

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 21, 2023
Meeting No. 4**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Murphy, Webb, Parisian, Wagner, Mayor Blonigan
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Kayla Kirtz,
Assistant to City Manager – Communications.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON
MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda. No one spoke and the forum was closed.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY CLERK TO COUNCIL MEMBER
WARD 1**

4. Leslie administered the oath of office to Member Murphy.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

5. Leslie reported the following updates to the agenda:
 - A new Consent Item P was added to the agenda: Appointment of Interim City Clerk.
 - The Voucher Report was added to Other Business A.
6. **Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the February 21, 2023 Agenda with the update given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Mayor Blonigan removed item F from the Consent Agenda for further consideration.
8. **Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Member Parisian to approve the February 21, 2023 Consent Agenda with the exception of item F which was pulled for further consideration. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
 - A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
 - City Council meeting minutes on 2/7/23
 - B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Planning Commission meeting minutes on 1/19/23

- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 2/21/23.
- D. Motion to approve the January 2023 payment for City credit card charges.
- E. Motion to acknowledge the financial reports for the quarter ended December 2022.
- F. (removed).
- G. Motion to approve THC Sales license submitted by Vapor Bunker, 4066 Lakeland Avenue North, subject to a successful background investigation.
- H. Motion to approve the submittal of MPCA Level 2 EV Charging Station grant.
- I. Motion to approve the creation of an internal Sustainability Committee.
- J. Motion to approve the City of Robbinsdale Recreation Services Department Duathlon Race to be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at Lakeview Terrace Park with the conditions listed in the memo.
- K. Motion to approve updates to the Employee Handbook as have been presented to the Council at the previous Council meeting.
- L. Motion to approve the THC Sales License submitted by the Birdhouse Eat & Drink, 4153 West Broadway subject to a successful background investigation.
- M. Motion to authorize the Professional Services Contract with LEAST Services/Counseling LLC.
- N. Motion to schedule a Goals Setting Session to take place on Monday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. at Robbinsdale City Hall.
- O. Motion to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to execute the Joint Powers Agreement with PUPS.
- P. Motion to affirm the action of the City Manager and support the appointment of Sherry O'Donnell as Interim City Clerk commencing March 4th, 2023.

CONSENT ITEM F: APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS TO BASSETT CREEK AND SHINGLE CREEK WATERSHED COMMISSION

9. Mayor Blonigan pulled the item to thank the residents for volunteering to serve on the Commissions.
10. Mayor Blonigan stated he would make the motion to approve the resolutions with the following change to the second “Whereas” clause: “... manage certain storm waters of cities ...”
11. **Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8027 “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT (BOB) STAMOS AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO THE BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION FOR A TERM CONCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2026” and to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8028 “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WENDY SCHERER AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO THE SHINGLE CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2026.” The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING A: PERMIT – CHICKENS – 3623 LOWRY AVENUE NORTH

12. Sandvik gave the report.
13. Mayor Blonigan noted the resident only wanted three chickens when the limit is up to five. Mayor Blonigan asked the resident if they would consider adding more.
14. Sean Braden – 3623 Lowry Ave N: Resident stated they would only care for three chickens and may get more at a later date if all goes well.
15. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No one spoke.
16. **Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
17. **Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Member Wagner to approve the request for thee (3) chickens at 3623 Lowry Avenue North subject to the conditions listed in the memo. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: DISBURSEMENT REQUEST APPROVAL

18. **Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Member Parisian to approve disbursement requests for period ending 2/21/2023. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

19. Leslie thanked staff and Council for their support and said he would miss working for the City of Robbinsdale.
20. Sandvik spoke about upcoming meetings and work sessions.
21. Sandvik spoke about the snow emergency.
22. Sandvik thanked a retiring employee for their service to the city and thanked Leslie for his work.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

23. Member Murphy thanked the Council and his opponent Raymond Blackledge and stated he looks forward to serving the community.
24. Member Webb congratulated Member Murphy for winning the special election.
25. Member Webb spoke about the upcoming Bird Bash event.
26. Member Webb reminded residents to sign up for tip411.
27. Member Webb thanked Leslie for his service to the city.
28. Member Parisian congratulated Member Murphy for his election victory.
29. Member Parisian thanked staff for getting her registered to the LMC conference for elected officials.
30. Member Parisian thanked Leslie for his service to the city.
31. Member Wagner congratulated Member Murphy for his election victory.
32. Member Wagner reminded residents about the snow emergency and thanked plow drivers for their hard work.
33. Member Wagner wished the city a Happy Mardi Gras and spoke about his support for the Drivers License For All and Voting Rights bills being considered at the State Legislature.
34. Member Wagner thanked Leslie for his service to the city.
35. Mayor Blonigan congratulated Member Murphy on his election victory.
36. Mayor Blonigan spoke about fire pit permits and looking at the fees in the future.

37. Mayor Blonigan stated he would want to discuss solar panels in the city at a future meeting.
38. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the upcoming Bird Bash event and the Seven Dreams Foundation.
39. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the snow emergency.
40. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the Investment Bill he testified in favor of at the Minnesota Senate.
41. Mayor Blonigan thanked Leslie for his service to the city.

Adjournment:

42. **Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Sherry O'Donnell, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor