

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2004**

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

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Administrator Getschow, Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik, and Deputy Clerk Bownik

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*A. Approval of Agenda.* Motion by Christensen, second by Giannetti to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL

*A. Approval of Minutes.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2004 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$42,333.49.* Motion by Giannetti, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$42,333.49. Motion carried unanimously.

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

*A. Elizabeth French, 1907 Pleasant Street,* presented the City Council with pictures of a spotlighting problem she claimed to be experiencing in her house as a result of the hockey rink lights in the Community Park. She requested that the City remedy the problem by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

6. CONSENT

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
8. ACTION

*A. Adopt the Organized Collection Findings of Fact.* Mayor Dains introduced this item acknowledging that the a representative of the garbage haulers has requested that they and interested residents be allowed to speak on the organized collection issue at this meeting. The Mayor stated that he would allow comment by those wishing to speak, but stated that the Deputy Clerk would first provide a background on the organized collection issue.

Deputy Clerk Kevin Walsh read the findings of fact for organized collection which delineated the history of the issue dating back to the discussion of refuse collection in the City Comprehensive Plan in 1997 through the creation of a Refuse Task Force in 2001. The history included following state mandated procedures that included public hearings and negotiations/discussions with haulers doing business in the city.

The Mayor opened the comment period on the organized collection issue.

The following spoke in opposition to organized collection and to the city's issuance of proposals for organized collection:

1. Doug Carnival, Attorney for the Minnesota Chapter of the Solid Waste Management Association.
2. George Walter, Walter's Refuse and Recycling
3. Jack Barlow, 1947 Eustis Street
4. Gilmore Sem, 1822 Carl Street
5. Dawn Bartylla, 1911 Eustis Street
6. Harry Villella, 1910 Walnut Street
7. Tony Goodmanson, 1859 Walnut Street
8. Darryle Goodmanson, 1803 Malvern Street
9. Kim Hanson, 1719 Eustis Street
10. Art Petersen, Jr., 1873 Eustis Street
11. Mae Schmidt, 1774 Eustis Street
12. Renee Roggenbuck, 1909 Carl Street
13. Donna Bowe, 1790 Lake Street
14. Roger Herbst, 1843 Carl Street
15. Leanne Lemire, 1851 Carl Street
16. Tom Kough, Roseville City Council member
17. Alan Clapp, 1963 Malvern Street

Motion by Christensen, second by Giannetti to adopt the organized collection findings of fact pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 115A.94. Roll: Yes: Christensen, Giannetti, Gill-Gerbig and Mayor Dains. No: McCloskey. Motion carried.

*B. Resolution 030904A: A Resolution Regarding Organized Collection of Solid Waste Pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes 115A.94 (Authorize the Issuance of Request for Proposals for Solid Waste and Recycling Services).*

Council member Gill-Gerbig stated that she wishes to see the proposals to be able to make an informed decision on whether or not to move ahead with organized collection

Council member McCloskey stated that he does not favor moving ahead at this time based on the comments received at this meeting.

Council member Giannetti also stated that she wishes to see the proposals to be able to make an informed decision on whether or not to move ahead with organized collection.

Council member Christensen felt that to make an informed decision he wants to see the numbers. The City has been through all required statutory processes and he wishes to see the process through before he makes a decision.

Mayor Dains stated that he also wishes to see the numbers. At this point no one has necessarily made up his or her mind about organized collection, they just want to see the proposals.

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to adopt Resolution 030904A: A Resolution Regarding Organized Collection of Solid Waste Pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes 115A.94 (Authorize the Issuance of Request for Proposals for Solid Waste and Recycling Services). Roll: Yes: Christensen, Giannetti, Gill-Gerbig and Mayor Dains. No: McCloskey. Motion carried.

9. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

*A. State Senator John Marty and State Representative Mindy Greiling.*  
Senator Marty and Representative Greiling discussed legislative issues that are of concern to the City with the City Council. They also answered general questions from the audience in attendance.

A break was taken at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:25 p.m.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*A. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application- Community Park Tennis Court Reconstruction.* James Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator, discussed the grant application that was being considered. The estimated cost of the improvement is approximately \$80,000 with \$40,000 being funded through this grant. The matching funds are available in the Park Improvement Fund as part of a plan that was put in place in 1998 to save funds for this project.

Bownik stated that the new tennis courts will once again be a double court (120' x 114') and built approximately at the same location, with an emphasis on ADA compliance. A path will be extended to lead to an entrance of the tennis courts. Four-foot gates will be used for the entrances on each side, allowing for wheel chair accessibility. The new courts will be properly designed and built for drainage, durability, and longevity. The surfacing system will consist of 100% acrylic, with a vinyl-coated fence installed around the perimeter of the court.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 9:34 p.m.

No one wished to address the City Council

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 9:35 p.m.

8. ACTION

*C. Approval of Resolution 030904B: Authorizing Application for a DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant for the Construction of the Tennis Courts.*

Council member Gill-Gerbig stated that she supported the effort to apply for this grant.

Council member McCloskey stated that he would not support this grant application once again this year. He would rather see funds directed to other park improvements such as warming house improvements.

Motion by Giannetti, second by Christensen to approve Resolution 030904B: Authorizing Application for a DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant for the Construction of the Tennis Courts. Roll: Yes: Christensen, Gill-Gerbig, Giannetti, and Mayor Dains. No: McCloskey. Motion carried

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*B. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application-Development of New Park at Walnut/Ione Street.* Kevin Walsh, Deputy Clerk, provided an overview the grant application that was being considered. The estimated cost of the improvement is approximately \$42,000 with \$21,000 being funded through this grant. The components of the grant include the landscaping, the installation of fence, the purchase of picnic tables and benches, and the construction of a park shelter.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 9:47 p.m.

Michelle Krug, 1922 Malvern Street, asked if the Council had considered developing this new park as an exercise area. There could be exercise equipment placed in this park along with signage that provides information on distances to other public parks and spaces in the Lauderdale area.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 9:49 p.m.

8. ACTION

*D. Approval of Resolution 030904C: Authorizing Application for the Development of New Park at Walnut/Ione Street.*

The Mayor and City Council briefly discussed the concept of an exercise park and the potential construction of a park shelter.

The City Council expressed their support for a grant application for this new park, but felt that the details of the grant and the development of the park should be discussed at the next Park and Community Involvement Committee meeting. This resolution can still come back to the next Council meeting for consideration prior to the application deadline.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to table this consideration of this grant application to the March 23, 2004 City Council meeting. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*E. Approval of a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for Recycling Funding Services.* Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik stated that the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for Recycling Funding is an agreement between Ramsey County and participating Cities within the County to fund long-term municipal recycling programs. City recycling fees are collected by Ramsey County in the form of an assessment to property owners on the property tax statement and then returned to the City. This agreement continues that arrangement from 2004 through 2009.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for recycling funding with Ramsey County, which would run through June 30, 2009. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

12. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application-Development of New Park at Walnut/Ione Street.
2. 2004 Street Sweeping Quotations
3. Zoning Variance Application
4. Year-End Transfer Allocation Policy
5. Karkoc Parcel Issue

13. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

*A. Draft Zoning Ordinance- Chapters 4-6.*

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to table this work session discussion to a future Council meeting. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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