax system that have impacted the ability of cities to fund necessary services. Those changes, including the reimposition of levy limits, significant class rate compression, and changes to the limited market value law all have resulted in varying unintended consequences.

6. Tax Reform and the "The Big Plan"

This was partially addressed through the approved payroll deduction increases to employers and employees for 2002 and beyond. Most of the other issues discusses above are still being debated.

- c. Exclude all seasonal employees from participation in FERA.
- d. Explore the possibility of former employees taking refunds by offering a portion of employer contributions as part of the refund.
- e. Reduce the guaranteed interest for deferred members' benefits.
- f. Increase the plan's vesting period from 3 to 5 years prospectively.
- g. Increase the amortization period for the plan's unfunded liability from 20 to 30 years.

OTHER ISSUES OF POSSIBLE DISCUSSION

7. Campaign Finance Reform
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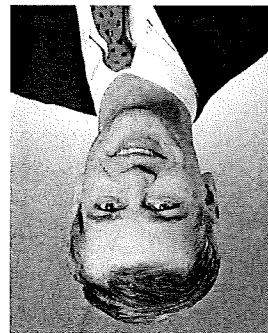
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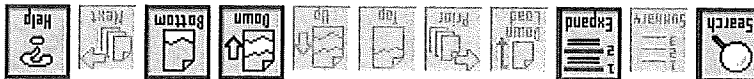
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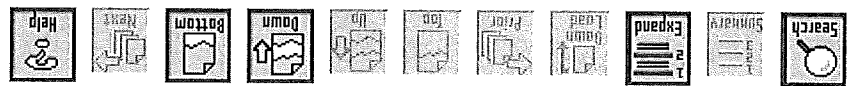
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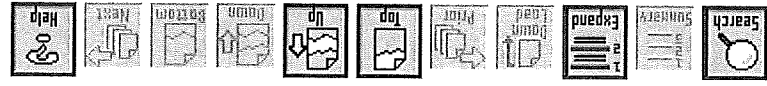


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SF2642	Bill Text	Animals transport in motor vehicles regulation
SF2641	Bill Text	Clean indoor air act provisions modifications; burned cigarettes or ash deposit as littering
SF2574	Bill Text	Ramsey county Gibbs museum of pioneer and Dakotah life interpretative center predesign bond issue and appropriation
SF2373	Bill Text	Resolution for Minnesota Twins retention, stadium private financing and major league baseball revenue sharing
SF2215	Bill Text	Electronic security system company employees and prospective employees criminal history background check requirements
SF1967	Bill Text	Compassionate Use Act
SF1824	Bill Text	Compulsive gambling prevention and treatment
SF1717	Bill Text	Election campaign contributions and expenditures reporting requirements expansion
SF1460	Bill Text	Social workers under duty to warn law and professional firms formation and participation authority
SF1459	Bill Text	No-fault automobile insurance and worker compensation medical examinations regulation
	Bill	Private detectives and protective agents weapons and firearms use training rules

SF1324	Text	requirements modification
SF1144	Bill Text	DWI chemical testing authority expansion and alcoholic beverage concentration terms definitions
SF0668	Bill Text	Firearms ownership and possession regulation
SF0478	Bill Text	Secretary of state conflicts of interest prohibitions
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SF0296	Bill Text	DWI and chemical dependency prevention initiatives

