

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 2, 2021
Meeting No. 5**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Rick Pearson, Community Development; Jeff Zuba, Finance Director; 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. Holly Moberg, Ward 2 Resident: Moberg stated two nearby communities have posted messages about the upcoming Chauvin trial. Moberg further stated that the messages were helpful and included good resources for community conversations. Asked the Council to consider similar messaging ahead of the trial.
5. Glick stated that Robbinsdale has been working on messaging for the community both from City Hall and the Police Department. Glick further stated that the messaging would be finalized at the regular work session after the Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Kline to approve the March 2, 2021 Agenda. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the March 2, 2021 Consent Agenda. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, 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 2/16/2021
 - Special Work Session Minutes on 2/9/2021
 - B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Planning Commission Meeting Minutes on 1/21/2021
 - Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes on 1/26/2021

- Human Rights Commission Minutes on 1/29/2021

- C. Motion to waive the reading and order of the Resolution #7884, "A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY."
- D. Hold the 2nd reading of Ordinance No 21-02 "AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR 3883 WEST BROADWAY IN CITY CODE SECTION 515.07(a)."
- E. Motion to authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to issue a purchase order to IdeaCom, CDW-G, and MTG for the city hall camera upgrades for the amount of \$45,642.49.
- F. Motion to extend the authorization for the City Manager to allow the temporary plans formulated for curb-side pickup spots and expanded outdoor seating in 2020 to continue through 2021 including the license agreement for Birdhouse Restaurant to utilize a portion of the City Plaza through 2021.
- G. Motion to approve the January 2021 payment for City credit card charges.
- H. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 3/2/21.
- I. Motion to appoint Molly Beahen to the Human Rights Commission for a term to commence March 25, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS A: Motion to Approve Disbursement Requests for Period Ending 3/2/2021

- 8. Moved by Selman second by Backen to approve the disbursement requests for period ending 3/2/2021. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS B: Update Calendar Special Work Session Information

- 9. Glick gave an overview of how meetings are currently being run remotely and solicited Council input into future meetings.
- 10. Mayor Blonigan stated he can go either way at the moment but wants to eventually go back to in-person meetings.

11. Member Backen concurred with Mayor Blonigan and is open to ideas of when to open meetings back up. Member Selman also expressed openness.
12. Member Kline mentioned that the Biden administration expects vaccines to be available to every adult by the end of May. Member Kline preferred to be cautious for the safety of the community.
13. Member Webb stated she would like to tread on the side of caution. She would like in-person meetings but also wants residents to be safe.
14. Glick made the suggestion to have Council Meetings remain online until the end of May with the exception of the work session meeting with Commissioner Lunde. Glick stated that the meeting is scheduled before the EDA meeting but they can be flexible with what time the meeting starts.
15. Mayor Blonigan agreed that in-person meetings can begin in June with an exception of the meeting with Commissioner Lunde.
16. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to keep meetings remote until June with the exception of a meeting with the Hennepin County Commissioner which will be done in April. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Administrative Reports

17. Glick thanked Member Webb for items being brought to the work session in regards to the Chauvin trial. Glick further stated once messaging is finalized at the work session, messaging will go up on the city website. Police will also look to work with the community on peaceful assembly.
18. Glick stated that the police department is short multiple police clerks and that the doors will be locked for now. However, residents will be able to enter the vestibule to call for access to the service counter until the clerk positions are full.

Council General Communications

19. Member Webb stated that Robbinsdale may not be moving as fast as other communities but are still mindful of getting out effective messaging and resources regarding the Chauvin trial.
20. Member Backen mentioned that the parking around North Memorial is permit only and that the renewal season for these permits is coming up quickly. Member Backen also thanked Molly Beahen for her interest in joining the Human Rights Commission.
21. Mayor Blonigan went over Molly Beahen's qualifications and thanked her for joining the Human Rights Commission. Mayor Blonigan also reviewed the Just Deeds program and

explained how it works to remove racially restrictive covenants. Robbinsdale is working with Golden Valley and other neighboring cities on the initiative and more information can be found at justdeeds.org. Finally, Mayor Blonigan remarked on the special work session with the liquor store and encouraged residents to shop there as profits help the parks department with projects in the community.

Adjournment

22. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor