

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.
2. ROLL
Council present: Christensen, McCloskey, Giannetti, Gill-Gerbig and Mayor Dains
Staff present: Administrator Getschow
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
A. *Approval of Agenda.* Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. APPROVAL
A. *Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Giannetti, second by Gill-Gerbig, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2004 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
B. *Approval of Claims totaling \$45,952.97.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Christensen to approve the claims totaling \$45,952.97. Motion carried unanimously.
5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 6. CONSENT
- 7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/
CITIZENS ADDRESSING STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
- 8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. *City Prosecutor Presentation on DWI Laws - Martin Costello.* Martin Costello, the Lauderdale City Prosecutor with Hughes and Costello, gave a presentation to the City Council on DWI Laws. The presentation included information regarding: (1) the levels of DWI prosecution, (2) driver's license revocation, (3) license plate impoundment, (4) vehicle forfeiture, and (4) mandatory sentencing.

A break was taken at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

9. REPORTS

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. ACTION

A. *Resolution 102604A: A Resolution Finalizing the Organized Collection Process.* Administrator Gettschow provided background on this issue that originally dates back to the formulation of the city's comprehensive plan. The Plan calls for researching the possibility of the City contracting with one hauler to provide solid waste service in the City. This concept is referred to as organized collection. A Task Force was formed in 2001 to specifically study this issue of residential organized collection. Between 2001 and 2004, surveys were conducted and public meetings were held on the issue. The feedback from those surveys and the meetings, along with in-depth research conducted by the Task Force, culminated in a recommendation by the Task Force to the City Council to pursue organized collection in Lauderdale. This meant soliciting proposals for providing residential solid waste and recycling services by one hauler on one day in the City. Proposals were drafted, issued, returned and reviewed by the Task Force and the City Council.

The results of the study, following the review of the proposals is summarized in the following resolution that is being brought to the City Council for consideration:

**CITY OF LAUDERDALE
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 102604A**

**RESOLUTION FINALIZING THE ORGANIZED
COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE STUDY PROCESS**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2001, the City Council formed the Refuse Task Force comprised of the City's residents to review the current residential waste collection system and to study the feasibility of organizing residential collection of solid waste within the corporate limits of the City pursuant to Section 15A.94 of the Minnesota Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2002, following a public hearing, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 121002A regarding the City's organized waste collection goals; and

WHEREAS, the City's organized waste collection goals included (1) maximizing efficiency in solid waste collection; (2) establishing collection service to all households within individual service areas on the same day; (3) providing comprehensive solid waste collection service that included garbage, recycling, yard waste, brush and special collection; (4) establishing efficient billing procedures; (5) providing accurate and timely tonnage reports and disposal records to the City; and (6) ensuring that the City remains a clean, sanitary, and attractive place for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said resolution, notice was sent inviting all interested parties including the current haulers to participate, comment and provide suggestions regarding organized residential waste collection plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a number of informational meetings with all of the residentially licensed haulers currently serving the City; and

WHEREAS, during the informational meetings, the haulers consistently opposed a plan moving the City towards organized collection but did propose to provide service in the City on one specific day agreed upon by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, upon review and consideration of all the comments and suggestions received since December 10, 2002, public hearing, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 030904 stating City's intent to establish a single hauler residential waste collection system based

on the following reasons: (1) the single hauler system would maximize efficiency by providing service on a single day within a specified service area; (2) residents would be billed directly by the hauler; (3) the hauler would be better able to respond to resident's complaints; and, (4) the City would be able to ensure accurate records regarding residential solid waste generated; and,

WHEREAS, the City solicited proposals from interested haulers to provide all residential solid waste and recycling collection on behalf of the City as a single hauler; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the proposals submitted by a number of interested haulers, including the four current haulers, the City concludes that while selecting one hauler to provide all residential waste collection service in the City will make the collection more efficient, choosing any one of the proposals submitted by the haulers could negatively impact the services that the City residents currently receive on a multi-hauler system; and,

WHEREAS, the City concludes that the current multi-hauler system need not be changed and the City's stated goal of making the residential waste collection more efficient could be achieved by requiring the haulers to provide service in the City on one specific day agreed upon by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-2-3 A of the City Code states that the City Council shall have the authority to make regulations concerning the days of collection, type and location of waste containers and such other matters pertaining to the collection, conveyance, and disposal as they shall find necessary, and to change and modify the same; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that limiting the number of residential refuse licenses the City issues and designating one specific day for all collection will result in a safer and more efficient residential collection system that will meet several of the City's stated solid waste collection goals;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lauderdale, Minnesota that:

1. Under the current waste collection system, residential collection services are provided by multiple haulers, five days a week, to all residential units within the corporate limits of the City.

2. The City staff solicited and evaluated the comments and suggestions of all interested parties including the current haulers in considering whether to retain or amend the method of solid waste collection employed by the City.

It is hereby determined that the current system of collecting refuse on all days of the week does not achieve the City's stated organized waste collection goals. Therefore, the City determines that all licensed haulers will provide service to the residents on one day and that day will be Monday. The City will also limit the number of residential licenses issued to four, considering one additional license from the current list of three residential haulers. If any hauler decides against retaining a license in any given year, the City will retain the right to limit the number of licenses further.

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gianetti to approve Resolution 102604A: A Resolution Finalizing the Organized Collection Process. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

Council member McCloskey wished to publicly thank all of the Refuse Task Force members for volunteering and devoting so much time and energy with working on this issue.

The Mayor and the entire City Council agreed that their work was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

B. Resolution 102604B: A Resolution Accepting 2005 SCORE Funding from Ramsey County for the Lauderdale Recycling Program. The City Administrator provided a brief overview of the programs that SCORE grant funding supports.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to approve Resolution 102604B: A Resolution Accepting 2005 SCORE Funding from Ramsey County for the Lauderdale Recycling program. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

C. 3rd Quarter 2004 Financial and Investment Report. Motion by Christensen, second by Gianetti to approve the 3rd Quarter 2004 Financial and Investment Report. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

D. Approval of the Purchase of a Furnace/Unit Heater for the Warming House. The Administrator stated that a city goal for 2004 was to continue to make improvements to the warming house. In the last two years, there have been several warming house upgrades that includes the installation of a new door and window on the west side of the building with masonry work, the painting of the outside and the inside of the building, and the installation of insulation and sheet rock on the inside the building.

The current improvement that needs to be undertaken is the replacement of the old furnace or unit heater.

By calculating the size of the warming house, a 45,000 BTU heater is more than adequate. Public works staff obtained quotations for a new heater that met those specifications

Staff recommends the lowest priced A.D.P. 45,000 BTU heater at a cost of \$1,440.00 by Kath Heating. This cost includes the removal of the old heating unit and the installation of the new heater and a new thermostat.

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the purchase of an A.D.P. 45,000 BTU heater for the warming house form Kath Heating at a cost of \$1,440.00. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. *Halloween Party.* Council member and Park and Community Involvement Committee (PCIC) liaison Giannetti once again reminded everyone about Halloween party at City Hall on Sunday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Donations of money and candy before the event are still appreciated. Those donations can be brought to City Hall. The Committee is also still looking for volunteers to assist at the event.

B. *Election Day-November 2, 2004.* The Mayor reminded everyone that the election is next Tuesday. Lauderdale City Hall is the one and only voting precinct for the entire populace of the City of Lauderdale. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

14. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Council/PCIC Joint Work Session
2. Recycling Request for Proposal (RFP) consideration

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Ayes: All.