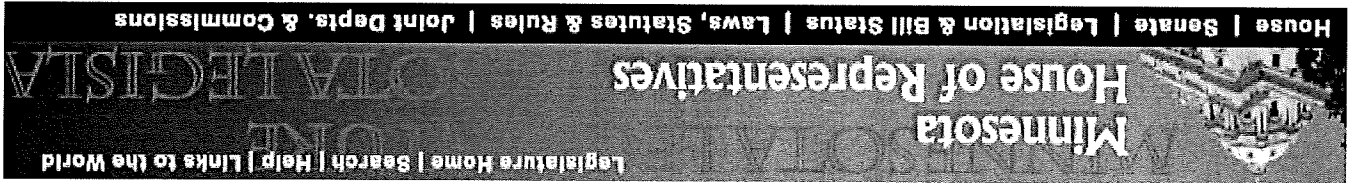




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SF0098	Bill Text	Cigarettes fire retardant standards
SF0097	Bill Text	Election campaign finance provisions modifications
SF0096	Bill Text	Election campaign reports filing and publication requirements
SF0095	Bill Text	Absentee voting procedures simplification
SF0094	Bill Text	Election campaign finance provisions modifications
SF0093	Bill Text	Lobbying restriction
SF0092	Bill Text	Legislative open meeting law expansion
SF0091	Bill Text	Election campaign finance reporting requirements modifications
SF0090	Bill Text	Election campaign finance and ethics provisions modifications
SF0071	Bill Text	Chromated copper arsenate sale or use prohibition
SF0070	Bill Text	Mercury thermometers sale or distribution restriction
SF0067	Bill Text	Employer civil liability for damages to seriously injured employees
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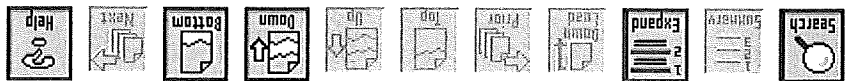
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HF2311	Bill Text	Summary	Early childhood developmental screening provisions expanded.
HF2310	Bill Text	Summary	Video game sale and rental restricted to persons under age 17, public display of restricted games prohibited, study required, and penalty provided.
HF2274	Bill Text	Summary	Adult basic education programs authorized to apply for telecommunications access grants and revenue, and money appropriated.
HF2271	Bill Text	Summary	Violent video games; juvenile access report required, and scientific study on how violent video games encourage aggressive acts by juveniles provided.
HF2248	Bill Text	Summary	Minnesota family investment plan and basic sliding fee child care assistance programs consolidated.
HF2067	Bill Text	Summary	Firearm safety requirements provided and criminal penalties imposed.
HF2060	Bill Text	Summary	Child care improvement grants provided and money appropriated.
HF1908	Bill Text	Summary	Gunshot wound reporting requirements modified.
HF1902	Bill Text	Summary	Challenge incarceration program placement eligibility determined by the courts.
HF1878	Bill Text	Summary	Local correctional fees definition modified to include post-prison supervision.
HF1818	Bill Text	Summary	Alcohol retailer compliance checks grant program established, minimum civil and license penalties imposed for underage sale violations, reports required, and money appropriated.
HF1813	Bill Text	Summary	Alcohol retailer compliance grant program established, reports required, and money appropriated.
	Bill		Basic sliding fee child care program parent fees reduced and money

HF1812	Text	Summary	appropriated.
HF1584	Bill Text	Summary	Seat belt violation designated primary offense, all passengers required to wear seat belts, and penalties imposed.
HF1456	Bill Text	Summary	School readiness program services and eligibility requirements expanded and money appropriated.
HF1454	Bill Text	Summary	Early childhood care and education services act adopted.
HF1453	Bill Text	Summary	After-school enrichment grants provided and money appropriated.
HF1378	Bill Text	Summary	Multicounty, multitype library system grants provided and money appropriated.
SF1297	Bill Text	Summary	Gunshot wound reporting requirements modified.



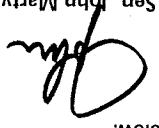
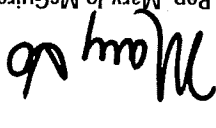


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SF0773	Bill	Summary	DWI; electronic alcohol monitoring recidivism and conditional release violation rates study required.
HF0768	Bill	Summary	Educational program requirements provided for care and treatment facilities and money appropriated.
SF0715	Bill	Summary	Child support work reporting noncompliance penalties modified, payors hiring independent contractors for public projects required to comply, and report required.
HF0685	Bill	Summary	Employment of unsupervised minors prohibited.
HF0684	Bill	Summary	Capitol area grounds vegetation removal and cleanup required.
HF0683	Bill	Summary	Chromated copper arsenate sale and use prohibited.
HF0374	Bill	Summary	Pollution control agency noise survey and analysis conducted and money appropriated.
HF0373	Bill	Summary	Child support work reporting noncompliance penalties modified, payors hiring independent contractors for public projects required to comply, and report required.
HF0372	Bill	Summary	Crime victim notification of expungement proceedings required, and victims allowed to submit a statement to the court.
HF0363	Bill	Summary	City aid base and maximum aid increased for specified metropolitan municipalities.
SF0229	Bill	Summary	Crime victim notification of expungement proceedings required, and victims allowed to submit a statement to the court.
HR0018	Bill	Summary	A house resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives of the state of Minnesota, in support of a Women's Health Platform that recognizes serious inequities in the health prevention and treatment of women, etc.

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We'd like to hear your thoughts and ideas about the state's budget and other issues. We invite you to join us for a Town Meeting Saturday, January 19 in the Roseville City Hall Council Chambers from 10:45 a.m. to 12 Noon; or contact us at the addresses below.

Even before the economy began slowing and the deficit appeared, many schools were forced to lay off teachers, traffic congestion was increasing due to inadequate road and transit funding, and environmental protection efforts were reduced due to budget-induced layoffs at the Pollution Control Agency.

We hope that the Governor and lawmakers are able to work together in a non-partisan manner to resolve the budget shortfall. We urge our colleagues to learn a lesson from the budget situation: that the state should use a long-term perspective to prepare future budgets, and to use the good times to prepare for more difficult times.

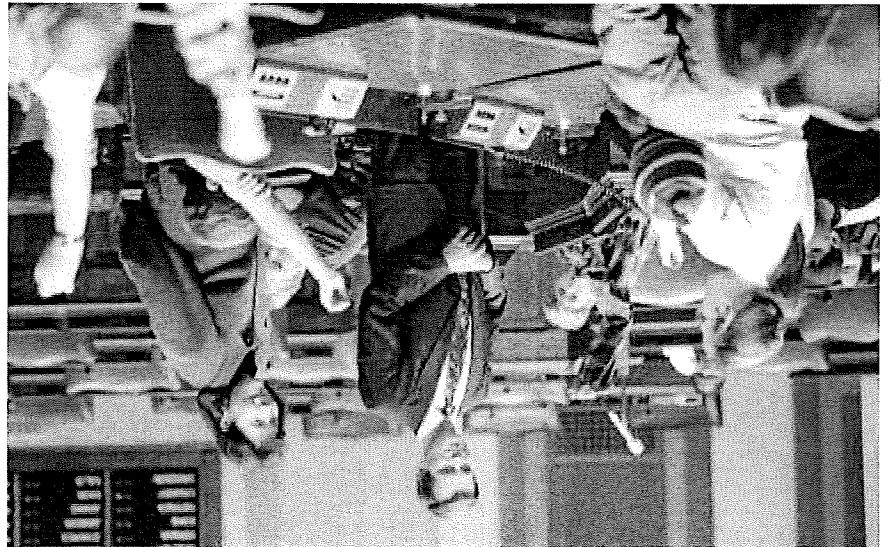
As the 2002 legislative session approaches, we welcome your input on issues that will be addressed by the Legislature. Perhaps the biggest issue facing the state is a looming budget deficit. Several months ago in our report on the 2001 legislative session, we raised concerns about the state's financial health. We pointed to warnings from the state economist that slower growth could cause revenue shortfalls, and suggested that inadequate attention to those warnings could lead to budget deficits.

