

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 16, 2021
Meeting No. 4

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7pm.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC

3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Melanie Sedqi: 3403 26 ½ Ave. N: Sedqi addressed the council on a local options bill resolution which would give cities more options in how they run elections. Sedqi indicated she supports a local options bill and spoke about how it could lead to rank choice voting for cities that want it. Sedqi further argued rank choice voting may help combat racial disparities and save cities money through bypassing expensive primary elections.
5. Erin Merrill: Ward 3 Robbinsdale Resident: Merrill spoke to the council on the importance of Black History Month and gave examples of what other cities are doing to acknowledge the event. Merrill told the council that the City of Robbinsdale should to more to acknowledge Black History Month.
6. Mayor Blonigan acknowledged the city can do more and a good start would be to update the website and social media to acknowledge Black History Month.
7. Glick stated the city's new full-time Community Outreach position just started and will be working to make the community more inclusive.
8. Member Webb thanked Merrill for bringing up the issue. Member Webb spoke on the need to better acknowledge the diverse communities within the city.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Leslie stated the agenda includes the updated voucher report. Leslie also stated the minutes were updated with minor grammatical fixes.
10. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the February 16, 2021 Agenda. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

11. Mayor Blonigan removed item F from the consent agenda for discussion.

12. **Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve the February 16, 2021 Consent Agenda (Item F removed). A roll call was taken: Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
 - Council Meeting Minutes on 2/2/2021
 - Regular Work Session Minutes on 2/2/2021
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Human Rights Commission 10/22/2020
- C. Motion to accept the goals session report to be further discussed at the March 2, 2021 regular work session.
- D. Motion to approve issuance of licenses from list dated 2/16/21.
- E. Motion to acknowledge receipt of "A Resolution Supporting a New Community Center" from the Robbinsdale Senior Commission."
- F. (Removed)
- G. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Electronic Funds Transfer Policy and direct the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization form for 2021 for staff to distribute to U.S. Bank and Citizens Independent Bank.
- H. Motion to approve appointment of Stephan Papiz as Robbinsdale Assistant Weed Inspector for 2021.
- I. Motion to approve submission of the 2020 Pay Equity report to the State.

13. Mayor Blonigan indicated he removed item F to understand why city staff chose to accept the winning bid. Further asked about the quality of the future roof and how it will look.

14. McCoy went over report of bids as well as the winning bid option (Bid Option 2) and why it was chosen. The bidder was not as experienced to handle the type of roof that would be built under Bid Option 1. McCoy had INSPEC assist with the process who was wary about the

bidder's inexperience in bonded PVC roof work on such a steep pitched roof. Decided to go with a metal roof rather than PVC as it would be a better choice for the building with an equivalent expected lifetime.

15. Mayor Blonigan and McCoy went over costs of the bids. Mayor Blonigan remarked at how much less the bid was than the overall budget for the project.
16. **Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7883, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PARTIAL ROOF WORKS AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – CITY PROJECT 100521" A roll call was taken: Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Wicked Wort Brewing Company

17. Leslie gave the report on the liquor license request.
18. Member Backen voiced concern about COVID-19 restrictions and if Wicked Wort was confident they could meet the new minimum food requirements.
19. Wicked Wort representative Amanda Carlyle stated a lot of events have been rescheduled due to COVID-19 and that those events are still scheduled to happen in the spring and summer. Also indicated takeout food sales have gone up due to the pandemic. Carlyle further stated an expectation for a busy wedding season in the fall. Wicked Wort's CPA stated to Carlyle that the percentage would be met.
20. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. There were no speakers.
21. **Member Selman MOVED, and Mayor Blonigan seconded to close the public hearing. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
22. Mayor Blonigan thanked Wicked Wort for being a Robbinsdale business that attracted a diverse crowd of residents. Selman and Kline wished luck to Wicked Wort in their expanding business.
23. **Member Selman MOVED, and Member Kline seconded to approve the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Wicked Wort Brewing with the condition that Wicked Wort Brewing will send the city quarterly financial reports within 30 days at the end of each quarter including the 4th quarter. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS: Disbursement requests for period ending 2/16/2021

24. Moved by Selman second by Backen to approve the disbursement requests for period ending 2/16/2021 A roll call was taken: Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Administrative Reports

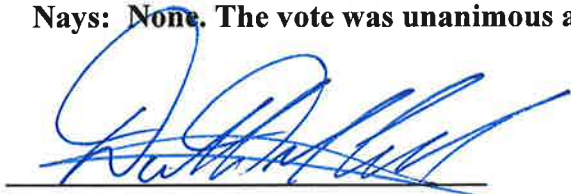
25. Glick stated she was thankful for Merrill for bringing up the importance of Black History Month at the beginning of the meeting. Glick further stated that the city should do a better job of acknowledging Black History Month. Glick encouraged the council and residents to give recommendations on what should be shared on the website and on social media. Best route to share something is to contact the city's webmaster which is located on the city's website.

Council General Communications

26. Member Selman stated two more residents contacted him about the growing memorial at 37th and Quail. It has been getting bigger and some residents are worried about property values. Member Selman states the city should plan next steps regarding the memorial.
27. Member Kline thanked city staff for help with WebEx. Member Kline concurred that there is a need for more acknowledgement of Black History Month from the city. Member Kline further stated he has spoken to members of the black community who have had negative interactions in the city.
28. Member Webb echoed the need for celebration of different cultures and viewpoints and to speak out against racism. Member Webb further stated that this work cannot only come from the city but needs to come from the community as well.
29. Mayor Blonigan further stated the need for the website being updated to include Black History Month content.

Adjournment

30. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor