

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 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, Bownik
  
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  
  
*A. Approval of Agenda.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Gower to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
  
4. APPROVAL  
  
*A. Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Gower, second by McCloskey to approve of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 26, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.  
  
*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$42,688.44.* Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the claims totaling \$42,688.44. Motion carried unanimously.
  
5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  
6. CONSENT

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*A. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application- Community Park Tennis Court Reconstruction.* James Bownik, Administrative Analyst, discussed the grant application that was being considered. He stated that the Park and Community Involvement Committee has supported this grant application and had discussed its submittal at recent meetings. The estimated cost of the improvement is approximately \$80,000 with \$40,000 being funded through this grant. Bownik stated that the new tennis courts will once again be a double court (120' x 114') and built approximately at the same location, with an emphasis on ADA compliance. A path will be extended to lead to an entrance of the tennis courts. Four-foot gates will be used for the entrances on each side, allowing for wheel chair accessibility. The new courts will be properly designed and built for drainage, durability, and longevity. The surfacing system will consist of 100% acrylic, with a vinyl-coated fence installed around the perimeter of the court.

Bownik read a letter from resident Jonathon Preus, 1723 Carl Street, in support of the project. He then discussed the cost breakdown for the grant project that was included in a special handout that was distributed.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. There were no residents in attendance at the meeting that wished to address the City Council on this grant application. (*The letter previously read by Bownik was entered into the public hearing record*). The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

10. ACTION

*A. Approval of Resolution 031202B: Authorizing Application for a DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant for the Construction of the Tennis Courts.* Council member McCloskey questioned the need for the overall improvement and wondered whether the overall cost justified the benefits of the proposed improvement. Park and Community Involvement Committee member Mary Croteau commented on the history of the Community Park and how members of the Committee and the overall community have provided feedback on the need to replace these tennis courts. The Council discussed the placement of this improvement in the Capital Improvements Plan and the process for how funds are budgeted or available for the matching portion of this grant.

Motion by Gower, second by McCloskey to approve Resolution 031202B: Authorizing Application for a DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant for the Construction of the Tennis Courts. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*B. Resolution 031202A: A Resolution Approving Final Contract Acceptance of the 2000 Street and Utility Improvements.* The City Administrator stated that the City Engineer and the contractor have come to agreement on the final quantities associated with the 2000 Street and Utility Improvements. The project can now be closed, and the full two-year warranty can be instituted. A resolution must be passed authorizing final payment and approval of the contract. The final pay request is for \$2,198.66.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to approve Resolution 031202A: A Resolution Approving Final Contract Acceptance of the 2000 Street and Utility Improvements. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*C. Approval of Pay Request #7 for the 2001 Street and Utility Improvements.* Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to approve Pay Request #7 for the 2001 Street and Utility Improvements. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*D. Resolution 031202C: A Resolution Amending the Joint Powers Agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.* Tom Frame, from the City of Minneapolis Department of Environmental Management and staff for the MWMO, stated that the City of Lauderdale joined with the City's of Saint Anthony, Falcon Heights, Saint Paul, and Minneapolis through a Joint Power's Cooperative Agreement (JCA) in 1997 to form the Middle Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (MMRWMO). The JCA that was created in 1997 was first amended in June of 2000 as a result of boundary alterations and agreements. Also, at that time, the MWMO deliberated on the use of a sub-watershed property tax levy at the city level as opposed to a levy that would be applied over the entire watershed. Through subsequent action by the State Legislature, it was ruled that sub-watershed levies are not permissible. The watershed levy, which covered the entire watershed, then went into effect for the first time with the certification of the 2002 property taxes.

This JCA amendment for consideration at this meeting mainly updates language related to that watershed levy authority and the process for how levy dollars are made available to the member communities. The most important aspect of this change is the importance of delineating in the agreement that member communities (especially those aside from Minneapolis) should receive an amount of levy funds at least equal to what that City pays in to the watershed that could then be used toward city improvements projects.

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve Resolution 031202C: A Resolution Amending the Joint Powers Agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. REPORTS

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

14. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. 2002 Improvements Bid Approval
2. 2001 Financial Statements and Audit
3. Hamline Auto Body Conditional Use Permit Amendment
4. Hamline Auto Body Variance for the Car Wash Construction

15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING TO A WORK SESSION

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn the regular meeting to a work session at 8:47 P.M. Ayes: All.

16. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The work session was called to order at 8:47 p.m. The City Council discussed the Community Room Rental Policy and the proposed TH 280 Improvements as they relate to the construction of a noise wall by MNDOT.

17. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

The work session adjourned at 10:00 p.m.