

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Administrator Getschow

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to approve the agenda with the addition of 13(C) Parking Ordinance Revision and 13 (D) City Park Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2004 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$97,982.52. Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$97,982.52. 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

A. Roseville Area School District Update. John Thein, Superintendent of the Roseville Area School District, provided an update to the City Council regarding recent events at the School District level. He recognized Council member Gill-Gerbig for her contributions as a member on one of the district's subcommittees.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. ACTION

A.-B. Resolution 083104A: A Resolution Appointing an LMCIT Insurance Agent and the Approval of 2004-2005 Lauderdale Insurance Policy. The City Administrator gave an overview of the 2004-2005 insurance policy. The policy cost has decreased this year by more than 24%. This was due to a decrease in almost every premium area of coverage.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve Resolution 083104A: A Resolution Appointing an LMCIT Insurance Agent. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability and to not purchase additional excess liability coverage for the coming year. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

Motion by Giannetti, second by Christensen to approve the 2004-2005 property, liability, automobile, and worker's compensation insurance policy. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 083104B: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property (Karkoc Parcel). City Administrator Getschow stated that this resolution allows for the purchase of the Karkoc parcel by the City that is adjacent to Walsh Lake north of Pleasant Street.

The following resolution was moved by Council member Christensen:

WHEREAS, the City desires to preserve significant portions of open space within the City for park, natural resources, recreation and open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property contains approximately 0.25 acres, is partially wooded lake- front property adjacent to similar city-owned property and would be desirable for the City and its citizens to use for park, natural resources, recreation and open space purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is currently guided for open space under the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City owns property adjacent to the Subject Property and thus, the acquisition of the Subject Property would provide a contiguous area of open space.

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

1. It is convenient, desirable and necessary to acquire the Subject Property for the City for park, recreation, natural resources and open space purposes.
2. The City has been able to reach a negotiated agreement with the owner of the Subject Property.
3. The City Council determines that it is reasonable to acquire the Subject Property as legally described below for a purchase price of \$32,500.00.
4. The City Attorney and staff are authorized and directed on behalf of the City to close on the purchase of the Subject Property.
5. The Subject Property is legally described as follows:

GARCELON'S ADDITION TO ST. PAUL N 1/2 OF LOT 5
AND ALL OF LOT 4 BLK 3

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lauderdale, Minnesota, as part of the final resolution of this matter, the City Council wishes to publicly recognize and honor the memory of Lucy Karkoc, beloved wife of Peter Karkoc.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Lauderdale, Minnesota this 31st day of August, 2004.

Approval of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Giannetti. Roll: Yes: all.
Motion carried.

D. Consideration of a Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment Contract for Services with Ehlers' and Associates. The City Administrator stated that the City Council provided direction to city staff at their last meeting to pursue a contract with Ehlers and Associates for Larpenteur Avenue redevelopment services following a review of proposals from Ehlers and Springsted.

Mayor Dains provided some background on this issue by stating the discussion of this redevelopment initiative dates back to the creation and approval of the Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan in the mid-1990's. He also noted that that the area to be included in the redevelopment study is south of Larpenteur Avenue to Idaho Avenue and east of Eustis Street to Carl Street, with the inclusion of one building east of Carl Street.

Getschow stated that the scope of services delineated in the contract is identical to the elements of the proposal that the City Council has endorsed. It should be noted that only 2-4 to as many as all of the elements of the process could be fully utilized depending on this project proceeds. The City Council is entering into this project with open eyes. They want to evaluate all the redevelopment options that may be available.

In terms of covering the cost of the contract, 50% of the cost of the services is being funded through a Metropolitan Council LCDA Opportunity Grant. The remaining 50% of the potential \$41,965 contract is funded through a portion of proceeds received from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) in 2003 as a result of the sewer treatment cost error.

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the contract for services between the City of Lauderdale and Ehlers and Associates for the Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment Project. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

10. ITEMS REMOVED FORM THE CONSENT AGENDA
11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
12. SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING - **START TIME AT 8:00 P.M.**
 1. 2005 Preliminary Tax Levy
 2. Work Session: Draft Zoning Ordinance

A break was taken at 7:43 p.m. to transition into a work session discussion.

13. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The meeting resumed at 7:52 p.m.

A. Organized Collection- Solid Waste and Recycling Proposals. The City Council continued to discuss the organized solid waste and recycling proposals.

B. 2005 Budget Discussion. The City Council discussed the 2005 Budget. The discussion focused primarily on funds 201-601 (all funds other than the general fund).

C. Parking Ordinance Revisions. The City Council discussed the enforcement of the new parking ordinance regulations, especially the new 3-day rule for abandoned vehicles.

D. City Park Activities. The City Council discussed their concerns with allowing golfing in the Lauderdale Community Park.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Ayes: All.