

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 23, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.
  
2. ROLL  
  
Council present: Christensen, Gill-Gerbig, McCloskey and Mayor Dains  
  
Council absent: Giannetti  
  
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 Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2004 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.  
  
*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$48,260.99.* Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the claims totaling \$48,260.99. 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. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. ACTION

*A. Approval of the 2005-2006 Recycling Contract with Eureka Recycling.*  
The City Administrator stated that city staff has negotiated a contract with Eureka Recycling for services from January 2005 through December of 2006 with two one-year options for recycling services in 2007 and 2008. The contract rate will be the same for 2005 and 2006 - \$2.00 per resident per month. This is a \$0.15 decrease from the 2004, or current year rate. The new contract also contains much more favorable revenue sharing provisions than previous contracts this could financially benefit the City and the Recycling Fund if the commodities market continues to improve.

It was also noted that recycling pickup would continue to take place on every other Monday. However, the Monday in which the pick-up will occur will switch, but Eureka will pick-up on three consecutive Mondays as they transition so that no one has to wait more than two weeks for recycling pick-up.

The method for recycling will also remain the same. The two-sort method with paper in one stream and all other types in the other stream will continue. Eureka is also offering textile recycling at the curbside for no extra charge.

Getschow stated that Eureka Recycling will provide an informational piece that will be mailed out to all residents by the second week in January. The packet will also include the popular calendar of all recycling dates for 2005.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve the contract for recycling services with Eureka Recycling Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*B. Approval of the 2005 Recycling Rates.* Administrator Getschow stated that the City bases the rate that it charges to residents on the recycling collection contract rate and the other costs that are a part of the recycling program. This is a change from past practice. For the first time in 2004, the City Council decided to base the recycling fee not solely on the collections costs, but also on the costs of the other operations of the fund. As result, the Council agreed to increase the fee from \$2.10 per month per household to \$2.45 per month per household for 2004. This resulted in a total annual increase of \$4.20 per household.

Getschow stated that the decrease in contract collection costs coupled with the \$0.35 per household per month increase that was enacted for 2004, leads to the recommendation of not increasing the recycling rate for 2005.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the 2005 residential recycling rate at \$2.45 per household per month or \$29.40 per year, which is a 0% increase and the same rate as 2004. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*C. Approval of the 2005 Sanitary Sewer Rates.* The City Administrator stated that the 2004 and proposed 2005 Sewer Budget represents a very favorable financial picture. This is a result of two positive developments that have occurred related to the Sanitary Sewer Fund:

- The recent elimination of the remaining sanitary sewer lift stations means that there are no costs associated with these lift stations for the first time in 2004.
- The 1997 MCES error regarding the double counting of apartment buildings for sewer treatment purposes reduces the treatment costs for the second half of 2003 and beyond.

In addition to this information, and the current rate scenario, the fund is projecting a surplus for 2004. The 2005 Budget is budgeted to also provide a surplus at the current year's sewer rate.

Therefore, the City Administrator proposed that the sanitary sewer rate not be adjusted or increased for 2005.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by McCloskey to approve the 2005 sanitary sewer rates as \$42.00 for residential service per quarter and \$2.07 per unit for commercial accounts, a 0% increase and the same rate as 2003 and 2004. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*D. Approval of the 2005 Storm Sewer Rates.* The City Administrator stated that the City Council adopted a Storm Water Utility Ordinance in 1994 that created a funding mechanism to help finance future improvements to the storm water system. Acreage and hard surface area for each property type play a part in determining the fee, which attempts to estimate the storm water contribution to the system.

From 1998-2002, the fee was \$6.50 per quarter per residential unit and was then increased to \$7.50 per quarter per residential unit in 2003 as a result of new federal and state regulations regarding storm water (NPDES Phase 2 Permit). The Administrator stated that this rate should remain the same for 2005 and the fund's revenues should continue to cover storm sewer maintenance throughout the City.

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the 2005 storm sewer rate at \$7.50 per household per quarter for residential units and the equivalent REF for other property types, which is a 0% increase and the same rate as 2003 and 2004. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*E. Set a Public Hearing Date for the adoption of the revised Title 10-Lauderdale Zoning Ordinance.* Getschow stated that the City Council has been discussing a draft revision to the Zoning Ordinance for several years. It is now time to present that revision to the public for review and comment.

The Zoning Administrator will be presenting a final draft to the City Council in early January. Also at that time, the draft will be placed on the city website for comment and sent to the City Attorney for review. The Council should set a date for an official public hearing for the approval of this revised Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to tentatively set January 25, 2005 as a public hearing date for the revision of the Lauderdale Zoning Ordinance. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
13. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING
  1. Approval of the 2005 Budget and 2005 Tax Levy
  2. Set a Date for the 2005 Goal Session
  3. Amendment to the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Joint Powers Agreement
  4. Consideration of the 2005 Audit and Financial Services Agreement
  5. Resolution to Close the 2003 Street and Utility Improvement Project
  6. Approval of the Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment (Southeast Quadrant) Goals
  7. Approval of the Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment (Southeast Quadrant) Communications and Public Involvement Plan

8. Approval of the Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment (Southeast Quadrant)  
Planning Services Agreement

14. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The City Council discussed the following with Jessica Cook from Ehlers and Associates:

1. The Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment (Southeast Quadrant) Goals
2. The Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment (Southeast Quadrant) Communications and Public Involvement Plan; and
3. The Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment (Southeast Quadrant) Planning Services Agreement

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn at 9:03 P.M. Ayes: All.