Since that time, the terrorist attacks of September 11th have slowed the economy even further. Unfortunately, the state's November budget forecast projects a budget deficit of almost \$2 billion over the next year-and-a-half. To bring the budget back into balance, the Governor and Legislature will face some difficult choices.

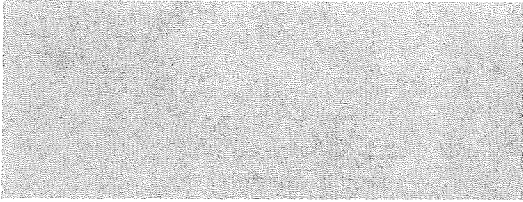
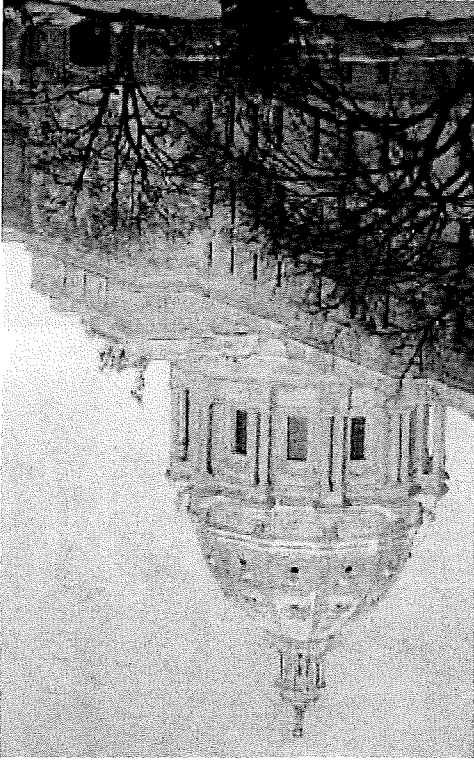
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K-12 EDUCATION

Rep. McGuire and Sen. Marty remain committed to supporting schools during the budget negotiations over the deficit. "Schools have been underfunded throughout the last decade and took a back seat to tax cuts last year," said McGuire. "This is not the time to force them to make even deeper cuts."

Because of inadequate state funding, many schools were forced to resort to higher local levy referenda. It was hard for schools to explain their unmet needs to the public when the state had huge surpluses. Thus many schools were unable to pass levy referenda and continue to make the cutbacks necessary to make ends meet.

"In order for our schools to produce the levels of student achievement that we expect, we must ensure that they have adequate resources to meet individual student needs," said McGuire.

"We also need to ensure that our students have up-to-date technology and textbooks," added Marty.

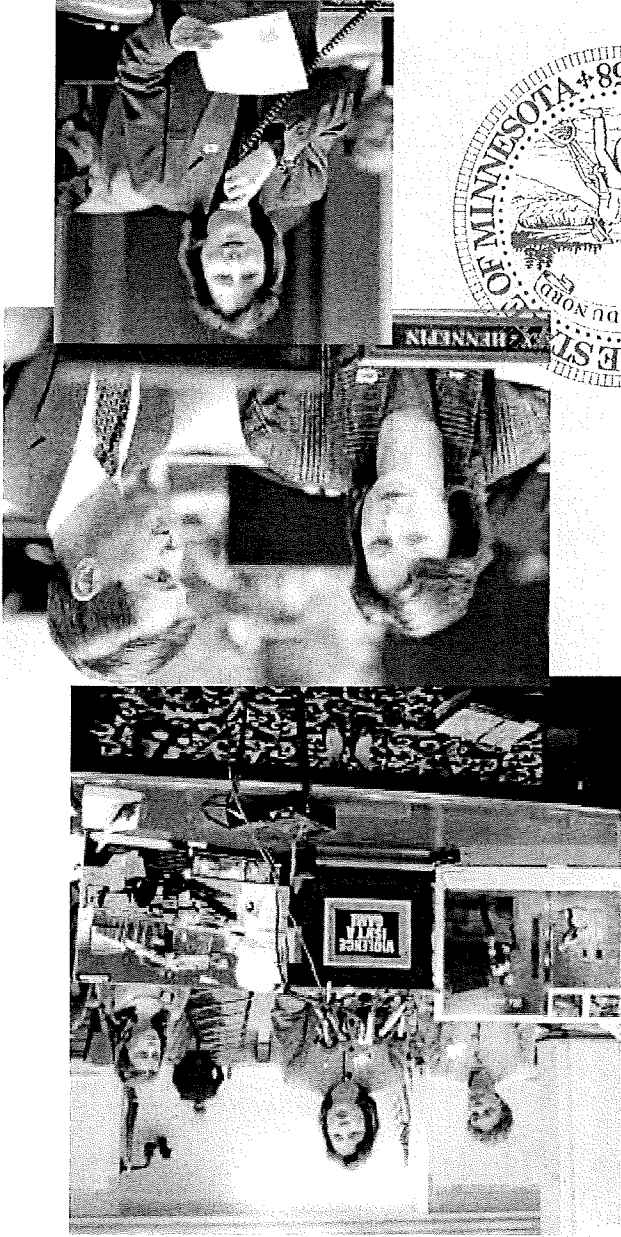
McGuire, the lead Democrat on the House Family & Early Childhood Education Finance Committee, has been appointed to the Education Commission of the States, which focuses on the educational needs of our children. "Research tells us about the importance of starting learning opportunities at an early age," said McGuire. "Parents tell us that they want quality learning options for their children. These goals are equally important and we need to strive to achieve both," Marty added.



