

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:10 P.M.

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Hughes, Bownik, Walsh, and Getschow

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Dains and Council members Giannetti and Gill-Gerbig were sworn into office.

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Christensen, second by Giannetti to approve the agenda with the addition of 12 (C) Karkoc parcel and 12 (D) Appointment to the Roseville Area Schools Educational Advisory Planning Committee. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

5. WORK SESSION - 2004 GOAL SETTING

A. Goal Setting Session. The City Council discussed the goals for 2004. This discussion occurred between 5:25 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.

6. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2003 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$338,953.51. Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the claims totaling \$338,953.51. Motion carried unanimously.

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

8. CONSENT

- A. *Approval of 2004 Investment Policy*
- B. *Resolution 011304A: Approval of Investment Institutions for 2004*
- C. *Approval of 2004 Licenses*
- D. *Approval of the Mileage Reimbursement Amount for 2004*

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the consent agenda.
Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

9. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

10. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. ACTION

- A. *Resolution 011304B: Resolution Adopting the 2004 Fee Schedule.* There are two proposed changes that include: (1) a fee increase for sewer connection charges to match the Metropolitan Council fee and (2) the adoption of a civil penalty schedule for violations of the liquor control ordinance.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve Resolution 011304B: A Resolution Establishing 2004 License, Administrative Services, and Permit Fees.
Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

- B. *2004 Appointments.* Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the enclosed Appointments for 2004. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

C. Accept a Petition and Set a Public Hearing to Vacate a Utility Easement at 2337 Summer Street. The City Administrator stated that Marliyn Salovich, 2337 Summer Street, has presented the City with a petition requesting that the city vacate the public utility easement that exists solely on her private property. This is due to the fact that the easement was for the operation of a sanitary sewer lift station that no longer exists. The city replaced the lift station with a gravity sanitary sewer line with the 2000 Street and Utility Improvements that runs through the Community Park to Pleasant Street.

The Administrator stated that the statutory process for vacating a public utility easement is same as for vacating a public right-of-way such as a street or alley. Following the acceptance of the petition, a public hearing needs to be scheduled following mailed and published notice. Following the public hearing, the Council would base their consideration on the overall "public interest" in vacating the easement.

Motion by Giannetti, second by Gill-Gerbig to accept the utility easement vacation petition from Marilyn Salovich, 2337 Summer Street, and schedule a public hearing for the February 10, 2004 Council meeting. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

D. Karkoc Parcel. The City Administrator stated that he had met with Peter Karkoc regarding his vacant lot on Walsh Lake. He asked if Karkoc was willing to sell the parcel to the City. The City's Comprehensive Plan approved in 1997 calls for possibly acquiring the parcel for park and/or open space. Karkoc stated that he would be willing to listen to an offer from the City. The Administrator discussed the issue with the City Attorney who felt that the City should order an appraisal of the property before an offer is submitted to Karkoc.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to authorize the City Administrator to obtain an appraisal for the Karkoc parcel. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

E. Roseville Area Schools Educational Advisory Planning Committee. Council member Gill-Gerbig stated that she had been approached by the Roseville Area School District Superintendent as a Lauderdale Council member and a parent of the District to serve on an advisory committee for the school district. She had previously represented Lauderdale on a committee at the school district level regarding demographics.

Motion by McCloskey, second by Giannetti to appoint Council member Gill-Gerbig to the Roseville Area Schools Educational Advisory Planning Committee. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

13. DISCUSSION

A. *Union Contract.*

The Mayor excused himself from the meeting at 7:27 p.m. due to the fact that he is employed by the same overall union that negotiates with the City of Lauderdale. Under this scenario, he wishes to avoid any conflict of interest.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gill-Gerbig closed the meeting at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the union contract.

The Mayor Pro-Tem opened the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

14. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

15. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

16. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Approval of 2004 Goals
2. Approval of a Joint Powers Agreement with the Ramsey County GIS User's Group
3. Approval of a Resolution adopting a Sewer Plan for the Metropolitan Council
4. Citizen's League Tax Rankings Report
5. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization report
6. Union Contract

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey, to adjourn at 8:47 P.M. Ayes: All.