

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
1891 Walnut Street
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April 26, 2016

Mayor Dains called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilors present: Mayor Jeff Dains, Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove and Lara Mac Lean.
Councilors absent: Denise Hawkinson.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator and Jim Bownik, Assistant City Administrator.

Approvals

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, motion was made by Councilor Grove to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mac Lean and carried unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the City Council meeting minutes of April 12, 2016. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved and seconded by Councilor Mac Lean to approve the claims totaling \$21,832.33. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Mayor Dains asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving March Financial Report, Utility Billing Correction Policy and First Quarter Investment Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

A. Predatory Offender Ordinance

Mayor Dains introduced the proposed predatory offender ordinance highlighting the main issue of distance.

City Administrator Butkowski explained the correct maps that were included in the council packets showing distances of 1,000 feet, 1,500 feet and 2,000 feet from city parks and daycare centers. The ordinance has been drafted with 2,000 feet per the last council discussion.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

There being no public comment, Mayor Dains closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilor Gaasch to adopt Ordinance No. 16-02 adding Title 5, Chapter 11 to the Code of Ordinances regarding Predatory Offenders, seconded by Grove. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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Discussion / Action Items

A. Resolution 042616A in Support of the Start by Believing Community Initiative

Mayor Dains explained that the Start by Believing campaign is a community initiative in Ramsey County approved by the county commissioners by resolution. City Administrator Butkowski further explained that the campaign is to improve the response to victims of sexual violence. Cities are asked to adopt a resolution in support.

Motion was made by Mac Lean and seconded by Grove to approve Resolution 042616A Supporting Ramsey County in its Efforts to Eliminate Sexual Violence and Harm in our Communities by Joining in their Start by Believing Campaign. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2016–2017 Union Agreement

Administrator Butkowski highlighted the process of negotiations and update the contract language. Contract continues past practice of wage increase and insurance benefit with a term of two years.

Motion was made by Councilor Mac Lean and seconded by Councilor Grove to the 2016-2017 Agreement between the City of Lauderdale and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 5. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. Employee Handbook Revisions

City Administrator Butkowski noted the revised document is considerably longer due to incorporating union contract language, respectful workplace language and drug and alcohol testing which was drafted by Terry Berg. The current respectful workplace policy will be repealed as part of the adoption.

Motion was made by Gaasch and seconded by Mac Lean to adopt the Employee Handbook as presented and repeal the Respectful Workplace Policy adopted May 14, 2013. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Administrator Butkowski noted the next meeting may include the Annual Storm Water Report, Comprehensive Plan Request for Proposal and Storm Water Project Discussion with Capital Regions Watershed District.

Work Session

A. Public Comment

Roger Herbst of 1843 Carl Street addressed the Council on the need of sidewalks on Eustis Street. Council response was that Eustis Street is a county street, so the City is working with Ramsey County on this need.

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B. Fence Extension Request for 1851 Carl Street

City Administrator Butkowski reported that Ashley Peterson of 1851 Carl Street made an extension to her fence without City approval or permit. Letter was sent from City staff.

Roger Herbst of 1843 Carl Street questioned the valuation of neighboring property when an improvement of this type is made.

Paul Roufs of 2383 Larpenteur Avenue provided copies of police reports a result of retaliation due to his complaint on fence extensions. Mayor Dains emphasized that the City Council did not approve fence extensions.

Ashley Peterson of 1851 Carl Street explained that the improvement was installed so she could enjoy her yard without being harassed. There is a difference in elevation between properties in her neighborhood.

In conclusion, Mayor Dains restated that the Council had denied this type of fence extension or barriers. Natural vegetation is an option for privacy.

C. Community Television Planning Session

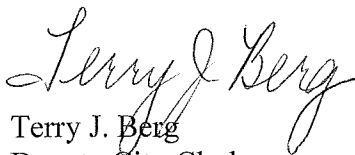
Barbara Raye, Executive Director of the Center for Policy, Planning and Performance, conducted a planning session on behalf of CTV North Suburban Communications Commission. Response to the City should be by June.

D. Community Update

Administrator Butkowski reported that Alison Ekland contacted the City to tour the City-owned service station for reuse as a bronze foundry, interest has been expressed in the Rapit Print building for catering business, planning grant of \$10,000 is expected from the Metropolitan Council, the Benedictine Health Systems' conduit financing request should be closing in May and Lauderdale has qualified for Green Step Cities Step 2 and registration for the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference. The City newsletter has been sent to print.

There being no further business on the council agenda, motion was made by Councilor Mac Lean and seconded by Councilor Grove, carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry J. Berg
Deputy City Clerk