

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2020
Meeting No. 6

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Selman, Backen, Blonigan, Rogan, Mayor Murphy
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Jim Franzen, Police Chief

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC

3. Mayor Murphy opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
No one chose to speak.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Glick mentioned updated Consent Items D (Police Tasers) and E (Police Vehicle); and the addition of Consent Items G (Credit Cards) and H (Travail Sign); New Business B (Short-Term Parking Re: Curbside Restaurant Service), and New Business C (Local Emergency Declaration).
5. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the March 17th meeting agenda with those updates. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Member Blonigan removed consent item F.
7. Mayor Murphy removed consent item H.
8. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
Items approved are as follows:

- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the Council Meeting of 3/4/2020 and two work sessions of 3/4/2020.
- B. Motion to acknowledge the receipt and placing on file minutes of the following Commissions and Boards:
 - Senior Commission Minutes of 2/3/20
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated March 17, 2020.
- D. Motion to approve the purchase of Tasers for a total amount of \$47,269 by the end of the five-year lease.
- E. Motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor patrol vehicle for \$36,878.56.

F. ***Removed by Member Blonigan***

G. Motion to approve the February 2020 payment for City credit card charges.

H. ***Removed by Member Murphy***

CONSENT ITEM F

9. Member Blonigan discussed the ordinance presented noting he had removed it to review changes were made.

10. Member Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Rogan to hold the second reading to adopt Ordinance No. 20-02," AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 425 OF CITY CODE CONCERNING ACCESS TO MULTI-UNIT HOUSING STRUCTURES BY UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU EMPLOYEES." **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT ITEM H

11. Mayor Murphy and Glick discussed the sign request for Travail on the Hubbard side of the property.

12. Member Selman confirmed the sign would not be in the sight triangle for vehicles.

13. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Rogan to approve the Travail ground sign with interior illuminated acrylic letters for the Hubbard Ave. N. north of the shared parking lot entrance. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PRESENTATION A – 2020 Census Presentation

14. Glick provided a brief presentation on the upcoming census, the importance of the census and what residents should expect. Glick noted that the census form asks for general information of each dwelling and individual residing in that dwelling. Forms should arrive at homes just before April 1st.

15. Member Rogan confirmed that residents can also complete the census online at www.my2020census.gov.

PRESENTATION B: Police Officer Swearing In

16. Chief Franzen introduced Officers Anna Futterer and Nicholas Small. Franzen reviewed the hiring process undertaken, training over the past year, and noted that Officers Futterer and Small completed their probation on February 19th.

17. Both officers were sworn in by Mayor Murphy.

18. The Council welcomed the new officers and thanked them up for stepping up to serve the community.

NEW BUSINESS A: First Reading – Section 1200 Related to Outdoor Seating Area Requirements

19. Glick reviewed the staff report.

20. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Blonigan to hold the first reading of Ordinance 20-03, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1205 OF ROBBINSDALE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCING OR BARRIERS AROUND OUTDOOR SEATING AT ESTABLISHMENTS WITH INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE”. **The motion was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS B: Designated Short-Term Parking for Curbside Pickup Option and Use of Private Parking Areas for Temporary Outdoor Seating

21. Glick reviewed the staff report.

22. Council confirmed the option applies to all local businesses.

23. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to authorize the City Manager to review and approve temporary plans from local businesses to facilitate curb-side pickup and limited outdoor service. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS C: Mayor’s Official Statement for Meeting Options, Mayor’s Emergency Declaration, Resolution Extending Local Emergency Period

24. Glick reviewed the staff report noting that at the beginning of the meeting Mayor Murphy and REDA President Blonigan had signed declarations allowing future meetings to be held telephonically or by other electronic means. The Mayor had also signed Mayoral Declaration No. 2020-1 finding a state of emergency. The Mayor’s declaration is valid for 3 days; further action is required by the City Council resolution for a longer term.

25. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Blonigan to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution No. 7806, “A RESOLUTION ENACTED PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 12.29 EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF A MAYOR DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY.”

26. Member Blonigan asked if there was a cost to host Council meetings by telephone. Staff is currently working through that question.

27. Member Backen asked about powers to sign contracts during the emergency period.

28. Glick explained how the Declaration impacts the signing of contracts in an emergency and that it gives the city flexibility to move quickly if needed.

29. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A – Voucher Request Pending Approval for Disbursement

30. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen, to approve disbursement requests for period ending 03/17/20. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

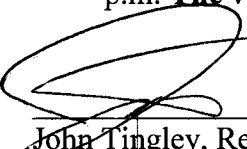
31. Robbinsdale Community Gyms and Fitness Centers have closed temporarily and staff are notifying registrants of Robbinsdale Recreation programs about program cancellations. City Hall and Deputy Registrar's Office was open with limited service Monday and Tuesday morning. The vast majority of business during that time were services that can be done by mail. City Hall closed to the public beginning Tuesday at 11:30 and information is available on the website to assist residents on options to access City Services moving forward. City Hall will remain open by mail, phone and email. Glick announced that the Eggstravaganza has been postponed and the March Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce meeting has been cancelled.
32. Glick provided information about the upcoming work session with the City Assessor currently scheduled for April 7th.
33. Glick mentioned there are going to be changes to Liquor Store hours and a REDA Work Session will be held following tonight's Council meeting.

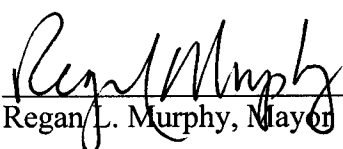
COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

34. Member Blonigan expressed disappointment with Beach South Apartments about their ongoing parking lot negotiations with the City and thanked the Deputy Registrars staff for trying to remain open.
35. Member Blonigan and Glick discussed Liquor Store hours.
36. Member Rogan encouraged residents to use local businesses as allowed by the Governor's current restrictions in place to help keep the businesses going.
37. Member Selman talked about hearing the challenges local businesses are facing and encouraged residents to help. He also reminded residents to help their elderly neighbors who may not be able to leave their home at this time.
38. Member Backen echoed the support for local businesses and wished safety and good health for everyone.
39. Mayor Murphy encouraged everyone to follow health guidelines regardless of age and health regarding COVID-19. He encouraged everyone to keep in touch with their neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT

40. Member Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Rogan to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**


John Tingley, Recorder


Regan L. Murphy, Mayor