

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 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 Christensen, 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 June 11, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$48,222.48. Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$48,222.48. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Gordon Goodrich, 1715 Carl Street, addressed the Council concerning an issue on his block that involves what he feels is a boarding house. This situation of "too many unrelated people living in one house" at 1712 Carl Street has also raised a concern with the number of cars parked on the block. Goodrich presented a petition signed by two other residents on the block requesting permanent 2-hour parking on the west side of Carl Street between Larpenteur Avenue and Ione Street.

The City Administrator stated that the Zoning Administrator has sent two letters to the property owners at 1712 Carl Street. The second letter requested that the “not more than three unrelated people living in a house” issue be resolved in late May. From conversations with the property owner, he claims that he is in compliance with the zoning ordinance and that there are only three people living in the house. He has also stated that appearance of four or five cars parked near his property are a result of visitors and guests. The Administrator also referred the City Council to a memorandum from the City Attorney on this zoning issue.

The Mayor stated that this item would be placed on the next City Council agenda for discussion and consideration.

6. CONSENT
7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Ramsey County Library System. Matt Anderson, President of the Ramsey County Library Board, addressed the City Council on the budget crunch facing the County Library system. All agencies of Ramsey County have been asked to cut their respective budgets by 7%, and the Library Board is seeking the support of the municipalities served by the library system. A resolution was presented for Council consideration that would support the library system in maintaining their current funding and service levels.

Council member Gill-Gerbig expressed concern with this request because it was put before her without prior notification and she has not had an opportunity to understand this request in the context of the entire County Budget. The Mayor understood this concern, but still felt that the support of this resolution was appropriate.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve Resolution 062502B: A Resolution Supporting the Ramsey County Library System. Roll: Yes. All.
Motion carried.

B. 2002 Legislative Session Overview. Representatives Greiling and McGuire were present to discuss the 2002 Legislative session. In particular, McGuire stated that this would be her last time before the City Council since redistricting has put her in a position to not continue to seek office. Representative Greiling's seat would now be the one serving the City of Lauderdale.

On behalf of the City Council, the Mayor thanked McGuire for all of her years of service and offered a resolution for Council consideration commending Representative McGuire on her service to the residents of Lauderdale.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to approve Resolution 062502A: A Resolution of Proclamation Recognizing the Years of Service of Mary Jo McGuire to the City of Lauderdale. Roll: Yes. All. Motion carried.

9. REPORTS

A. Sound Wall-MNDOT. Representatives of MNDOT were in attendance to answer any questions on the sound wall from the City Council. This discussion was in preparation for the July 23, 2002 meeting, when Council action on the sound wall is scheduled. In discussing the details of sound wall construction and maintenance, several questions and concerns arose regarding municipal consent and MNDOT authority to close city roads that enter Highway 280. The Council requested further information on these issues in writing from MNDOT before further consideration on the sound wall construction. The overall discussion on municipal consent and MNDOT authority will be scheduled for the July 23rd meeting.

B. 2002 Street and Utility Improvements Update. The City Administrator updated the City Council on the improvement project. The trunk sewer work has continued from the Larpenteur Avenue ramps to Broadway Avenue. More boring work is 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, especially since the start of this work depends on how the boring work proceeds. The current assumption is that this work will still begin in mid-July.

C. *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.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. ACTION

A. *Approval of a Non-Intoxicating Liquor License for "Day in the Park".* Bownik stated that there is a concern this year with the sale of beer at the event that did not arise last year. The Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association, which provides the liquor awareness training is charging more than \$200.00 for their seminar this year. There was not a cost to the City in attending this training last year. In conjunction with the liquor liability insurance, the cost of providing beer at the event may rise to \$500.00. Bownik suggested that the City approve the license under the condition that the City receives liquor awareness training at no cost.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Gower to approve a Non-Intoxicating Liquor License for "Day in the Park" under the condition that the City receives liquor awareness training at no cost. Roll: Yes. All. Motion carried.

B. *Approval of a Joint Powers Powers Agreement for Suburban Representation Selection Process to the Board of Water Commissioners.* Administrator Getschow stated that the Saint Paul Regional Water Utility completely took over the operations of the water utility system in the City of Lauderdale in 1998. Even though the Water Utility sells water and maintains the water system for several other municipalities, they completely control and own the water utility system in four communities- Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, Maplewood, and West Saint Paul. As part of the agreement that turned over the system to the Water Utility, the St. Paul Charter Commission and the St. Paul City Council authorized that the composition of the Board of Water Commissioners be enlarged and changed to allow for representation by suburban municipalities that have contracted with the Board for all water services.

The agreement in front of the Council at this time provides for a method of rotating suburban membership between the four communities for the two suburban seats. The first Lauderdale seat would need to be filled beginning in 2006.

It was also noted, following a question by Council member Gill-Gerbig that this joint powers agreement acknowledges that other municipalities may enter into similar agreements with the Water Utility in the future. Under that scenario, the other communities would follow the current four communities for future suburban representation.

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to Approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Suburban Representation Selection Process to the Board of Water Commissioners. Roll: Yes. All. Motion carried.

C. Approval of the Easement Agreements for the 2001 Street and Utility Improvements. Getschow stated that there are two easements required as part of the 2001 Street and Utility Improvements. Both easements are permanent utility easements for the reconstruction of parts of the storm sewer system south of Larpenteur Avenue in the multiple-family residential area of the City. The two properties that are providing the easements are Lauderdale Hollows and Luther Seminary. It was noted that the easement agreements were drafted and approved by the City Attorney.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to approve the permanent easement agreements for the 2001 Street and Utility Improvements with Leonard L. Gasparre and Harold B. Dokmo Jr., Trustee (Lauderdale Hollows) and Luther Seminary. Roll: Yes. All. Motion carried.

12. DISCUSSION
13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Garage Construction variance at 1764 Malvern
2. 2-Hour Parking Request on Carl Street
3. Deputy Clerk Computer Quotations
4. Work Session: 2002 Goals, and Winter Parking South of Larpenteur Avenue

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to adjourn at 10:45 P.M. Ayes: All.