In our government "of the people," the public should not be locked out of the political process. Yet, much of the Minnesota state budget is negotiated behind closed doors. Sen. Marty and Rep. McGuire are supporting changes to legislative rules that would change that by opening up conference committee negotiations to public scrutiny.

OPENING UP THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Many of the state's most important policy and budget decisions are made in these negotiating sessions. "There are some limited circumstances where public interest require meetings be closed, and the open meeting law allows such exceptions," said Marty. "But there is no reason for closed-door meetings where elected officials are determining public policy."



Marty's Session Preview

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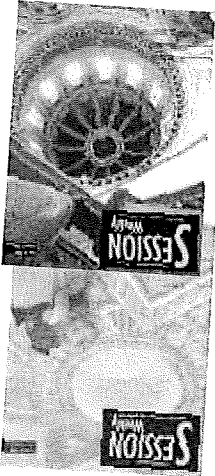
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In even-numbered years the Legislature addresses the state's long-term capital needs for such things as higher education, the environment and transportation. The 2002 bonding bill must focus on the backlog of deferred maintenance at our colleges and universities, protection of our environment and natural resources, and upgrading our overburdened transportation infrastructure, according to Rep. McGuire and Sen. Marty.



"Much of the repair and upkeep of our facilities at colleges and universities has been put off for far too long," McGuire said. "We must ensure that the buildings in our higher education institutions are safe and adequately equipped for today's students."

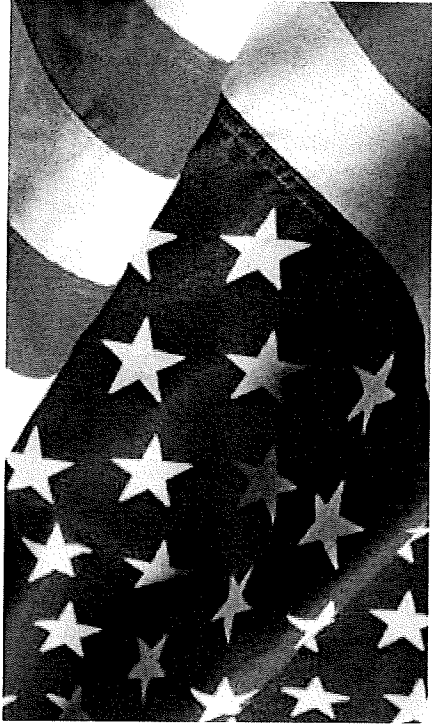
"In addition," said Marty, "with growing traffic congestion there are significant transit, road and bridge infrastructure needs."

McGuire and Marty noted that with greater demands being placed on Minnesota's environment and natural resources, we must make prudent investments to preserve them and to ensure that we have clear air and clean water.

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Rep. Mary Jo McGuire & Sen. John Marty 2002 Legislative Survey

Minnesota lawmakers will deal with a number of issues during the 2002 legislative session including a potential state budget deficit and the biennial capital investment bill.

We'd like to hear what you think. Please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire and return the answers to us.

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1. What are your top legislative priorities for expenditures in the state's capital investment, or bonding, bill? (Please check up to three choices.)
 - Highways and transit
 - Capital repairs for K-12 schools
 - Higher education
 - Environment and natural resources
 - Other (specify): _____
2. As a result of school budget shortages, more than 1,100 teachers have been laid off and a record number of school districts have asked voters to pass excess levy referendums this fall. If the level of state school funding is reconsidered in the upcoming session, should their level of funding be:
 - Increased
 - Decreased
 - Kept the same
3. Should the state provide public funding for the construction of professional sports stadiums?
 - Yes
 - No
4. The 20-cent per gallon tax on gasoline, the main source of funding for the construction and maintenance of state highways, has not been increased in more than 10 years. Would you support an increase in the tax to reduce traffic bottlenecks and increase funding for transit?
 - Yes
 - No

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- Yes, unless I specifically authorize them to do so
- No, unless I object in writing

6. With the state facing a budget shortfall, how do you think a potential shortfall should be addressed? Please check all items you support.

