

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL

Council present: Giannetti, Christensen, McCloskey, and Mayor Dains

Council absent: Gill-Gerbig

Staff present: Administrator Getschow

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve the agenda. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Christensen, second by Giannetti to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2004 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$44,800.38. Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$44,800.38. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Pay Request #8 for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements for S.M. Hentges and Sons in the amount of \$27,184.16. Motion by McCloskey, second by Christensen to approve Pay Request #8 for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements in the amount of \$27,184.16. 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS
9. ACTION

A. Consideration of a front-yard fence permit at 1743 Pleasant Street. City Administrator Getschow stated that Michael and Melissa Passeretti, 1743 Pleasant Street, are requesting City Council approval to construct a fence in the front setback area at their residence. According to Lauderdale's City Code, City Council approval is required for the portion of the fence that is proposed for the front setback area.

A new white picket fence would be constructed ten feet from the front property line at a height of 2 feet, 10 inches. The fence would then follow along the side property lines to the house. Since the house is situated towards the back of the lot by the alley, almost any fence placed on the property would be a front-yard fence.

Council member Christensen stated that he had visited with the homeowner and discussed the property to the south (2311 Ione), which has an encroaching deck that would be above the fence.

Mayor Dains and Administrator Getschow provided some history on the property which included the fact that both 1743 Pleasant and 2311 Ione were once one property with two single-family homes.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve that portion of fence construction proposed to be located in the front setback area at 1743 Pleasant Street per the site plan. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of a front-yard fence permit at 1766 Malvern Street. Getschow stated that Paul and Anna Hallen, 1766 Malvern Street, are also requesting City Council approval to construct a fence in the front setback area at their residence.

A new cedar wood fence would be constructed one foot from the front property line. The height of the fence is proposed to be 4 feet tall across the front of the property, as well as the western 18 feet along the side property line. The remaining portions of the fence are proposed to be at a height of 6 feet.

Similar to 1743 Pleasant Street, this house is also situated towards the back of the lot by the alley.

Council member Christensen asked if the fence was to be a privacy fence. Due to the fact that the yard is quite a bit higher than the street, even a short privacy fence in the front yard could block out the entire yard.

Administrator Getschow stated that he is unsure if the wood fence was to be constructed as a privacy fence, but the Council could condition their motion to not allow a privacy fence in the front yard.

The Council agreed that there should be some discussion during the draft zoning ordinance discussion regarding putting in place some guidelines for approving front yard fences.

Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve that portion of fence construction proposed to be located in the front setback area at 1766 Malvern Street per the site plan. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

C. Approval of the 1st Quarter 2004 Financial and Investment Report.
Motion by McCloskey, second by Christensen to approve the 2004 1st Quarter Financial and Investment Report. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

D. Change the start time of the May 25, 2004 City Council meeting.
Getschow stated that a work session with Ehlers and Associates regarding the redevelopment of Larpenteur Avenue was to be set up for the May 25 meeting. Based upon other commitments, Ehlers officials could only meet with the City Council on the evening of May 25 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Motion by McCloskey, second by Giannetti to approve moving the start time of the May 25, 2004 City Council meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to conduct a City Council work session. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

10. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. *Ramsey County Commissioner Jan Weissner.* The Commissioner gave a presentation to the City Council on several developments at the Ramsey County level. Issues covered included homeland security; the 800 MHz project; county road turnbacks and maintenance projects; public health initiatives; community human services programs; regional transit; the Ramsey County Library system; the community corrections system and the construction of the new jail; the economic development department's administration of the CDBG program; and the county park system

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

12. DISCUSSION

13. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. SAPD 2003 Annual Report
- B. Social Room and Kitchen Improvement Quotations
- C. Work Session- Draft Zoning Ordinance, 2003 Improvements, Tree Replacement, Highway 280 Truck Braking

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCloskey, second by Christensen to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. Ayes: All.