

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 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 McCloskey, second by Giannetti to approve the agenda. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Giannetti, second by Christensen to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2004 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Claims totaling \$70,629.62. Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the claims totaling \$70,629.62. Motion carried unanimously.

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

6. CONSENT

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. *Snow Commotion.* Council member Giannetti stated that Snow Commotion is scheduled for Saturday, January 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be food such as hot dogs and nachos, and beverages such as hot chocolate along with the regular activities such as the medallion hunt, the "shoot-the-puck" game, and the bonfire. The successful horse drawn hayride will also once again return to the event this year. And for the first time, there will be also be a snow art contest for the kids.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. ACTION

A. *Resolution 012704A: A Resolution Adopting The Tier I Sewer Element From The 1997 City Of Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan As The Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan And To Request That The Metropolitan Council Review The Tier I Sewer Element To Fulfill The Requirements Of A Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.* The City Administrator stated that he had received a letter from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) in early December requested that the City respond to a requirement regarding the need to submit a Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan as an extension of the overall City Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted by the Lauderdale City Council and approved by the Metropolitan Council in 1997.

The MCES stated that the original sewer information contained in the Comprehensive Plan, known as the Tier I element, suffices and meets all the requirements of the Tier II element. Therefore, the City is simply requested to adopt, in resolution form, the Tier I sewer element from the 1997 City of Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan as the Tier II comprehensive sewer plan.

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to adopt Resolution 012704A: A Resolution Adopting The Tier I Sewer Element From The 1997 City Of Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan As The Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan And To Request That The Metropolitan Council Review The Tier I Sewer Element To Fulfill The Requirements Of A Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Ramsey County GIS User's Group. The City Administrator stated that since 1995 the City has been involved with the Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems User Group. This Group was formed in order to create an alliance between the cities in Ramsey County interested in using GIS data created and maintained by Ramsey County.

Every three years the joint powers agreement is up for renewal. The annual dues for this organization have been approximately \$200.00.

A new initiative of the User's Group is the creation of a new online mapping application that has current countywide data with aerial imagery available. This can be easily accessed from the Internet and may not require the City to operate its own software program.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Ramsey County GIS User's Group from 2004-2005.
Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

C. Approval of the 2004 Goals. The Mayor summarized the goals that were initially discussed at the January 13 meeting. Motion by McCloskey, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the 2004 Goals. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

11. REPORTS

A. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO). Council member Gill-Gerbig provided an update on the current activities of the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) that she is a Board member of as a representative of Lauderdale.

B. Annual Homestead Property Tax Rankings. Administrator Getschow reported that the 2003 annual homestead property tax rankings for cities were released earlier this month. He stated that as a community, Lauderdale is ranked 56th out of 108 metro communities in total property taxes. This includes the property tax bill for the city, the county, the school district, and all special districts. The City portion has traditionally been approximately 30% of the total bill. When looking at just the city portion of the tax bill, the City ranks 70th out of 108 metro communities.

Getschow also noted that when using the median valued home in each community as the determining factor for property taxes, Lauderdale ranked 107 out of 108 metro communities. This may actually be the best indicator of property tax ranking since someone will have a difficult time finding a house assessed at \$120,000 house in North Oaks or a house assessed at \$350,000 in Lauderdale.

12. DISCUSSION

A. *Union Contract.*

There was a break taken at 7:57 p.m. At this point, the Mayor excused himself from the meeting due to the fact that he is employed by the same overall union that negotiates with the City of Lauderdale. Under this scenario, he wishes to avoid any conflict of interest.

The meeting resumed at 8:04 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Gill-Gerbig immediately closed the meeting for the purpose of discussing the union contract.

The Mayor Pro-Tem opened the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

15. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Annual Storm Water Meeting
2. Public Hearing on the vacation of a Utility Easement
3. Union Contract
4. 2004 Staff Compensation
5. Work Session: Draft Zoning Ordinance and Official Newspaper Delivery/Coverage

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christensen, second by McCloskey, to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Ayes: All.