- Reduce state aid to local schools
- Reduce state funding and raise tuition for higher education
- Reduce funding for nursing homes and other health and human services
- Reduce transportation funding
- Make across-the-board budget cuts
- Undo recent tax cuts (specify): _____
- Income tax
- Residential property tax
- Commercial and industrial property tax
- Expand sales tax to more goods and services
- Increase gasoline tax
- Other (specify): _____

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Lauderdale City Council Memorandum

Council Meeting Date: February 12, 2002

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rick Getschow, City Administrator

Agenda Item: 2002 Improvements: Approve Plans and Specifications and Order an Advertisement for Bids

BACKGROUND:

Glenn Cook from BRA will be at the meeting to address the plans and specifications for the 2002 Improvements.

Following the discussion of the plans, the Council is requested to adopt the enclosed resolution that approves the plans/specifications and orders an advertisement for bids. The bid opening would occur on March 19, 2002 with Council consideration scheduled for the Council meeting of March 26, 2002.

ENCLOSURES:

1. 2002 Street and Utility Improvement Plans and Specifications
(under in a separate cover in another envelope)
2. Resolution 021202A: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering an Advertisement for Bids
3. Schedule of the 2002 Street and Utility Improvement process

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to adopt Resolution 021202A: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements and Ordering an Advertisement for Bids

RESOLUTION NO. 021202A

**THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING AN
ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE 2002 IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution passed by the City Council of Lauderdale on the 22nd day of January, 2002, the City Consulting Engineer has prepared plans and specifications for the improvement of Walnut Street between Roselawn Avenue and Ryan Avenue, Malvern Street between Roselawn Avenue and Ryan Avenue, Eustis Street between Roselawn Avenue and Ryan Avenue, Carl Street between Roselawn Avenue and Ryan Avenue, Pleasant Street between Roselawn Avenue and Ryan Avenue, and all of Ryan Avenue by conducting street reconstruction, sanitary sewer improvements and replacement, water main replacement, storm sewer system improvements, and alley improvements and to improve property west of Walnut Street between Broadway Drive and Como Avenue by conducting sanitary sewer improvements and replacement; and has presented such plans and specifications to the Council for approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAUDERDALE,
MINNESOTA:

1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby approved.

2. The City Administrator shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper and in the Construction Bulletin an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for at least 21 days, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the City Administrator until 11:00 a.m. on March 19, 2002, at which time they will be publicly opened in the Council Chambers of the City Hall by the City Administrator and Engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the City Council at 7:30 p.m. on March 26, 2002, in the Council Chambers. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the Council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the City Administrator for 5 percent of the amount of such bid.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of Lauderdale this 12th day of February, 2002.

(ATTEST)

Jeff Dains, Mayor

(SEAL)

Rick Getschow, City Administrator

**LAUDERDALE 2002 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Order Feasibility Report	August 28, 2001
Present Outline of Neighborhood Meeting to Council	October 23, 2001
Conduct Neighborhood Meeting	November 8, 2001
Present Feasibility Report and Call Public Hearing	November 27, 2001
Hold Public Hearing and Order Plans and Specs	January 22, 2002
Approve Plans and Specs and Call for Bids	February 12, 2002
Receive Bids	March 19, 2002
Award Bids	March 26, 2002
Start Construction	April-May 2002

Lauderdale City Council Memorandum

Council Meeting Date: February 12, 2002

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rick Getschow, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Administrative Analyst- Step Adjustment

BACKGROUND:

According to the City's Compensation Policy, James Bownik, the City's Administrative Analyst, is eligible for a step adjustment on February 10, 2002.

The policy states that six months after the date of hire and each anniversary date thereafter, a step adjustment is to be considered. This is contingent upon a satisfactory performance evaluation, at a minimum. This evaluation was conducted and it has been determined that at least a satisfactory performance level has been achieved. As a result, I am recommending advancement to the next step. The next step for the Administrative Analyst position is Step 5, \$3610.52 per month. This step adjustment is consistent with the City's Compensation Policy.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve the step adjustment for the Administrative Analyst position to Step 5, \$3610.52 per month, effective February 10, 2002.

Lauderdale City Council Memorandum

Council Meeting Date: February 12, 2002

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rick Getschow, City Administrator

Agenda Item: 2002 Budget Presentation

BACKGROUND:

The fully completed and bound 2002 Budget will be presented to the City Council at the meeting.

I will give a brief report on the 2002 Budget, including a brief analysis of the effects of the proposed state aid cuts.

Lauderdale City Council Memorandum

Council Meeting Date: February 12, 2002

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rick Getschow, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Refuse Collection Task Force Update

BACKGROUND:

City Refuse Collection Task Force

The Refuse Collection Task Force was appointed in January of 2001 to study the topic of organized refuse collection. The impetus for forming this task force was based upon the major infrastructure work that the City is undertaking and the assumption that the current state of refuse collection in the City may deter from the quality and the life expectancy of the new streets in Lauderdale. In fact, the two neighboring communities of Falcon Heights and Roseville have formed committees on refuse collection for this same exact reason.

