

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2002**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Getschow and Bownik

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 14, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$68,133.08. Motion by Gower, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$68,133.08. 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

A. *2002 Street and Utility Improvements Update.* The City Administrator updated the City Council on the improvement project. The boring work at Larpenteur and Highway 280 has been underway for the past two weeks and has progressed well. The trunk sewer work will continue with sewer line installation from the Larpenteur ramps north to Broadway, with more boring scheduled under Highway 280 between Broadway and Ryan Avenue and at Roselawn Avenue. The exact schedule for the start of residential reconstruction north of Roselawn Avenue is still unknown, but the assumption is that this work will still begin in mid to late June.

B. *Grant Applications.* The City Administrator reported that the County Board has approved \$80,000 in CDBG funds to the City of Lauderdale for the 2002 Improvements. Also, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) approved \$50,000 in funds toward the 2002 Improvements from a combined sewer overflow (CSO) program. This is a total of \$130,000 in outside funds for the utility portion of the 2002 Street and Utility Improvements.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. *Minor Subdivision at 1847 Pleasant.* James Bownik, Administrative Analyst, stated that Emil and Marian Fischer, 1847 Pleasant Street, currently has four combined lots on the southwest corner of Pleasant and Summer Streets. A house exists on the south portion of the property. The owners are requesting to subdivide the property into two separate parcels in order to create an additional buildable lot to the north of the existing house. The existing parcel of land consists of four forty-foot (40') lots that have been combined into a one hundred sixty foot (160') parcel of land. The proposed subdivision would create a one hundred foot (100') lot at the corner of Pleasant and Summer Streets, with the existing house on a sixty-foot (60') lot directly to the south. These dimensions would comply with the Zoning Code and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Bownik stated that an approved resolution is needed for this minor subdivision to be allowed. The resolution addresses a small utility shed that exists on what is the proposed property line between the two properties. The resolution includes a condition that the shed be relocated to comply with the setback requirements for accessory buildings. (The setback requirements for accessory buildings are three feet from the side property line and three feet from the rear property line in this district) When approved, the applicant will register the resolution and the certificate of survey with the Ramsey County Recorder. This will enable the property owner to acquire a PIN (property identification number) for the new parcel.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. There was no one present that wished to address the City Council. The public hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Wayne Sisel, Chair of the Plan Commission, stated that he is in favor of this subdivision. Everything seems well documented and in good order.

10. ACTION

A. Resolution 052802A: A Resolution Allowing for the Allowing For The Subdivision Of One Residential Parcel Of Four Combined Lots At 1847 Pleasant Street Into Two Separate Residential Parcels Of Land. Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve Resolution 052802A: A Resolution Allowing for the Allowing for The Subdivision Of One Residential Parcel Of Four Combined Lots At 1847 Pleasant Street Into Two Separate Residential Parcels Of Land. Roll: Yes. All. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 052802B: A Resolution Ordering the Fulham Street Street Light Petitions. The City Administrator stated that in May of 2001, Wayne Sisel of 1567 Fulham Street approached the City Council with a petition signed by 100% of the affected owners on Fulham Street south of Larpenteur Avenue, requesting the Council to consider undertaking the local improvement of installing decorative streetlights on their street. The identical petition was presented and accepted by the City of Falcon Heights on behalf of four residents in that community, bringing the total participation on the block to twelve (12) households.

The petition that was submitted in 2001 acknowledges the conditions of the assessment policy manual, which states that street lights, constructed or provided separate from new street construction or street reconstruction shall be 100% assessed. For the report on this street light improvement, the Administrator stated that he has received quotations from both the City of Saint Paul and Xcel Energy as potential contractors. The City of Saint Paul was the low bidder, and the approval of a resolution will order the street light improvement and will direct the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the City of Saint Paul to complete this improvement. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved of this resolution.

The City Attorney drafted the petition and waiver agreements. They have all been executed by the eight Lauderdale property owners and the four Falcon Heights property owners. The petition and waiver agreement also delineates the proposed City of Saint Paul cost into the agreement. Since the improvement is 100% petitioned and 100% assessed, there is not a need for a notice and a public hearing on the assessment. Following the improvement project, an assessment roll will be prepared and presented to the City Council for approval. As stated in the agreement, the assessment would appear on the property tax statement beginning in 2003 for a five-year period. Prepayment options would exist on this improvement, and an interest rate of 5% would apply to outstanding principal balances where a prepayment is not made.

Wayne Sisel asked where the City of Falcon Heights was on this project. The City Administrator stated that the Falcon Heights City Council approved their relevant petition and waiver agreements and passed a resolution ordering this improvement at their May 21st meeting.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to approve Resolution 052802B: A Resolution Ordering the Fulham Street Street Light Petitions. Roll: Yes: all.
Motion carried.

C. *Approval of the Petition and Waiver Agreements for the Fulham Street Street Lighting Improvement.* Motion by Christensen, second by Gower to approve the petition and waiver agreements for the following properties for the Fulham Street Lighting Improvement:

1605 Fulham Street
1599 Fulham Street
1589 Fulham Street
1583 Fulham Street
1577 Fulham Street
1573 Fulham Street
1567 Fulham Street
1563 Fulham Street

Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. REPORTS

A. *Day In The Park Event.* Administrative Analyst Bownik stated that Day in the Park is set for Saturday, July 20, 2002 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Park. There will be a parade, food, beverages, live music and games during the day. Also, the Park and Community Involvement Committee are in discussions with the Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lion's Club about conducting a bingo event.

12. DISCUSSION

A. *MNDOT Sound Wall Feedback.* The City Council discussed some of the preliminary feedback received on the construction of a sound wall on the east side of Highway 280. There was brief discussion on constructing the sound wall on select blocks between Larpenteur and Roselawn Avenues.

The Council directed the Administrator to contact MNDOT and invite their representatives to the work session on June 11, 2002. A field visit to the areas where a wall would be constructed will be conducted.

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. 2002-2003 Resident's Guide and Phone Directory
2. Work Session: MNDOT Sound Wall field visit, Social Room Rental Policy, and Ramsey County Use Deeds

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. Ayes: All.