

**Lauderdale City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2004**

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

2. ROLL

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

Staff present: Administrator Getschow

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*A. Approval of Agenda.* Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the agenda. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL

*A. Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2004 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*B. Approval of Claims totaling \$26,141.92.* Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the claims totaling \$26,141,92. 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 Year-End 2003 Financial and Investment Report.* The City Administrator stated that Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik completed this report that highlights revenue and expenditure activity in 2003 prior to the completion of the financial statements and the audit. The report also included investment information for the year 2003.

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the Year-End 2003 Financial and Investment Report. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

*B. Appraisal for the vacant parcel (Karkoc) near Walsh Lake.* The City Administrator stated that based upon discussion at the January 13 meeting, an appraisal was ordered for the purpose of potentially making an offer to the property owner for the purchase of the parcel. The Comprehensive Plan approved in 1997 calls for possibly acquiring the parcel for park and/or open space. The property owner has stated that he would be willing to listen to an offer from the City. The Administrator is looking for direction from the City Council on what type of offer or the range of an offer that could be made.

Council member Giannetti questioned how the appraiser came up with the value on this lot as non-buildable by using the half the cost of a buildable lot.

Council member McCloskey stated that the City have enough park and/or open space at this point and may not wish to pursue the purchase of this lot at the appraised value.

Council member Gill-Gerbig stated she is interested in pursuing the purchase of the lot, but the price at which the city would purchase is the deciding factor.

The consensus of the remainder of the Council was to continue to pursue the potential purchase of the lot. The Mayor stated that a committee including himself and a Council member should be formed to work with the City Administrator to research this issue further and to possibly negotiate a purchase price with the property owner. Any possible action on a purchase would come back to the City Council. The Council agreed that the other Council member best suited to assist in this effort is Council member Giannetti.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti that a committee of the Mayor, Council member Giannetti and city staff be formed to investigate and negotiate to potentially purchase the Karkoc parcel for park and/or recreation open space.  
Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

A break was taken at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

11. REPORTS

*A. 2004 Lauderdale Budget.* The City Administrator presented the approved and adopted 2004 Budget. He then gave an overview of the budget and the property tax levy.

*B. Alcohol Compliance Checks.* The City Administrator stated that the Police Department had recently completed their alcohol compliance checks for Lauderdale businesses that sell alcohol. They were pleased to report that all businesses had passed the compliance checks.

12. DISCUSSION

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. State Legislators Presentation-Marty and Greiling
2. Adoption of the "Findings of Fact" for Organized Collection
3. Issuance of Request for Proposals for Organized Collection
4. Public Hearing and Resolution for the Application of two DNR Outdoor Park and Recreation Grants
5. Work Session – Draft Zoning Ordinance Chapters 4-6

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCloskey, second by Christensen, to adjourn at 8:08 P.M. Ayes: All.