The Lauderdale Task Force met monthly throughout 2001 and gathered information from within Ramsey County and across the State of Minnesota. This led to the drafting of a survey to be included in a City Newsletter to gain feedback from the residents on the issue of refuse collection. Those surveys have been returned and are currently being tabulated. The Task Force will meet on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the results that will then be provided to the Council during their regular meeting that same evening. Following an analysis of the survey results, the Task Force's next step may be to hold a public meeting on the issue of organized collection. This is something that will be discussed at their meeting next Tuesday

County Exploration of Organized Collection

The Task Force will be discussing another topic at their meeting that first arose this summer – county-wide organized collection. Ramsey County has now entered the discussion about county-wide organized collection. Their entrance into the discussion may be more from a public health and environmental angle than from an infrastructure angle. The Task Force brought in a representative from the County this past fall to discuss the issue and the study that they were planning to undertake through a partnership with Washington County. They are currently researching the issue and will present a report to the County Board in April of 2002. In this packet, I have included material from Ramsey County related to their study of organized (or public) collection.

Summary

At the regular Council meeting, representatives of the Task Force will:

- Update the Council on the survey results;
- Discuss their recommended next step in the process; and
- Discuss Ramsey County's exploration of county-wide organized collection

ENCLOSURES:

1. Ramsey County Information on Organized (Public) Refuse Collection
2. "Impact of Heavy Trucks on Low Volume Residential Streets" from the Roseville Solid Waste Advisory Committee
(*Frankly, I like the sound of Refuse Collection Task Force more than Solid Waste Advisory Committee*)



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Why Should I Care About What Happens to My Trash?

Ramsey and Washington Counties are exploring a system of public collection because we are losing ground in protecting our environment, health and safety with our current method of solid waste collection and disposal. Landfilling has increased, recycling has stagnated or decreased, resources are being wasted, and too much waste is being generated. For example, from 1996 through 2000 the amount of waste produced in the two counties grew by more than 18 percent, while the population grew by 5 percent.

Currently, large private hauling companies, which control most of the collection market, are driving decisions about what happens to waste after it is collected. These decisions are largely focused on maximizing profits, with little regard to long-term environmental costs. Because it is cheaper to put waste in a landfill rather than process it, more waste is being disposed of in this manner. Short-term cost savings are driving decisions with long-term environmental consequences. Changing the collection system may be a way to ensure that more waste is recycled, composted and converted to energy.

With a public collection system, the Counties would arrange for the collection of solid waste through private haulers.

Consider these facts:

- **Economic incentives to recycle have diminished.** Recycling grew rapidly from the 1980s to the 1990s. But the rate of recycling has leveled off and is no longer keeping pace with the growth in the waste stream. A lot of recycling is carried out by businesses, and the surge in cheaper landfilling has reduced the incentive to recycle.

- **Resources that could be used are disposed of in processing facilities or landfills.** Studies show that 45 percent of the material collected as trash could be recycled, and about 70 percent could be recycled or used in organic composting facilities. For example:

✓ If just one-half of the food waste and non-recyclable paper (such as pizza boxes) now being tossed in the trash from the Counties each year was diverted to composting, the finished compost could cover a football field and end zones 32 feet deep. This amount would fill 1.7 million 40-lb. bags of compost that could be used on gardens or farm fields.

- ✓ If just one-half of the corrugated containers, newspaper, office paper, and mixed mail now being thrown away each year in Ramsey and Washington Counties was recycled, more than 1 million trees would be saved.
 - ✓ 117 million aluminum cans are tossed in the trash each year in Ramsey and Washington Counties. If just one-half of these cans were recycled, enough energy would be saved to provide electricity to 8,000 homes per year.
 - ✓ Landfilling is on the rise. In 2000, 88,000 more tons of trash produced in Ramsey and Washington Counties were landfilled than in 1996 — a 54 percent increase in just four years.
- **Key decisions are made with a focus on short-term cost or profits.** These decisions are not balanced with longer-term benefits of conserving resources and minimizing the waste generator's potential future liability. Consider:
 - ✓ In the 1970s, there was little if any solid waste planning. As a result, the marketplace usually decided to dump its waste in a landfill.
 - ✓ Today, Minnesotans are paying to clean up 102 old landfills, which will cost \$500,000,000 over the next 30 years.
 - ✓ While current landfills are better designed and operated, there are still environmental effects related to them: they take up valuable land, are not as effective at conserving resources, and will have to be maintained. . . forever.
 - ✓ Most Minnesotans care deeply about protecting the environment, and studies show that people are willing to pay more for clean air, water and land. Cost is not the only motivator in waste management.
- **Illegal dumping of waste and associated environmental concerns are a significant problem.**
 - **Local concerns about garbage truck traffic continue, including issues such as safety, excess road wear, air pollution, fuel use, and aesthetics (noise and dust).**
 - **Resource recovery costs are subsidized to compete with landfilling costs.** The subsidies are raised on County property tax statements and State taxes on solid waste. Property tax service charges are not tied closely to waste generation. Therefore, costs for resource recovery are not allocated fairly to users based on the quantity of waste they generate.
 - **Resource recovery capacity is not consistently utilized.** For the past several years, significant quantities of waste that could be recovered to produce energy have been landfilled. In 2002, waste deliveries to the resource recovery facility are projected to be in excess of capacity — a very significant increase in waste quantities. Past 2002, there is no stable plan in place to ensure long-term, efficient management of capacity.



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The Exploration of Public Collection in Ramsey and Washington Counties

A Potential Framework for Public Collection Summary Document

Ramsey and Washington Counties are exploring whether implementing public collection could help our communities reach environmental, health and safety goals, which are currently not being met. Public collection is when a city, township or county arranges for the collection of solid waste through private haulers.

No decision has been made on this issue, and the most important part of exploring public collection is gathering input from citizens, businesses, haulers, city officials and others to aid in the decision-making process. The Counties have been collecting input from these groups since September 2001. Based on this input, the Counties created a framework to describe in more detail how public collection might work. This framework will be used to gather additional input through March 15.

What is the problem?

Landfilling has increased, recycling is stagnant or decreasing, resources are being wasted, and too much waste is being generated. For example:

- ✓ From 1996 through 2000 the amount of waste produced in the two counties grew by more than 18 percent, while the population grew by 5 percent.
- ✓ Most of the growth in solid waste has been managed by landfilling.
- ✓ There are huge potential resources in what is thrown away in our trash; in fact, about 70 percent could be recycled or composted.

What is causing the problem?

Large private companies, which control most of the collection market, are driving decisions about what happens to waste after it is collected. These decisions are focused on maximizing profits. Because it is usually cheapest to put waste in a landfill, more waste has been disposed of in this manner. Changing the collection system may be a way to ensure that more waste is recycled, composted and converted to energy.

What is the answer?

To ensure that waste is managed properly to protect our environment, health and safety, there should be incentives to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost; convert remaining trash to energy; and judiciously use landfills. We know the current system of waste collection does not have these incentives.

At the same time, we must ensure that residents and businesses are receiving top-quality waste collection services at a competitive price.

What would public collection look like?

A framework for public collection has been developed based on the input the Counties have received so far. The issue of public collection will continue to be evaluated based on further public input on the framework.

Based on the input received, seven components were created that would guide how public collection could be implemented.

- ✓ Protect the environment, health and safety of the community by managing the waste stream and using waste as a resource.
- ✓ Individual communities retain the power to design their own system.
- ✓ Healthy competition between haulers is maintained.
- ✓ Local/independent haulers can stay/remain in business.
- ✓ Offer a choice of haulers where the community desires it; fewer haulers on the street where the community desires it.
- ✓ Fair and competitive prices.
- ✓ Top-quality service.

How would public collection affect me if it was implemented?

The direct impact could be as much or as little as your community decides. Every community would have the ability to design a system that improves the environment and is consumer friendly. Your community could decide to have several haulers or very few. Some communities have the desire to reduce truck traffic and noise; others want to ensure that there are several haulers from which to choose.

The entire framework can be viewed online at the address listed below. To submit your comments about public collection or the proposed framework please call, write or e-mail us at:

U.S. Mail:

Public Collection
c/o Ramsey/Washington Counties
1670 Beam Avenue, Suite A
Maplewood, MN 55109

Voicemail line: (651)773-4476

Fax: (651) 773-4496

E-mail: public.collection@co.ramsey.mn.us

Visit our Web site at:

www.co.ramsey.mn.us/recovery/Public_Collection.htm



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Environmental Concerns

The current method of waste collection and disposal in Ramsey and Washington Counties is not moving the Counties forward in reaching environmental goals. Consider:

- From 1996 through 2000 the amount of waste produced in the two counties grew by more than 18 percent, while the population grew by 5 percent.
- Recycling grew rapidly from the 1980s to the 1990s, but the rate of recycling has leveled off and is no longer keeping pace with the growth in the waste stream. Much of the recycling is carried out by businesses, and the surge in cheaper landfilling has reduced the incentive to recycle.
- Natural resources are being tossed: studies show that 45 percent of the material collected as trash could be recycled, and about 70 percent could be recycled or used in organic composting facilities. For example:
 - ✓ If just one-half of the food waste and non-recyclable paper (such as pizza boxes) now being tossed in the trash from the Counties each year was diverted to composting, this amount would fill 1.7 million 40-lb. bags of compost that could be used on gardens or farm fields.
 - ✓ If just one-half of the corrugated boxes, newspaper, office paper and mixed mail now being thrown away each year in Ramsey and Washington Counties was recycled, that is the same as saving more than 1 million trees.
 - ✓ 117 million aluminum cans from Ramsey and Washington Counties are tossed in the trash each year. If just one-half of these cans were recycled, enough energy would be saved to provide electricity to 8,000 homes per year.
 - ✓ In 2000, 88,000 more tons of trash produced in Ramsey and Washington Counties were landfilled than in 1996 — a 54 percent increase in just four years.

- Most Minnesotans care deeply about protecting the environment, and studies show that people are willing to pay more for clean air, water and land. Cost is not the only motivator in waste management.

- Illegal dumping of waste and associated environmental concerns are a significant problem.
- Local concerns about garbage truck traffic continue, including issues such as safety, excess road wear, air pollution, fuel use and aesthetics (noise and dust).
- For the past several years, significant quantities of waste that could be recovered to produce energy have been landfilled. In 2002, waste deliveries to the Resource Recovery Facility in Newport, Minn., are projected to be in excess of capacity — a significant increase. Past 2002, there is no stable plan in place to ensure long-term, efficient management of capacity at the facility.

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Just the Facts Exploring Public Collection of Solid Waste Ramsey and Washington Counties

Ramsey and Washington Counties are exploring whether changing how waste is collected could help reach environmental, health and safety goals. The Counties are collecting input from citizens, businesses, haulers and others to aid in the decision making process. You can find information about how to provide your feedback at the end of this document. In the meantime, you probably have some questions about public collection. Below are the answers to commonly asked questions about public collection and related issues.

What exactly is 'solid waste'?

Solid waste is everything that households and businesses throw away, including trash/garbage, recyclables, yard waste, brush/branches, bulky items, household hazardous waste and construction/demolition waste.

What is public collection?

Public collection of solid waste is when a city, township or county arranges for the collection of solid waste through private haulers.

What is the current system of waste collection in Washington and Ramsey Counties?

- All businesses and most residents (eighty-seven percent) currently select their own haulers for garbage and trash. Customers pay for the service at rates set by their hauler. This is referred to as "open" collection.
- The remaining thirteen percent of residents participate in "organized collection," in which the local government has arranged for trash collection. In these areas, the resident pays either the city or hauler at a rate set in the contract.
- About 67 haulers operate in the two counties, but almost two thirds of the waste is picked up by just three haulers.
- Most residents have recycling collection service provided by the city/township. In 38 of the 49 cities/towns in the Counties, the municipality contracts for the service with a recycler and the customers pay either the city or hauler for the service.

Why are Ramsey and Washington Counties considering a change?

The Counties are considering a change to the current waste collection system in an effort to better protect public health, safety and the environment in a cost effective manner.

Would public collection cost more?

Public waste collection would not necessarily increase the cost of service. In fact, it could reduce the cost. For example, by leveraging the bargaining power of contracting and efficiency of service, the price offered to residents or businesses could be lower. Right now, residents and businesses are paying for waste management in several ways: on hauler bills, utility bills and through state and local taxes. Public collection may help to avoid those hidden charges.

Could public collection extend to recyclables and yard waste?

Yes. The Counties are studying whether to include all types of waste, from newspapers, cans and bottles, to leaves and grass clippings.

Would public collection mean the use of city trucks?

The Counties are not recommending the use of public trucks. Instead, they would contract with existing private haulers.

Would I still be able to choose my hauler?

Public collection can be designed to provide a choice of haulers and to encourage competition among haulers. In designing a collection system, Ramsey and Washington Counties would work with each city and township to design public collection systems that reflect the desires of the community.

Would this system put the smaller haulers out of business?

The Counties believe that it is important to have healthy competition among a number of haulers. Over the past six years the number of smaller haulers serving the Counties has decreased, as has the amount of waste they collect. The Counties would like to design a system that will foster competition by providing a better balance between small and large haulers. One way this can be done is by ensuring that the haulers pay equal fees for waste disposal.

How can I find out more?

Call, write or email:

Public Collection

c/o Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project

1670 Beam Avenue, Suite A

Maplewood, MN 55109

Voice/line: 651/773-4476

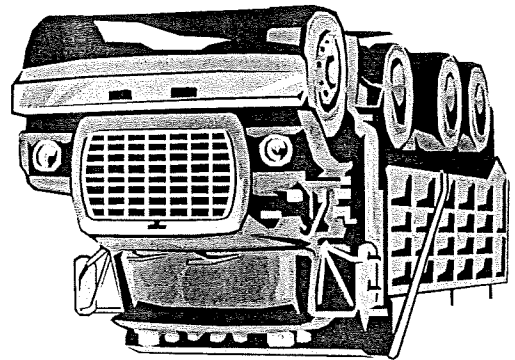
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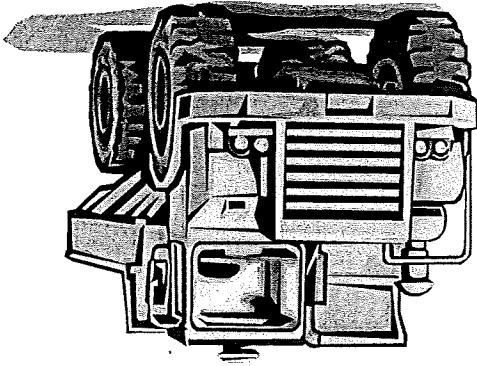
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Impact of Heavy Trucks On Low Volume Residential Streets



- Roseville has 80+ miles of low-volume residential streets
- Approximate cost to reconstruct 80+ miles is >40 million dollars
- Pavement design is based on factors such as traffic counts, vehicle type, soil factors
- Low-volume streets are designed for 7-ton maximum axle weight
- High-volume streets are designed for 9-ton per axle loads
- Pavement design manuals give load factor values to vehicle types
 - Car load factor = .0007
 - Truck 18,000 LB/Axle = 1.0 load factor
 - Garbage truck can be as high as 1.6 load factor
- Another equivalency that design engineers use is 1 garbage truck trip = 1,000 car trips in terms of damage to pavement
- Residential streets have average daily traffic counts of 200 to 500 vehicles
- Pavements have a 20- to 30-year life.





Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes November 28, 2001

I. Infrastructure Costs

Public Works Director Duane Schwartz joined the committee to further discuss the effect garbage trucks have on City streets and how that can be clearly communicated to residents.

Duane said he devised a formula using generally agreed upon load factors for cars, trucks and heavy trucks such as garbage trucks. There is no equivalent formula for how much damage each trip does to streets. However Duane did some rough calculations. He then factored in the life expectancy of a City street and the cost per mile of reconstructing that road. By his calculations he said by limiting the number of garbage trucks on a Roseville street to approximately one hauler, it could extend the life of the street 5 to 10 years. And based on the assessment charged to a typical homeowner that could save the homeowner twenty to forty dollars a year.